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**A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND HOW THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL AFFECT THE EVERYDAY LIVE OF NIGERIANS.**

**INTRODUCTION**

The first ever suspected case was reported in Wuhan, somewhere in China on December 2019. At first the corona virus was assumed not to be a serious case until it started affecting everyone which became a global epidemic. Covid-19 is an infectious disease and can travel from person to person via contact. Scores of thousands of death have been recorded commutatively for all countries across the world. Health systems are overwhelmed by the seriously sick patients in hospitals and are nursed in the intensive care units. Global and local economies stand at their worst in decades. At the end of 2019, Wuhan and emerging business hub of china experienced an outbreak of the disease that killed more than eighteen hundred people. The symptoms of the corona virus are: cough, difficulty in breathing, fever and diarrhea. Presently, the virus has no vaccine and has put the world in health emergency but preventive measures can be taken like washing of hands and use of alcohol based sanitizers.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA**

The corona virus patients have been increasing drastically which is causing fear among the citizens. In Nigeria the first case of the disease was reported on 25th February by an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and since then it has progressed to 627 cases, out of which 21 are dead and 170 recoveries leaving 436 active cases. The rate at which people die is 1 in 30 which means Nigeria has been able to slow down the rate of spreading. Out of the 21 dead, Abba kyari the chief of staff to the Nigerian president was among the victim of this deadly disease.

The measures put in place to contain the virus are increased screening at airports, public awareness campaign, close down of both public and private schools, banning of public gatherings, closure of markets, borders and churches, social distancing, restriction of movements and lockdown of major cities in the country.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT**

The effects of lockdown has both the positive side and negative sides. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this prevent the restriction of movement among the Nigerians.  
The positive effects of the lockdown are:

1. It allows family to bond together especially families whereby the parents are hardly around due to high schedule at work.
2. It helps people to spend more time with God.
3. Reduces the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country.

The negative effects are:

1. Increase in data usage by students to attend electronic lectures
2. High dependency .
3. Increase in electricity bills and high usage of fuel for generator.

**CONCLUSION**: The corona virus has caused a lot of damage in Nigeria. The federal health ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the pandemic in Nigeria is being controlled and managed immediately. Medical personnel are trying their best to give out ways to stop the pandemic. We must also help in preventing the spread by staying home and safe.