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The 2019-2020 coronavirus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of COVID-19 caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The outbreak was first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern on 30 January 2020, and recognised it as a pandemic on 11th March 2020. As of 20 April 2020, more than 2.44 million cases of COVID-19 have been reported in 185 countries and territories, resulting in more than 168,000 deaths. More than 643,000 people have recovered, although there may be a possibility of relapse or reinfection. The virus is said to have its source from bats, possibly through pangolins. The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, or talking. While these droplets are produced when breathing out, they usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than remain in the air over long distances. People may also become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. The virus can survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible before symptoms appear and in later stages of the disease. Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. There is no known vaccine or specific antiviral treatment. Primary treatment is symptomatic and supportive therapy.

The pandemic has led to severe global socioeconomic disruption, the postponement or cancellation of sporting, religion, political and cultural events. The pandemic has led to one of the largest global recessions in history, with more than a third of the global population being in lockdown.

The effects of the lockdown and restrictions of movement on Nigerians are as follows; Businesses will be shutdown. Only hospitals, medical and healthcare-related establishments, food establishments, etc will be open and monitored. Nigeria has a very high self-employment rate. This therefore shows that the various individuals will suffer loss. The three affected states are some of the most populated states in Nigeria, hence demand for food will be high and as such, the price of food would be increased. Nigeria which solely depends on the crude oil for its economy will suffer as there are no more exportation and importation going on.