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QUESTION: Write a report of not more than 2 pages on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

COVID-19 Pandemic: Lockdown and restricted movement effects on Nigerians.

In recent times the world has been hit by the Corona virus pandemic causing a halt to majority of the daily activities of the lives of a lot of people. The virus emerged in the later months of 2019 hitting majorly the local cities of China and further spreading to other neighbouring countries before hitting the African nation in the early months of 2020. There seem to be numerous ideas about how the virus originated, there are claims that it was man-made, claims that it originated from animals but however it appears to be an advanced mode of what we know as common cold.

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 as it is usually referred to countries, states, cities have been placed on lockdown where citizens are ordered to stay indoors to be safe and avoid the spread of the virus and Nigeria has not been exempted from this as there seem to be rising numbers in the cases of Corona virus that we presently have.

The Corona virus is associated with common symptoms such as fever, tiredness, dry cough. A few people tend to experience nasal congestion, sore throat and in some sever cases difficulty in breathing and respiratory infections. There is currently no cure for the virus but the world is trying its best to fight the virus, combat it and hopefully ensure that we return to our normal lives as soon as we can. Various countries have found alternatives for their citizens to survive in these times by giving out food and necessary materials people need for survival especially the less privileged.

However, in Nigeria this period of lockdown is a struggle for her citizens as some people don't have means of survival and hence are left hungry in these times and in the worst cases some people did not even have a roof over their heads to call home prior to this. Basically the country was never prepared for a time like this hence citizens seem to be struggling with staying home all day without work and no means of daily bread.

This is to say that the lockdown and movement restriction has had a great effect on Nigerians. Majorly it has left them without a means of providing for their daily bread as some people survived off what they maid daily from meagre jobs like hawking, and owning little kiosks but now all that has been put to a stop and they are left stranded. This has caused an increase in armed robbery in some local areas in Lagos state where people steal to survive in these difficult times. This lockdown period has hit a lot of small scale entrepreneurs. The poor and middle class are the largest group affected by this lockdown.

This restriction has greatly affected the livelihood of a lot of Nigerians as well as effecting the Nigerian economy at large. There has been an increase in prices of goods most especially food items that people need for survival making it harder for those who could not normally afford them.

The informal sector which is occupied by almost 80% of Nigerians with a vast range of occupations have been greatly affected.

In conclusion the government should make more efforts and increase the availability of food, and other essentials needed by people so they do not starve in these hard times.

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