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

Corona Virus also known as COVID-19 is a terrible virus which emerged from a place in China called Wuhan on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2019. The Corona Virus is a disease that spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person sneezes or coughs; it could also be transmitted through physical contact. Since there is currently no vaccine for the virus, preventive measures have been made known to the general public on how to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. Such preventive measures include washing your hands frequently with soap and water for twenty seconds, rubbing alcohol based hand sanitizers on your hands, putting on face masks to prevent droplets of saliva from a possibly infected person getting to a non-infected person and also putting on hand gloves to prevent touching a touching the sweat of a possibly infected person.

Some noticeable symptoms of this deadly virus include fever, dry cough and shortness of breath. Other symptoms may include the infected person experiencing aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and diarrhea. The symptoms of the virus take up to five to six days to show from contrasting, however it could take up to fourteen days for the virus to completely manifest. Therefore before a person can be tested for the virus, the latter has to be placed into self-isolation for up to fourteen days, which after a test is run and the results show whether the person is positive or negative.

The lockdown being placed by government agencies around the world right now is one of the preventive measures that is said to help stop the spread of the virus. The federal government of Nigeria has ordered an ultimate lockdown in the country and this has prevented movement of so many Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of this lockdown and I would list a few of each. Some positive effects to this lockdown is that it allows families to bond and do things they never had time to do together, reduces the virus from spreading any further and it also makes people think of how to make money legally online. Negative effects to this lockdown includes people struggling to survive, the poor become poorer, the economy takes a downfall because people aren't working and there is nothing to buy nor sell, it causes idleness among citizens of the country, goods in the market become very expensive and also people go through extreme length such as stealing and armed robbery just to survive.

Corona virus has cause a lot of changes in the country. The federal government through the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is been controlled and stopped as soon as possible so things can get back to normal. The Nigerian Center for Disease Control(NCDC) has been activated in national emergency operation center which is working in different states in Nigeria. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still ongoing, the people are advised to listen to preventive measures that can keep us safe from this pandemic. The federal government is really trying their best to make sure Nigeria is safe and we need to put all the preventive measures in action.