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INTRODUCTION

Coronavirus disease also known as COVID-19 is an infectious disease that is caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness to the host. The current new coronavirus is called 2019-nCoV and it was discovered in Wuhan China in 2019. It can spread from person to person within a range of 6 feet or 2 meters. It can also spread through small droplets from the nose or mouth of an infected person.

The Common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tiredness and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Unfortunately, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral for the virus although scientists are working on it but people are staying safe by practicing hand washing and isolating themselves at their various homes. Globally there are over 2 million cases of coronavirus and 165,939 people have died from the virus. There is hope in the sense that more people are recovering from the virus every single day and 632,983 people have proved that.

CORONAVIRUS AND ITS EFFECTS IN NIGERIA.

Nigeria "the giant of Africa" has been heavily affected by the corona virus. Nigeria has 627 cases of coronavirus with 170 recovered and 21 deaths. Lagos is the epicenter of the virus in Nigeria with 376 confirmed cases and 13 deaths. The first case of COVID-19 in the country was on 27th February 2020 by an Italian man. Eventually cases started increasing and with that strict measures had to be taken to control the spread of the virus.

A few weeks ago the president placed a lockdown on three states in the country; Ogun, Lagos and Abuja for a duration of 4 weeks. Citizens were advised to stay at home to prevent the spread of the virus. Some adhered to the lockdown but some didn't and some were arrested for doing such. Though the lockdown measure is good and it helping in some positive ways like bringing families together and youths using work from home method (WFH) to make some extra cash, it has also affected the country in some negative ways.

For instance, Nigeria's Economy hasn't been good since late February. The unemployment rate has increased in a matter of months and economical input has decreased due to reduced labor in the sense that only essential workers are to go to their various workplaces. In other words, this implies that non-essential staff and small business need to shut down and this ends bad especially for the small businesses owners. Another effect is that there are now food shortages due to the lockdown and food prices are now increasing because getting food items is no longer cheap and easy as before. Sometimes we hear stories of food trucks meant to provide food to the poor are vandalized and the food items stolen. The education calendar in schools over Nigeria has been extended and thus students wouldn't be able to complete the curriculum and this is a setback of learning. There is the issue of crime in the nation. The crime rate in some states increase instead of decrease because of criminal elements rising and terrorizing citizens in such states. An example is the "one million boys" in Lagos. These boys go to some parts of Lagos in the night to steal resources or money, rob and loot shops. People there no longer feel secure and the police sometimes don't act fast so there have no choice but to defend themselves and it gets messy.

CONCLUSION

The new coronavirus has indeed been seen as a bad development but I see a light at the end of the tunnel. The federal ministry of health through the federal government and the Nigerian center for disease control are working hard to ensure that the outbreak is contained quickly. Some states in the country have set up more isolation centers with more medical equipment to help infected COVID-19 patients. The NCDC have been activated in national emergency operation centers working in different states and has also set up easy communication lines to help people to report anybody who shows symptoms of COVID-19. Some philanthropists, local and international organizations have made donations to help fight against the virus. The health Authorities are trying their best. We on your part should listen and act to the preventive measures by them and also stay home and stay safe for a better tomorrow.