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Write a report of not more than two pages, on the corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

What is corona virus?

Corona virus (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered corona virus. Corona viruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). COVID-19 is the disease caused by the new coronavirus that emerged in China in December 2019. The symptoms include cough, fever ,shortness of breath, muscle aches, sorethroat, unexplained loss of taste or smell, diarrhea and headache. It can be severe and some cases have caused death.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), these viruses were originally transmitted from animals. The name corona virus comes from the latin word corona, meaning crown or halo. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), older people are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The virus has spread from china to all around the world, prompting the WHO to label COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The International health alert is a call to countries around the world to coordinate their response under the guidance of the WHO. To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

. Clean your hands often

. Don’t touch your eyes, nose or mouth

. Maintain a safe distance from anyone coughing or sneezing and so on

Nigerian President Muhammadi Buhari has announced a 14-day extension to a lockdown in Lagos, Abuja and Ogun states to curb the coronavirus pandemic. Those that will be affected the hardest will be households that rely on the day to day activities of self-employed individuals for consumption. Lagos is the country’s major economic as well as its financial capital. Ogun state borders Lagos State to the state to the south and is notable for having a high concentration of industrial estates and being a major manufacturing hub. Abuja is the seat of government. The lockdown, however, prevents many Nigerians working in informal sectors from traveling to work or conducting their business. Due to the level of hunger in different less privileged household, there is high rate of social vices and crime and in the society like stealing and armed robbery just like the so-called “One Million Boys’. Nigeria with 200 million people, is Africa’s most populous nation. Some 20 million reside in the megacity of Lagos. The lockdown is expected to add to the hardship of millions of Nigerians living hand-to-mouth. Due to the lockdown, there will also be the inflation of prices in our society as even the agricultural sector can’t come out to cultivate crops like usual. The prices of farm products will go high due to the scarcity. Even with the goods being imported to Nigeria, as we all know Nigeria is an Import-oriented country that rely on imported good due to the closure of airports, seaports and the closure of borders, prices on these good will be inflated. Even the citizens at home are liable to danger from these un-employed youths due to the low level of resistance produced by the Nigerian Police Force.

It also affects the educational sector of the country by outing a stop to all the academic activities in the country. Students are left to do nothing in their homes whereas they could have been getting the appropriate knowledge. The lockdown also affects the government as necessary institutions that provide revenue for the government won’t be operating for example the Customs Service and so on. This article shows us that the only positive effect of the lockdown is that it helps to curb the spread of the pandemic in the country.