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**QUESTION**

Write a report of not more than two pages on the coronavirus pandemic and the effect of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

**INTRODUCTION**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), coronaviruses is a family of virus that cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The coronavirus disease in this study has been identified as COVID-19 is a highly transmittable and pathogenic viral infection is symbolized by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, which emerged in Wuhan, China and subsequently spread around the world. In the public mind, the origin story of coronavirus seems well-fixed: In late 2019, someone at the now world famous Huanan seafood market in Wuhan was infected with a virus from an animal. The fact that the virus has infected a tiger shows how viruses can move between species. Scientists say it is highly likely the virus came from bat, but first passed through an intermediary animal in the same way that the 2002 SARS outbreak moved from household bat to cat-like civets before infecting humans. Analysis of the first 41 COVID-19 patients in medical journal found that 27 of them have direct exposure to the Wuhan market but the same analysis found that the first known case of the illness did not. As of April 27, more than 151,000 people worldwide have died of COVID-19, the highly infectious respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus. The number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 has exceeded 2.2 million, according to John Hopkins University more than 540,000 people have recovered.

 According to the WHO, signs of infection include, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, it may lead to pneumonia, multiple organ failure and even death. Current estimation of the incubation period- the time between infection and the onset of symptoms, range from 1-14 days. Most infected people show symptoms between 5-6 days. The symptoms include fever, fatigue, dry cough and also aches and pains, running nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN IN NIGERIA**

**ECONOMIC EFFECTS:** The issuance of the restriction of movements in many states in Nigeria, economic and social activities have been brought to zero level, hereby, disrupting the cash flow of many citizens especially the lower class in the country, already, the standard of living is poor and many families depend on their day to day trade to survive, living without savings. So, this causes hunger in worse cases starvation of many families especially the lower class. This leads to a ripple effect causing high level of insecurity, increase in crime rate and also loss of lives and damage to properties. Also, some families become more vulnerable to other diseases like malaria, typhoid and other infections due to lack of provision of basic things due to the lockdown.

**EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS SHUTDOWN:** Closure of schools, churches have led to shutdown of the education and religious sector. In the case of education, the calendar will have to be rescheduled and restructured in order to compensate for lost time due to the lockdown. Religious activities in churches and mosques have also been put on hold as people have not been allowed to gather and fellowship as they would have loved to.

**CONCLUSION**

The world is currently facing a pandemic and even after all this it may take some time for the world to recover, but the most important thing right now is to stay safe and healthy and stop the spread. The World Health Organization has given us guidelines on how we can stay safe and healthy and stop the spread. These guidelines include; washing of hands properly, sanitizing the hands, maintaining social distance, proper use of the face masks and also watching out for anyone having the symptoms and helping out by putting a call across to the NCDC helplines provided.

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