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A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS

PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE

LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF NIGERIANS

**INITIATION:**

Corona virus also known as the COVID19 emerged from Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019. Corona virus belongs to the Corona viridae family in the Nidovirales order. At the end of 2019, Wuhan an emerging business hub of china experienced an outbreak of the disease corona virus that killed more than one thousand and eight hundred individuals and infected over seventy thousand individuals within the fifty days of epidemic. Anybody with this pandemic shows symptoms ranging from two to fourteen days after initial contact. The symptoms are: cough, shortness of breath, fever and loss of smell. The virus can be easily spread when an infected person is in close contact with a non-infected person. It begins when the infected person sneezes, when talking to a non-infected person, in the process; the virus can be contacted through the air especially when it is a crowded place.

Currently there is no vaccine but as it is well known “ prevention is better than cure” the preventive measures that can be taken are: by washing ones hands regularly for twenty seconds, the use of alcoholic based hand sanitizers, maintaining physical distance from others, use of masks and so on.

Presently, the pandemic has been ravaging and put the whole world in a health emergency.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA.**

The first confirmed case of the pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 in Nigeria was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus, caused by SARS-CoV-2. On 9 March 2020, a second case of the virus was reported in Ewekoro, Ogun State, a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen. Since then the number of infected individuals has risen to a scary number of 627 with 21 deaths and only 170 people lucky enough to recover.

**NCDC (NIGERIAN CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL):**Nigeria Centre for Disease Control is Nigeria's leading national public health institute. The NCDC is a Nigerian federal government agency under the Federal Ministry of Health (Nigeria) and is headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria. The agency is currently headed by Chikwe Ihekweazu.

The main goal of the agency is to protect public health and safety through the control and prevention of communicable diseases in Nigeria. The agency is also responsible for coordinating surveillance systems to collect, analyze and elucidate data gathered on diseases of importance to the Nigerian community.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people or information from leaving an area. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this suggests a restriction of movement among the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are

• It allows family to bond

• Helps spiritual life

• Relaxation; for those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown

• Reduce the spread of the virus within the country

The negative effects of the lockdown include:

• It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on

• It has a poor effect on the economy

• It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.

• The poor becomes poorer

• People struggle to survive

• Students can’t go to school, which causes idleness.

• The school academic calendar is extended.

**CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, corona virus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in the world as a whole. The federal government of Nigeria though the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is controlled and stopped immediately. The NCDC has been activated in national emergency operation center working in different states in Nigeria. Medical personnel are trying their best to give out ways to stop the pandemic called Corona virus. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and ensure we take preventive measures suggested by the NCDC and the government.