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QUESTION.

Write a report, of not more than two pages on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restrictions of movement on Nigerians.

CORONAVIRUS AND ITS VICIOUS EFFECTS.

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Introduction.

The topic of this report is the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of lockdown and restrictions of movement on Nigerians. This report was commissioned by Mrs lfe Ajepe and Doctor Solomon .A. Edebor on the 14th of April 2020. The reason for this report is to bring to light the main points concerning Corona virus and the possible effects of the existing lockdown and restrictions of movement in the lives of Nigerians. After undergoing an in-depth research, I was able to find the following:

Meaning, origin and history of Corona Virus.

Corona Virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is defined as an illness caused by a novel coronavirus now called severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV2; formerly called 2019-nCoV), which was first identified amid an outbreak of respiratory illness cases in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. It was initially reported to the WHO on December 31, 2019. On January 30, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 outbreak a global health emergency. On March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, its first of such designation since the declaration of H1N1 influenza as a pandemic in 2009. The illness caused by SARS-CoV-2 was recently termed COVID-19 by the WHO, the new acronym derived from 'coronavirus disease 2019'. The name was chosen to avoid stigmatizing the virus' origin in terms of population, geography, or animal association.

Mode of transmission.

The new Coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

Signs and myths of Coronavirus and its preventive measures.

The common signs are: fever, tiredness and dry cough. Some people may experience aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhoea. On an average it takes 2-14 days from when someone is infected with the virus for signs to show. The Coronavirus has an incubation period of 14 days. There are numerous myths that has been spread concerning the new Coronavirus. Some include: 5G network

being the cause of Coronavirus, drinking alcohol protects one from COVID-19, COVID-19 virus cannot be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates, taking a hot bath can prevent the new Coronavirus disease. All these have been proved by the WHO to be false. Although there is no cure yet, there are a lot of means to prevent this disease. Some are; clean your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub, maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing, don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth, stay at home and temporary close of any form of business or activity.

The effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the government has ordered total lockdown of states in an attempt to curb this disease. This lockdown can be seen to be a good thing while it can be seen as something terrible. As we all know, the level of poverty in Nigeria is greatly high. Some people eat based on how much they gain in a day; if they don't work today, they don't eat today. So this compulsory lockdown and restriction of movement has caused a lot of people sorrow, pain and most especially hunger. They claim that hunger is worse than contacting the disease and plead with the government to remove these restrictions. Others that actually have what to eat are in pain as they think about their goods and how if care isn't taken the commercial goods they have can perish. Nigerians are living in poverty, sorrow, loneliness. All these effects relating to goods and business lead to the fall in our economy because as we know, once business stops, the economy drops. Nigerians get lonely because they aren't able to see their friends, partners and family members. The lockdown and restriction of movement cuts across all sectors, including academic activities. Students are on a pause, they live each day wondering when school will finally resume and how things will be when it finally resumes. Christians and Muslims are caged, they are not allowed to go to their various place of worship to gather as a congregation to worship God. All these are the effects of lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

Conclusion.

I set out to find more about coronavirus and the effects of the existing lockdown and restriction of movement. I found quite a lot during this research which I duly discussed earlier. In addition to all I mentioned earlier, the new coronavirus can affect anybody, both young and old and has spread throughout the world, having Italy as its highest hit. This has led to the restriction of movement and lockdown which has caused a lot including retaliation and riot of by citizens.

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