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The corona virus pandemic also known as COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

How it spreads

The virus that cause COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or exhales. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air, and quickly fall on floors or surfaces.

You can be infected by breathing in the virus if you are within close proximity of someone who has COVID-19, or by touching a contaminated surface and then your eyes, nose or mouth.

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 transition is to be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourselves 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 cough 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.

Also, it is very advisable we wash our hands frequently, avoid touches your face, social distancing is also very important.

The total number of cases in Nigeria are as follows:

Total confirmed: 665

Discharged:118

Deaths:22

Because of the increase of people with the disease Government announced the lockdown of three major states in Nigeria Lagos, Ogun, and Abuja

This lockdown has affected Nigerians in so many ways for instance economic circumstances

Nigeria has a very high self-employment rate. In terms of occupational proportional from household perspective, my research showed that 41.4% of household members reported being own account self-employment ,26.5%in paid employment, 2.8% reported that they were employers of labor 15.7% while 13.6% reported being active in the labor force. Now as a result of this so many people during this period are unable to provide for their families and so many people are unable to work because of this.

Nigerian entrepreneurs like mike adenuga and tony elumelu have donated large sums of money to catalyse a comprehensive Pan-African response to fight the pandemic. A sizeable chunk of those donations has gone to the Lagos state government. It would be useful if some of it went to the self-employed individuals who are the lifeblood of cities like Lagos.

Another effect of this lockdown is the misconduct of some individuals. As a result of this lockdown period some people have resulted into stealing and scamming people for money.

So the effects of the lockdown are really causing a lot of problems for a lot of Nigerians.