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Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered virus. Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. The virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes. At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments.

Due to the rapid spread of the virus, Nigeria implemented a sweeping quarantine for three major states that are home to almost 30 million people in a bid to slow the spread of the virus in Africa's most populous country. The imposition of this quarantine on the citizens of Nigeria comes with its effects, some of which would last long after the virus clears up.

Economic depression.

The Nigerian economy would take the hardest hit from this lockdown, economic problems such as reduced economic output, inflation, etc will arise. The economic output of the country will drastically reduce, because producing industries and companies have shut down.

Interruption of yearly school activities.

The yearly activities of schools would face an abrupt pause. Important activities such as the West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (WASSCE), The International General Certificate Examination (IGCSE), The Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) would be put on hold due to the national lockdown, this would cause a problem in the steady flow of secondary school activities. Not only secondary schools face damage from the lockdown, many universities have been closed and all academic work put on hold. Although some schools have moved to the online mode, it is not as effective as the normal table and chair classroom.

Financial hardship on citizens.

The government has urged citizens to work from home, that is through online means but how about the citizens that cannot use online means to continue working, citizens who occupy the job of bus conductors, drivers, cleaners and other minor occupations. These citizens are forced to stay home without their means of income. With little to no money in hand and no means of making any they still have to feed and take care of their families.

Increased crime rate.

It is no surprise the rate of cyber crime, armed robberies and other illegal means of making money will increase during this period. Citizens with no money to feed themselves or their families would seek means of survival, the phrase “an ideal mind is the devils workshop” could not be used in better situation. These people have pictured crime as their only to survive. It is safe to say that the crime rate would consistently increase because soon many citizens will run out of money to care for their needs and that of their children in order to survive some get involved in crime.

The lockdown began on the 23rd of march, 2020 and it has been three weeks since the lockdown was imposed on citizens, nobody is certain when it would come to an end, although end dates have been given it keeps getting postponed due to the continuous spread of the virus. The intention of the lockdown was to curb the spreads of the virus, if more case of infection occur it is sure that the lockdown will continue for a long time. If this lockdown lasts longer than the citizens can handle there would be a total brake down of order in the country.