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The Federal Ministry of Health has confirmed a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) case in Lagos State, Nigeria. The case, which was confirmed on the 27th of February 2020, is the first case to be reported in Nigeria since the beginning of the outbreak in China in January 2020. The case is an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos, Nigeria on the 25th of February 2020. He was confirmed by the Virology Laboratory of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, part of the Laboratory Network of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control. The patient is clinically stable, with no serious symptoms, and is being managed at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Yaba, Lagos. The common symptoms of the virus are: fever, tiredness, dry cough. Some people may experience: aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea. On average it takes 5–6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however it can take up to 14 days.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.

Maintain a 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 a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Stay home if you feel unwell.

If you have a fever, a cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention. Call in advance.

Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Now moving to the main point of my report, the effect of the lockdown on Nigerians. The outbreak of COVID-19, which has become a fullblown pandemic, is restructuring the world economic order, disrupting traditional business models and testing the strength of even the most stable economies around the world. As a result, organizations are modifying their business continue plans (BCPs) to contain the effect of the crisis, while, some are at the thinking phase, others are positioning to ahead of the post crisis era. The above notwithstanding, COVID-19 outbreak has certainly created a silver lining for some sectors going forward. The public-health care sector will witness renewed focus amid efforts to beat the coronavirus and avert future recurrence. Already, the CBN has introduced a N100bn credit support facility for the sector with operational life spanning till 2030. Similarly, the FG is borrowings from multilateral organizations to improve healthcare. Beyond infrastructure, medical supplies and personal protective equipment, face masks & shield, gloves, gowns, hand washers, soap hand sanitizers, and other medical kits are sub-sectors to watch within the healthcare value chain. Furthermore, cleaning services, shopping delivery services, (including the use of drones), video conferencing, digital solutions and telecom services are expected to boom. Meanwhile, Commercial Real Estate (CRE) may suffer as the organizations examine the pros & cons of working from home (WFH). This pandemic has also encouraged and built family bond causing a closer bond within family.

STAY HOME,SAVE LIVES