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**CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIANS**

I have overseen our coverage of the Corona virus outbreak in china, from when there were just a few cases of “unknown pneumonia” in Wuhan in December to the lockdown of Wuhan and other cities in late January, and most recently as Beijing has begun to declare victory over the virus, which has claimed the lives of over more than 3,000 people and injected more than 80,000 here. It is said that anybody with this pandemic shows symptoms five days but it will range from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are diarrhea, cough, shortness of breath, fever and loss of smell. The virus can be easily spread when an infected person, in the process, the virus can be contacted through the air especially when it is a crowded place. Currently there is no specific medicine for it. But there are some preventive measures we can take such as washing ones hands regularly for twenty seconds, maintaining physical distance from others, use of masks and so on. Presently the pandemic has been ravaging and put the whole world in health emergency.

In Nigeria, Coro virus cases has been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27th, 2020. It has taken more than a hundred thousands of lives in other countries where some Nigerians too visited, and this made Covid 19 spread wild, especially from foreign returnees and international travelers who are Nigerians. Government has made an effort through the Nigeria centre for disease control (NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus. They create awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provide medical facilities to test people. The president declares that some vulnerable states should be lockdown. Some States observe them like Ogun, Osun, Ekiti and so on and so forth.

The Government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance, detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak over the last three years, NCDC has deployed a new tool for disease surveillance. The surveillance, outbreak response management and analysis system (SORMAS) is a system jointly developed between NCDC and HZI (Helmholte centre for infections). So far so good. NCDC has supported States for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response. NCDC is located in Osun, Lagos, Oyo Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Borno, Plateau, Rivers.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTED OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

Lockdown this is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people or information from leaving an area. The Federal Government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this prevent the restriction of movement among the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria.

**The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria.**

* It corrects a child mistakes and adjust him/her
* It makes people reasons to think about how to do business online.
* It allows families to bond together and do things together
* Spends more time with God
* Relaxation do those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown
* People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can’t be cancelled.

**The negative effects of the lockdown**

* The School academic Calendar is extended students will graduate as an when due their time is extended.
* The poor becomes poorer
* It has a poor effect on the economy
* People struggle to survive
* It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on.
* It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.