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 THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.

 Corona virus is a virus that emerged in Wuhan city, China in December 2019 which belong to the large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. The corona virus is a respiratory tract disease and that can be transmitted through hands, droplet of saliva, cough and sneeze. The common symptom are fever, severe cough, diarrhea, unexplained loss of smell or taste, sore throat and headache. In spite of the fact that there is no vaccine to cure it, it can be control by practicing social distancing, coughing into the bend of the elbow and frequent hand –washing.

 The social distancing one of the preventive measures to control corona virus led to the lockdown and restrictions of movement of Nigerian. Although the lockdown curb the spread of virus but it also have an adverse effect on Nigerian in so many ways:

1. High cost of living: the lockdown as increases the high cost of living of Nigerian in such a way that family cannot meet their daily needs. And it has also increase the level of poverty in the country due to restrictions of movement where people cannot go to work and hence they do not earn money to purchase their needs.

It’s also, the restriction of movement that have caused some sellers to exploit money from people.

1. High crime rate: the lockdown as increases the level of crime rate because people want to survive and meet their daily needs. Many Nigerian has resulted to stealing as in Lagos state and Ogun state. The rate of crime has risen to great extent in Warri, Delta. The restriction of movement and the lockdown has improved the level of crime rate in the country and has made some many people to engage in different crimes like stealing, violence and so on.
2. It affect the economy sector of the country: the effect of the lockdown and also, the restriction of movement has affected the economy sector of the country. There’s restriction to importation and exportation goods and services in the country.
3. Violence and Death: due to the lockdown and those that violate the law are to make to face abuse by the security agency of Nigerian that misuse there power too molest which as lead to death of Nigerian
4. Restriction to social gathering: the lockdown has stop people from associating with each other physically and also, stopping people from attending any social gathering like going to church, mosques, wedding, party or any ceremony.

Due to continuous rise in the numbers of cases everyday there has been an extension of the lockdown in the country. The Nigerian all have to stay at home and stay safe to control the spread of the virus.