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**TITLE: THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT AMONG NIGERIANS**

**SUMMARY:**

Corona virus also known worldwide as the COVID19. It was originated in Wuhan, China on December 31st. The novel coronavirus was originated from the human seafood market in Wuhan,China where bats, snakes, raccoon, dogs, palm civets and other animals were sold.This virus has spread rapidly around 109 countries worldwide which is a major cause of the present lockdown experience in our world of today. The source of SARS COV-19 is not confirmed but bats have been seen as key reservoirs and causative agent of this deadly virus.It is a highly transmittable and pathogenic viral infection caused by SARS COV-19. It is an acute severe respiratory syndrome . The origin is not known but the rapid spread of this virus among humans has been discovered . Till date there are no clinically approved drugs or vaccines for this virus contradicting a lot of rumours and fallacies going around. The Wuhan coronavirus or 2019 novel coronavirus as named by Chinese researchers has led to worldwide lockdown instructed by different government in countries and states to curb the spread of the virus . Which has made a lot of negative and positive impact in the society.At the end of 2019, WHO was informed by the Chinese government about several pneumonia cases and etiology

**INTRODUCTION**:.Corona virus cases as been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27th , 2020. It has taken more than a lot of lives in other countries and our own country too where some Nigerians too visited, and this make covid19 spread rapidly around the world especially from foreign returnees and international travellers who are Nigerians. Government has made a compulsory lockdown which has deprived people from freedom of movement that involves going to work, social gatherings, and leaving the home. Most people infected with the virus experience mild respiratory medical problems such as diabetes, cancer.The best way to protect ourselves from this virus is by washing our hands , practicing social distancing and using alcohol rub frequently . It is spread through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose of an infected person . WHO has helped in providing updated strategies to help guide public health response to covid-19 to stop the spread among communities worldwide . Other health organizations are also coordinating like the emergency medical teams and the global health network

Back to our country, we have NCDCwhich is the government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance ,detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak. so far so good, NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response. NCDC is located in Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Borno, Plateau, rivers.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA** The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this prevent the restriction of movement among the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are:

* It allows family to bond together and do things together,It corrects a child mistakes and adjusts him/her,Spend more time with God,Relaxation to those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown,Reduce the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country,It makes people reasons to think about how to do businesses online,People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can’t be cancelled.

The negative effects of the lockdown includes:

-It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on because now people are looking for any means to get money to community is raging in poverty,It has a poor effect on the economy especially the business sectors which have been held on stand still for now,It led to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.poverty is raging the whole country ,People struggle to survive,School students can’t go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness..The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate as an when due. Their time is extended and has caused backwardness in the educational sector.

**CONCLUSION :**

In conclusion, corona virus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country, Nigeria. The federal government of Nigeria though the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is been controlled and stopped immediately. The NCDC has been activated in national emergency operation center working in different states in Nigeria. Medical personnel are trying their best to give out ways to stop the pandemic called corona virus. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and act to the preventive measure that can keep us safe in this pandemic. The federal government are really trying their best to make sure Nigeria is safe and we need to listen to the preventive measures and put it to act

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