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Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment.  Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it’s important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).

At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments. WHO will continue to provide updated information as soon as clinical findings become available.

\*EFFECT OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS

ECONOMIC MELTDOWN

• One of the effect Of the corona virus pandemic is the reduction on the price of crude oil (the mainstay of the Nigerian economy) it has tumbled like never before because of the outbreak of the corona virus and this has made a mess of the Nigerian federal government’s budget estimates for 2020,making salaries payment, debt obligations and other projections uncertain. This is clearly so because the price of crude oil, which contributes over 90% of Nigeria’s externally-generated revenue, now hovers around $30 per barrel, which is far less than the budget’s benchmark of $57 per barrel, and this signifies tough times ahead.

• It has also caused a Disruption to commerce in Nigeria because buyers and sellers cannot partake in their day to day commercial activities .

DISRUPTION OF ACADEMIC CALENDARS

• Another effect of the lockdown and restriction of movement in Nigeria is that it has caused a disruption of academic calendar’s that is students cannot follow the planned out academic calendar for the session because of the outbreak of the virus

• Also, external exams like WAEC , JAMB and also NECO cannot be carried out.

• Lectures and classes have to be carried out online due to the lockdown and tests of movement and it is not really palatable for many Nigerians .

A LAY OFF ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

• Another major issue that the lockdown and restriction of movement has caused is the issue of the lay off of socialization : Many Nigerians have had to give up socialization because of the pandemic that is they aren’t able to see their loved ones or even have physical contacts with them.

• Also Religiously , people aren’t able to go to their place of worship ( church, mosque e.t.c) and that’s another way there has been a break off on social activities .