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**A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS AND THE EFFECTS OF THE
LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE MOVEMENT ON
NIGERIANS**

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered by a newly discovered coronavirus. The first case was reported in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019. The virus belongs to the Coronaviridae family in Nidovirales order. At the end of 2019, Wuhan, a fast-growing business hub in China experienced an outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that killed over 1800 people and infected over 70,000 people within the first fifty days of its discovery. At this point, the world started to take the virus serious and the news of this new and deadly virus had already gone far and wide.

The virus can be spread easily when an infected person is in contact with a non-infected person and also because the virus has the ability to stay on surfaces for a long period of time. The coronavirus also spread easily because it's airborne and people get infected when there is an infected person in the midst of a crowd. The common symptoms of the coronavirus disease are: fever, tiredness, dry cough, while some people may experience: aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea. There is currently no cure for the coronavirus disease or vaccine yet, which makes it very hard for one to recover from the disease but there are preventive measure certified by the WHO (World Health Organization). The preventive measures are: washing of the hands regularly, using an alcohol based rub frequently and not touching the face.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN NIGERIA

The first case of the coronavirus disease in Nigeria was confirmed on 27th of February, 2020. The case was confirmed by the Federal Ministry of Health in Lagos State, Nigeria. The case was an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos, Nigeria. He was confirmed by the Virology Laboratory of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, part of the Laboratory Network of the Nigeria Center of Disease Control. He has now recovered from the virus. After the first case was discovered in Nigeria, more cases were discovered in the following weeks and as at 20th of April, 2020, a total of 627 cases have been confirmed. A huge percentage

of the first few cases of COVID-19 were returnees from different countries. These returnees were the vectors of the coronavirus into Nigeria.

The NCDC (National Center for Disease Control) is the government body in charge of testing and confirming patients for COVID-19. The agency is also in charge of controlling the spread of the disease in Nigeria. The NCDC has been creating awareness on how to prevent COVID-19 through awareness campaigns on social media, radio, television etc. Once the government discovered that there was an outbreak of the virus in Nigeria with the increasing number of cases day-by-day, a swift action of lockdown was declared for 14 days. During these 14 days, more COVID-19 cases were confirmed and this made the President extend to extend the lockdown by an extra 14 days. Lockdown is the restriction of movement of people in an area and this method has been discovered to be the most effective way to curb the COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria and all around the world.

EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION ON NIGERIANS

Lockdown is the restriction of movement of people in an area and this method has been discovered to be the most effective way to curb the COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria and all around the world. The lockdown has been the most effective tool to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Once the government discovered that there was an outbreak of the virus in Nigeria with the increasing number of cases day-by-day, a swift action of lockdown was declared for 14 days. During these 14 days, more COVID-19 cases were confirmed and this made the President extend to extend the lockdown by an extra 14 days.

The lockdown has both good effects and bad effects on Nigerians. The good effects are:

- It's a medium for people to spend more time and connect with their families.
- It's a medium for people to relax from their daily stressful jobs.
- People now work from home which is more cost efficient for workers.

The negative effects are:

- There is low flow of money in the country which has a terrible effect on the economy.
- Small scale businesses suffer the risk of closing down for good.
- Increase in armed robbery and theft as a result of people not being able to work to feed themselves.
- Increase in mortality rate as a result of people dying of COVID-19
- Suffering and hunger

CONCLUSION

The virus is taking the world by storm; a cure has not been found. For us to return to our normal lives, adhering to the measures given to us is the only way to ensure survival and safety.

