**CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND ITS EFFECTS IN NIGERIA.**

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans.  In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19. COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

Also, there are mode of transmissions of the COVID-19 as it affects both man and animals. People can get infected by the virus from others who have the virus. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets.

There are symptoms that can be identified with a person who has the COVID-19 virus. An infected person can exhibit fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and even death. The period within which the symptoms would appear is 2-14 days after the virus is in your system.

Furthermore, there are different ways in which the virus can be prevented. It can be prevented by cleaning your hands often using soap and water or an alcohol based hand rub, maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing for you do not know who might be carrying the virus, during this period you are advised not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth, you are advised to wear a face mask to prevent the virus from getting into your nose and mouth, also gloves to prevent contact with the virus. If one has fever, a cough and difficulty in breathing kindly seek medical attention.

The Nigerian government has taken a big step in combating the spread of the virus in Nigeria. One of these steps is the lockdown measure that has been put in place to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 in Nigeria. There are both positive and negative effects of the lockdown measure. Firstly, the positive effects because we would always want the good news before bad news. The major positive effect is that it helped to reduce the spread of the virus. This lockdown measure has brought families together. Children whose parents wake up early and go to the office when they are asleep and come home late when they are also asleep can now have quality time with their children and get to know them better during this lockdown. Also, the lockdown has improved religious activity within the family as they are forced home to say their daily prayers with their children; as we know it a family that prays together stays together. The positive effects do not lie only within the family also with the environment. There is a drastic reduce in the air pollution in Nigeria, for example in the busy city of Abuja where there is vehicle movement day and night. The vehicle movement has reduced and the fumes reduced by these cars are no longer there which makes the air purer. Also industries that release toxic waste during production has been shut down and pollution has reduced. It is just Mother Nature reverting back to its normal state. This effect is taking place not only in Nigeria but worldwide.

Nevertheless, we will also look into the negative effects of the COVID-19 in Nigeria. In developing countries such as Nigeria, the lockdown has a negative effect on the poor and those who feed on daily income made. These group of people will not be able to feed anymore. Now, people are saying that the hunger virus is more deadly than the COVID-19. Also, they cannot afford the face mask or the alcohol based hand sanitizers to help prevent themselves from this virus. There are also negative effects on the economy. The economic activities have reduced drastically. The production rate has dropped because of the lockdown. The economy is at its verge of falling apart especially for developing countries such as Nigeria.  The closure has also led to shortages of materials imported from Nigeria in neighboring countries and concerns about the consequences for the liberalization of trade.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 shows the world that no man can be a god. It shows that there is someone who is supreme. As the rich wealthy and powerful men are now victims of the pandemic. May God help us through these troubled times.