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ASSIGNMENT- WRITE A REPORT, OF NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES, ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECT OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.

 On 31 January 2020, following the developments of COVID-19 pandemic in mainland China and other countries worldwide, the federal government of Nigeria set up a Corona Virus Preparedness Group to mitigate the impact of the Virus if it eventually spreads to the country. On the same day, the World Health Organization listed Nigeria among other 13 countries identified as high-risk for the spread of the Virus. On 26 February 2020, a Chinese citizen presented himself to the Lagos State government on suspicion of being infected with Corona Virus. He was admitted at Reddington Hospital and was released the following day after testing negative.

 The first confirmed case of the pandemic of Corona Virus disease 2019 in Nigeria was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus. On the 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.

 COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms. Common Symptoms of Corona Virus include Fever, Tiredness and Dry Cough while some people may experience aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and diarrhoea. On average it takes 5-6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for Symptoms to show. However, it can take up to 14 days.

 To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we should endeavor to clean our hand often using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. We should maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing. We should not touch our eyes, nose or mouth. We should cover our nose and mouth with the bent elbow or a tissue when sneezing or coughing. We should stay home when we feel unwell.

 Since the President of Nigeria, President Mohammadu Buhari announced the first total lockdown which Nigerians were meant to observe for two weeks. Nigerians did not adhere strictly to it especially in areas like Lagos probably because he announced it late hence Nigerians did not have time to prepare. According to what I have noticed, Nigerians are not staying at home hence increasing the numbers. One way I think will complete Nigerians to Stay home is if the government can provide a certain amount of money to the masses like advanced countries. Using the United States of America as an example, the US government provided 1200 dollars to tax payers to take care of the family. If the Nigerian can provide at least the minimum wage which is thirty thousand naira to tax payers, I think Nigerians will respect the lockdown and stay at home.

 For now, the lockdown has not had any positive effect because the numbers keep increasing every day. As at today, 19th of April 2020, 86 new cases were recorded in Nigeria. Till date, 627 cases have been confirmed, 170 cases have been discharged and twenty one deaths have been recorded in Nigeria. The 86 new cases are reported from seven states which include Lagos (70), FCT (7), Akwa Ibom (3), Kastina (3), Borno (1), Jigawa (1)