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A REPORT ON CORONAVIRUS (covid19)

PANDEMIC.

Covid 19 which happened to be the latest virus which has become menace to the nation Nigeria and the world at large originated from Wuhan, China December 2019. According to medical researchers, the word 'CORONA ' comes from a Latin word called 'CORONAM' meaning crown. Looking at the image of the virus, it proves the meaning crown to be true.

According to medical professionals, this virus has been said to be an air born disease. It affect the respiratory organs of the infected person and can be easily transmitted through droplets of saliva, discharge from nose when sneezing and coughing. Although, there is no cure yet and the rapid spread of this disease can be curbed by washing hands with soap or hand wash with water, using alcohol hand sanitizer and as well as maintaining social distances.

According to NCDC, Nigeria is one of the countries that has not really been hit by this virus as the current number of cases is within the range of 600-700, and 188 discharged people with 22 death unlike other countries where the virus has killed a lot of people. To avoid the continuous spread of this virus, various countries including Nigeria has ordered her citizens to stay indoors till when this pandemic is over. However, this decision is hindering the right of the citizens but claim to be the best step to take for now in order to be safe. But as we all know that Nigeria is an underdeveloped country where the government does not care about her citizens and most citizens are not employed at all. How will they now cope with the lockdown?

Some effects which lockdown and restrictions of movement has caused in Nigeria are countless but few will be mentioned;

- **Higher Cost Of Living:** As a result of the lockdown, there has been an increase in the cost of living where stuff that were cheap before are now costly that some citizens can not afford it since they don't have enough money with them. Those who only go out on daily basis to earn money can not go out because of the restrictions and they go on hunger strikes. If we are keeping safe from this virus, governments should also understand that some people are dying inside due to malnutrition.

- **Higher Criminal Activities:** A lot of citizens in Nigeria earn income on daily basis without which they can not feed themselves. But due to the lockdown, jobs is not available, those who also stays in a rented house are pressured on how they will pay the landlord, salaries earner are only paid for the month they worked for which can actually be delayed. This has lead to increase in crime rate that as result in the death of people especially in Lagos and Ogun states.

- **Increased Violence/ Misuse Of Power:** Due to the lockdown, there has been an increase in the number of security personals found on this streets. Some of these officers abuse their powers and beat up citizens. As a result of the violence, these

citizens take laws into their hands and retaliate.

Declaration of a fourteen days lockdown over all the state in Nigeria was made, however, due to number of increased cases an extension was made which also can lead to excessive crime rate.