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A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENTS ON NIGERIANS.

INVITATION: Corona virus also known as covid 19 emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31,2019. It belongs to the coronaviridae family in the Nidovirales order. At the end of 2019, Wuhan which is an emerging business hub of China, experienced an outbreak of this disease which claimed the lives of more than eighteen hundred and infected over seventy thousand people within fifty days. Anyone infected will show symptoms ranging from two to fourteen days. These symptoms include dry cough or catarrh, diarrhoea, loss of smell, fever, shortness of breath. The virus can be contacted through contact with an infected person or the fluid from an infected person.

To the best of my knowledge there is no recognised vaccine but as the adage says "prevention is better than cure", this virus has presently put the world in an emergency state so these preventive measures have been taken such as; washing and sanitizing of hands regularly to kill virus on hands,use of face masks as it could be contacted through the air,maintaining physical distance to avoid more spread of the virus ,and so on.

CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA

Corona virus has been increasing drastically In Nigeria for the past few months since its first case in February 27th,2020. Though it has not taken lives compared to other countries its spread is becoming increasingly alarming as citizens in other countries come back due to the outbreak.

Nevertheless, governments has made a lot of efforts by providing the Nigerian center for disease control (NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus. These group create awareness on preventive measures for people to imbibe, they also provide medical facilities to test people

and to try arrest the virus, because of the spread the president has ordered lockdown of states vulnerable to the virus .

NIGERIAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL (NCDC)

This is the government agency given the mandate to coordinate the surveillance, detection and response to the virus outbreak. Over the last three years they have deployed a new tool for disease surveillance. The surveillance, outbreak response management and analysis system (SORMAS) is a system developed between NCDC and HZ (Helmholtz centre for infections) . NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response NCDC is now located in Osun, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Rivers, Plateau, Borno, Ebonyi.

EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN ARE RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS IN NIGERIA

Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people from leaving a particular area. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and thus restricting people's movement. There are positive and both negative effects to this lockdown some of *the positive effects are;*

- It allows families to bond as they are always together .
- May enhance one spiritual life .
- Relaxation for those with hectic jobs .
- Reduces the spread of the virus.

The negative effects include;

- It led to the increase of the price of goods i.e inflation
- Food scarcity
- Poor vices such as stealing , robbery rape and so on are developed
- Extension of the academic calendar
- Deaths due to starvation

CONCLUSION : corona virus has caused and changed a lot of things in this country though the federal government has been trying to control the virus through the NCDC which have their centres in different states with medical personnels trying their best to control and stop the virus once and for all the virus still spreads and is taking lives , it would be advisable for us to obey these preventive measures and cooperate with the government concerning the issue of lockdown so as not to prevent further spread and loss of lives.