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 A REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

COVID-19 was first identified in the city of Wuhan, China. It had infected over 11 people before it was discovered as a new disease in the corona virus chain. The virus mostly has mild symptoms, which are often mild – the most common symptoms are a fever and dry cough – in some cases they lead to more serious respiratory tract illness including pneumonia and bronchitis. These can be particularly dangerous in older patients, or people who have existing health conditions. The corona virus spreads through contact with an infected person or the droplets of an infected person such as sneezing, coughing and spiting.

COVID-19 was declared as a global pandemic by the W.H.O. 11th of march 2020 as the virus had already spread to 11 countries and they were 118,000 cases worldwide. The declaration that the corona was a global pandemic caused panic worldwide as nations started different ways of preventions and precautions.

The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Nigeria was confirmed on the 27th of February. An Italian citizen who works in Lagos and returned from Milan, Italy. The number of cases in Nigeria have surpassed 200 as of 20th April they are now 627 cases with 21 deaths. There are over 2,458,150 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide as of today. The country with the most victims if the virus being America as they are over 600,000 cases.

COVID-19 has taken a big toll in the basic life of man, ever since it was a described as a global pandemic by the W.H.0. Most countries have placed precautions such as lockdown of major sites in cities, social distancing and quarantine. Nigeria has observed over 3 weeks of lockdown and citizens aren’t allowed to leave their home unless they have a solid reason of leaving home.

The lockdown has had a lot of devastating effects in Nigeria as many Nigerians can’t afford basic necessities for their family without work. The lockdown has caused a major restriction in movement allowing people to not be able to go to work, without pay and money people cant afford many of their needs and this has caused a major problem in the country as Nigerians are fed up and are pressuring for the lock down to end another problem which is insecurity.

Due to the lack of pay and money some people have resorted into stealing, burglary and violence in order to get easy money from civilians. It’s become an increasing act in Nigeria now as the level of insecurity becomes alarming. A lot of people have lost their lives in the cause of the stealing and violence. The lockdown has created an alarming rate of crime in the country due to the fact that many people can’t get money for feeding, shelter and their other needs.

The lockdown in Nigeria has also made an increase in the poverty rate of Nigeria and an increase in Nigeria’s global debt. The lack of work has also seen a decline in employment rate. The lockdown has caused a decline in the Nigerian economy and an increase in the global debt of the country. Due to the lack of production of products, the economy is on a declining slope as no work leading to no production of goods.

The lockdown has also affected the mental health of many Nigerians as in this crisis many Nigerians don’t know what to do. Most Nigerians are living with fear and confusion during this time as they don’t know how to live during this crisis which affects their mental health. The average Nigerian family manages food in the home in this time due to no jobs and lack of food and adequate care will lead to mental health issues for the children or the parents, A poor mental health may lead to high rate of suicide in the country.