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**Effects of the Lockdown Down on Nigerians**

Corona virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a deadly virus which is a fast spreading disease in Nigeria and around the world. The Corona virus destroys the human immune system and which results to death. Scientist have discovered that the COVID- 19 is not contacted through sexual intercourse but can be contacted from touching an already infected area, especially metallic objects (like door knobs, ATM machines, elevators) with hands or from close contact with an infected person and can only get into the body, through any opening on the body (such as the eyes nose and mouth) and scientists have discovered that the virus can survive on a surface for days. The Corona virus affects different people in different ways but most infected people will develop mild and moderate symptoms. Common symptoms of the corona virus are fever, tiredness, dry cough, while others may experience aches and pains, nasal congestion, sore throat, diarrhea and when a person is infected with the virus it takes the average period of 6 to 14 days for these symptoms to show and Federal government advice that if when a person beings to have these symptoms, such person should self-isolate.

However, no cure or vaccines to the Corona virus has been found and treatments are under investigation and would be tested through clinical trials, but there various prevention measures and appropriate precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, encouraged by Federal Health Agency and NCDC or every citizen to withheld to. Such measures are Washing hands often especially after using public objects, with soapy water or an alcohol based hand sanitizers, Avoiding touch touching your face (eyes, nose, mouth) with unwashed hands, When you need to cough or sneeze cover your nose and mouth with a bent elbow or a tissue, Maintaining a safe distance of at least one meter away from anyone who is coughing or sneezing, Avoiding crowed areas, hand shake and hugs, When you feel sick stay at home and if you or any of your family member is suspected to be infected or is having difficulty in breathing or has a long prolonged fever, seek medical attention.

The outbreak of the Coronavirus disease has brought terrible suffering all over the world and is fast spreading in 9 different states in the FCT Abuja (Lagos, Kano, Osun, Akwa-Ibom, Katisna, Oyo, Ogun, Katisna) in Nigeria with 442 confirmed cases and 13 deaths, with Lagos heading the list with over two hundred cases and 7 deaths. To stop the spread the Federal and State Government has imposed total lockdown of boarders and airports and movement restricted on states especially with confirmed cases. The lock down has a lot effects on the people of Nigerian economically, socially, academically, and financially.

The lockdown affects not only the country but also has more effects on the citizens economically and financially, as the companies, firms and organizations have been suspended due to the pandemic which affects the economical market (selling and buying) leading to recession and the prices goods and services increases some low income earners will be unable to purchases them. As well-known that Nigeria operates a largely mono product economy solely dependent on crude oil and which is being imported back to Nigeria from China after it is refined. Since all country boarders have been closed leading to the gross increase in the price of oil and since Nigeria is solemnly dependent on oil as a source of income nothing to fall back on and the Federal Government have reservation for Nigerian citizens (retired citizens) who are dependent on the government. This challenge is putting a lot of workers’ salaries in jeopardy as the government will hold on to it and these while lead to financial break down for such individual as he is being restricted from going to work or their normal life hustle and has no way out to provide for family or take care of basic needs.

Another, effect of the lockdown on Nigerian people is that they are being deprived of their social lives. Due to the lockdown all schools, business places, places worship, markets have been shut down as students are been sent back home and academic works have been suspended and which will affect them in their next academic session and a lot people are back home without jobs and nothing to feed their family members. Nigerians have been restricted from their religious functions as they are not allowed to go to their various worship places or carry out any social gathering, wedding ceremonies, burial and recreational centers. This is a very challenging to the people as they need to socialize and move about their human lives without being restricted. Basically some Nigerians have not been responding positively as others results to stealing from their neighbors or rubbing peoples shops and committing all sorts of nuisance and making it unbearable for others.

Inclusion, the lockdown and movement restriction order are put for the benefit of Nigerians as is to prevent further spread of the coronavirus disease around the world and the Federal Government advice very citizens abide by all the rules and encourage them to do their own part by staying at home and judiciously abide by the precautionary measures given by the Federal Health Organizations.