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**A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS**

**INTRODUCTION**

According to past history, Corona virus (COVID19) started in Wuhan in China on December 31,2019.Corona virus belongs to the Coronaviridae family according to medical practitioners. At the end of 2019,Wuhan experienced an outbreak of the disease corona virus that killed more than eighteen hundred and infected over seventy thousand individuals. Infected individual shows symptoms of this virus at least five days or more. Symptoms such as,loss of smell, shortness of breath, diarrhoea, cough, fever. People can contact this so called virus via close contact with an infected person. This Virus spreads through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

According to WHO, Presently, there is no vaccine to cure this virus but then, there are preventive measures for being safe through cleaning ones hands often by using soap and water or an alcohol based hand rub, maintaining safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing, don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth, cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or tissue when you are coughing or sneezing.

**COVID19 IN NIGERIA.**

COVID19 has caused problems among citizens of Nigeria. Among families, among peer groups, and our leaders due to this lock down and financial supports for citizens and for curing infected patients. This covid19 cases increases extremely in the past few months since February 27th , 2020 that it started. It has taken more than One hundred thousand of lives in Nigeria. And it spreads through returnees and international travelers who are Nigerians to other citizens of Nigeria. The president made an effort through the Nigerian Center for Disease Control (NCDC) to stop the spread of this mysterious virus. The core functions of NCDC include prevent, detect and control disease of public health importance. NCDC is located in Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Borno, Plateau, Rivers. NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN ALSO RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

Lockdown has been tagged different names according to Nigerians eg prison. Lockdown is the confinement of people in their houses as a security measures after a disturbance. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this prevent the restriction of movement among the Nigerians. This lock down has affected Nigerians positively and negatively. Positive part include;

\* It allows family bond that is it brings families together

\* It enables people to discover their talents through comedy videos

\* It brings people closer to their maker(God)

\*It prevents the virus from spreading widely

\*It brings peace of mind to some people

\*It stops bad association (Secret groups)

Negative effects on Nigerians

\*It has actually affected our economy

\*Inflation in prices of goods and services

\*Lack of money

\*laziness among youths

\*Affect all institutions academic calendars

\*It introduces bad vices in the country.

\*It causes fight among our leaders and business partners

\*It spoilt individual’s plans this 2020

\*it reveals secrets in the family also our leaders secrets

**CONCLUSION :**

In a nutshell, Covid19 has destroyed a lot in Nigeria. Although the federal government , World Health Organization, Federal Ministry of health and other organizations have been trying their best to reduce the spread of this virus until the vaccine is found. The NCDC has been activated in national emergency operation center working in different states in Nigeria. Doctors and other medical personnel are working everyday to prevent this virus from spreading. They also treats the sick people who are falling sick because of hunger, sickness of being at home everyday, swollen bodies and so on which does not normally occur to them before. The lock down continues and Nigerian prayed for the permanent end without any addition. The news agencies never cease to update Nigerians.