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**Corona Virus and Its Effects On Nigerians**.

**HOW IT STARTED**

Corona viruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. The name “coronavirus” comes from a Latin word corona, meaning crown or halo. Under an electron microscope, the virus looks like it is surrounded by a solar system.

The first case of corona virus was discovered in China in December 2019, leaving a local village in china called Wuhan in a devastating state, millions of lives were lost and in order to lower the rate at which the virus spreads, they initiated a lockdown. They closed the border and citizens were told to stay indoors. This was the first lockdown.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA**

The first confirmed case of the pandemic in Nigeria was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus. On 9 March 2020, a second case of the virus was reported in Ogun state. Nigeria implemented a sweeping quarantine for three major states that are home to almost 30 million people in a bid to slow the spread of the new coronavirus in Africa’s most populous country. The president announced the lockdown a little over a month after the country confirmed its first case. This caused panic buying as citizens rushed to markets and stores to buy food and other items in preparation for the lockdown.

Movement restrictions have not only reduced the consumption of non-essential commodities in general, but have affected the income-generating capacity of these groups, thus reducing their consumption expenditure.

Few weeks later, the virus made an appearance in countries like USA, Italy, Germany and 177 other countries. In a matter of days the first case in Nigeria was recorded in Lagos and few weeks later Ekiti, Ogun and Osun. Adopting the methods that other countries used to decrease the spread of the virus, Nigeria issued a lockdown. All Nigerians except from government workers were not allowed to go outside.

**EFFECTS ON NIGERIANS**

It is no controversy that Nigerians were not comfortable with this, as most Nigerians took to social media and applications like “TikTok” and to keep them from boredom; other took to illicit act like stealing because of lack of food and others just decided to neglect the rule.

* POSITIVE EFFECTS

There is no doubt that this has greatly affected everyone’s social life in a positive way. As teenagers are more current and focused in the affairs of the nation. Most of them are up-to-date about the increasing number of cases, death and recoveries.

This lockdown has also bought families closer together with themselves and God. Now family member are able to open up to each other more thaan before

Other positive effect includes:

* Reducing the risk of the virus spreading faster.
* People are now more engaged in online businesses which enables them to make money from home.
* NEGATIVE EFFECTS

This pandemic has greatly affected the economy Nigeria. Due to restriction of movements, there has being food scarcity, economy degradation and stealing.

Most of the reasons why people disobey the lockdown rule are because of hunger, there has been many complains all over the nation that why the Nigerian government sent two cups of rice to every family. But their efforts were irrelevant has two cups of rice could not suffice a family of five. And any attempt of them to go and buy food will be disputed by soldiers, while others don’t have the money to buy food stuffs because they can’t earn a living. In essence the poor becomes poorer.

Others got so furious that they decided that stealing from their fortunate neighbors was the best way to survive after all survival of the fittest.

Another effect was boredom, this could mostly lead to an unhealthy lifestyle as most people spent their time either eating unhealthy foods or sleeping all day. These activities are not good of the body as eating unhealthy food can cause heart diseases. Most television channels set up exercises activities to make sure people stay as healthy as possible.

Other negative effects are:

* Student can’t go to school (primary, secondary and tertiary). This can cause laziness.
* The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate late.
* Increase in market goods.

**CONCLUSION**

*In conclusion, corona virus has affected Nigeria maybe not as much as other countries but we are also taking countermeasures, the NCDC has set up emergency operation centers working in different states in Nigeria. Let all of us follow the necessary protocols and be hygienic.*