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**THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 AND ITS EFFECTS**

It is often said that this covid-19 has taken the place of the law and has become a respecter of no man. The corona virus pandemic (aka covid-19) is a deadly virus that can be traced back to late 2019 where someone from Wuhan China, was said to have been infected with the virus through an animal. Ever since then, we have had an increasingly growing outbreak round the world. Beginning from the capital of China Hubei, the virus has said to have killed about 80,000 people so far. The origin of the pandemic is yet to be unravelled, while some say the virus originated from bats, some believe it emerged at the Wuhan live animal market where an interaction between an animal(no specified one was mentioned) and a human being was made. Despite the rumours on where the virus originated from, a decisive conclusion is yet to be reached. Despite all the hypothesis of the virus that was given it was said that one major possibility was that a descendent of the virus jumped into humans and then adapted as it was passed from human to human. “Once acquired, these adaptations would enable the pandemic to take off and produce a sufficiently large cluster of cases to trigger the surveillance system that detected it”. This is was the study given by Professor Edward Holmes of the University of Sydney. Whatever the origin maybe, it is said that the virus continues to claim the lives of innocent people round the world with no cure yet to be found. The only remedy given to reduce the spread of covid-19 around the world was the forceful effect of lockdown round the different countries affected. Businesses, shops, fun houses, and clubs have all been forced to shut down as we wait for the positive effects from the lockdown process. The lockdown process is meant to ensure that virus doesn’t continue to spread as everyone is expected to be indoors. Other measures also include; the washing of hands regularly, the use of sanitizers and no coming in contact with fellow individuals.

Coming down to our country Nigeria, it has said to have recorded a total number of 627 cases, with 170 people recovering from the virus and 21 deaths including death of the chief of staff to the President of the country, Chief Abba Kyari. The Nigerian Centre for Disease Control, NCDC, has sought the arrest of anyone who doesn’t follow the lockdown procedures, either this or they would be asked to pay a fine. All states have been on lockdown ever since with the cases of the virus increasing rapidly in the country. A lot of Nigerians have refused to follow this procedure mostly those who people believe that if they don’t make their daily sale, their meal for that day isn’t guaranteed. The virus seems to even be affecting the country as a whole, with nobody working, there isn’t money in the country and no money in the country means the country won’t be able to pay back their debt. The country owes the IMF money (international monetary fund), she owes China money and many other countries money. Also the country finds it difficult to cater for their citizens and with other countries of the world experiencing the same problem it is hard to seek help from anyone. Also due to the virus and forceful lockdown, other countries are no longer buying our oil which is the main say of the country’s economy. This therefore sees a drastic fall in the country’s GDP (Gross Domestic Profit).

The pandemic has left the world in total awe, as no one knows why this is happening or whether there will be an end to all this. The pandemic has made a lot of people result to prayers and hope for salvation. But as scientists and lab professionals continue to fail in the provision of a cure and as we watch the virus continue to claim more lives, we are left to wonder if this really is the END OF THE WORLD!!.