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## **THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

COVID-19 is an infectious condition, which means it can spread, directly or indirectly, from one person to another and it involves your respiratory tract such as nose, throat, airways and lungs. It is caused by a newly discovered corona virus called first identified in Wuhan, china in December 2019. This disease can be transferred through eyes, nose and mouth, droplets produced on coughing or sneezing, close contact with infected persons, contact with contaminated surfaces or even items of personal use.

Although there is no cure yet, there are ways to prevent the spread of the corona virus such as wash your hands regularly with plenty of soap and water, keep an alcohol based sanitizer ready for times when soap and water are not available, don't touch your eyes, mouth or nose with unclean hands, keep your distance of at least 1 meter from anyone coughing or sneezing, follow no touch greetings. prefer hand waving.

Due to the rapid spread of this virus, various countries has ordered citizens to stay indoors but the government tend to forget that there might be some effects on the citizens if there is no adequate provision of necessary items.

Some of these effects include;

**Increased Violence:** There has been an increase in the numbers of security personals found on streets and some of these officers abuse their powers and beat up citizens and some of these citizens take laws into their hands and retaliate. People who were caught stealing are also being beaten up by their fellow citizens whereby this is a moment to show love to on another.

**High criminal activities:** Normally citizens generate income by different jobs such as selling of goods, carrying blocks and many others things but due to this lockdown there has been unviability of jobs. the government are not concerned about the needs of the citizens and due to this there has been a steady increase of crime in Lagos and Ogun state particularly.

**High cost of living:** Due to this lockdown there has been an increase in cost of living.

**People who are able to go the market find it difficult to purchase what they need because they no longer work, while those who sell use this opportunity to exploit others but this cannot be helped cause is a difficult time for anybody. Some decide to use this opportunity to transfer large number of essential goods and this leads to inflation of price items**