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A REPORT ON THE PANDEMIC CORONA VIRUS

The corona virus is a virus that affects the respiratory tract. The first novel strain of coronavirus was first detected in December 2019 in Wuhan, a city in china. After an outbreak of pneumonia without an obvious cause, the virus has now spread to over 200 countries and territories across the globe and was characterized as a pandemic by the world health organization [WHO]. The virus came to Nigeria as at 27th February 2020 as was first sighted at Lagos. The victim was an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos. After the first victim was sighted the disease has now spread quickly to almost all the 36 states in Nigeria. The disease actually is a airborne disease and can be spread from one person to another through open surfaces. The best way to prevent this virus is to wash hand often, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and avoid over crowded places. For this, most countries has placed a social distancing rule by imposing a lockdown on such countries.

Our country Nigeria which is a victim of the virus has also imposed a lock down on states where the virus is found. The reason for this lockdown is to slow down the spread of the coronavirus but the effect of the lockdown has not really be positive but negative. The effect of this lockdown include:

1). INCREASE IN PRICES RATE: after the announcement of the lockdown the Nigeria prices rate has been increase from 10% to 20%. First commodities became scarce due to panic buying and hoarding and they are no fresh supplies and migrants laborers have been home in most part of the country. Those that would be affected most are household who rely on day-day life activities of self-employed individuals for consumptions. But the Nigerians government will have to take into accounts the country’s peculiar economics circumstances when it implement its mitigating measures. In particular, it must bear in mind the millions of Nigerian household whose livelihoods depends on the self-employed and small scale entrepreneur.

2). INCREASE IN THE CRIME RATE: life under lockdown is not only changing how people live, but also how crime occurs. The issues of lockdown have tend to increase domestic violence and online fraud. Staying indoors means there is more of a chance for domestic and family violence to occur. Remote working has also help to increase online harassment between workers. Individuals who depends on their daily bread due to day- day activities find it very difficult to sustain a living and have no choice to stay still because of the pandemic. People who are victims of the bulge do not look are the perspective of the victims but take laws into their own hands. The corona virus lockdown are producing many unanticipated side effect especially in the aspect of crime. Police and policymakers need to move quickly to reinforce the crime reduction while anticipating and preventing new criminal opportunities.

IT HAS PROMOTED VOILENCE AS WELL AS JUNGLE JUSTICES: security forces has killed 18 people in Nigeria in a bid to enforce the corona virus restrictions. Nigerian security forces have a reputation of brutality, extortion and harassment even before the current coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown imposed to contain the diseases. Due to the solider brutality they fail to view things from the people perspective and begin to pass jungle justice. They have been sighting of jungle justice since the lockdown. People who are caught stealing are beaten mercilessly or even killed by fellow citizen.

This pandemic has been very alarming ever since its arrival. The victim has actually not been decreasing but has been increasing each day. At this point in life all citizen should forget about crime, violence and money and all pray and work together in order words be cooperative in other to reduced and seize the spread of the disease. We should all enable to watch our hand properly and embrace the social distancing law.

Stay safe

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