

# EFFECTS OF CORONAVIRUS AND LOCKDOWN ON NIGERIANS

It is no more news that the world is battling a global pandemic which as at now does not have a vaccine or antidote. And to curb the effect of this transmittable disease most governments have ordered that all their citizens to stay indoors in their homes. This accompanied with the risks the coronavirus poses has made life difficult for the world and has had adverse effect on us.

## Coronavirus in Nigeria

This novel virus attacked the country on 27 February 2020 when an Italian citizen tested positive in Lagos, the second case was announced on 9<sup>th</sup> March in Ewekoro, Ogun state a man who came in contact with the infected Italian. From then the number of confirmed cases have skyrocketed. In view of this the federal government have placed a complete lockdown on States most infected such as Lagos and Ogun state. On 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 38 new cases were confirmed bringing the nation to 665 coronavirus cases 188 cured and discharged and 22 deaths. With this rising number

the lockdown time has increased and here are a few effects of the lockdown:

1. Disruption of the school curriculum: It was quite unfortunate that the coronavirus hit the country while academic sessions were in full swing, this forced the closure of schools and disruption of the school curriculum. As at now no one knows when schools can officially resume and how schools will resume but for the while schools are using online classes to cover the ground

2. Closure of businesses and scale enterprises: Due to the lockdown small businesses which do not provide any essential services after forced to close down leaving them with little or no source of income which leads to further problems such as

3. Poverty: Due to the closure of many non essential businesses many of which are privately owned the workers are left with no income and are gradually moving into poverty depending on how long the lockdown lasts.

A few other positive effects are:

1. It increases family bonding time
2. It serves as a relaxation time for those who don't get any
3. It brings us closer to God

