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

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. This is caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The outbreak was identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020, and recognized it as a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact which is often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, or talking. While these droplets are produced when breathing out, they usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than being infectious over long distances. People may also become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. The virus can survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible before symptoms appear and in later stages of the disease.

Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Complications may include pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms is typically around five days, but may range from two to fourteen days. There is no known vaccine or specific antiviral treatment. Primary treatment is symptomatic and supportive therapy. Recommended preventive measures include hand washing, covering one's mouth when coughing, maintaining distance from other people (social distancing), monitoring and self-isolation for people who suspect they are infected.

This pandemic has led to implementing travel restrictions, quarantines, curfews and stay-at-home orders, workplace hazard controls, and facility closures. Many places have also worked to increase testing capacity and trace contacts of infected persons. It has also led to severe global socioeconomic disruption, the postponement or cancellation of sporting, religious, political and cultural events, and widespread shortages of supplies due to panic buying. Schools, universities and colleges have closed also. [1]

The first confirmed case of the pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 in Nigeria was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus, caused by SARS-CoV-2. On 9th March 2020, a second case of the virus was reported in Ewekoro, Ogun State, a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen. [2]

This has led to a lockdown in Nigeria which has greatly affected the Nigerians in so many ways. There are some Nigerians who depend on daily earnings to feed themselves. They eat only after working this is not because they chose to do so but because they do not have any amount of money that could feed them unless they had worked.

Also, Nigerians are greatly affected in the area of religion as they are not able to freely carry out their religious practices due to the lockdown or closures of churches and mosques to prevent the spread of the virus. Therefore worshippers can only worship in their houses. Several people have rebelled against this decision but they were caught and punished.

It has also affected the academic institutions in that learning has been put to a halt. This has lead to the academic session been elongated and this will most likely affect the next academic session. In the sense that exams are supposed to have been conducted for students in schools and students that are moving to the net classes but all these processes can't occur due to the lockdown order. Although, schools have shifted to online learning but this method is really not effective in that there is network fluctuation. In conclusion the virus has really caused a lot of havoc and has put fear both in the mind of the public and the government officials.

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