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**Assignment :**

**Report on corona virus pandemic :**

## What is a pandemic?

A pandemic describes an infectious disease where we see significant and ongoing person-to-person spread in multiple countries around the world at the same time.

The last time a pandemic occurred was in 2009 with swine flu, which experts think killed hundreds of thousands of people.

Pandemics are more likely if a virus is brand new, able to infect people easily and can spread from person-to-person in an efficient and sustained way.

Coronavirus appears to tick all of those boxes.

With no vaccine or treatment that can prevent it yet, containing its spread is vital.

The first confirmed case of the [pandemic](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019%E2%80%9320_coronavirus_pandemic) of [coronavirus disease 2019](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronavirus_disease_2019) in [Nigeria](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigeria) was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in [Lagos](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lagos) tested positive for the virus, caused by [SARS-CoV-2](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Severe_acute_respiratory_syndrome_coronavirus_2).[[1]](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_coronavirus_pandemic_in_Nigeria#cite_note-1)[[2]](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_coronavirus_pandemic_in_Nigeria#cite_note-2) On 9 March 2020, a second case of the virus was reported in [Ewekoro](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ewekoro%22%20%5Co%20%22Ewekoro), [Ogun State](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ogun_State), a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen.

Coronavirus has been spreading rapidly around the world, with more than 2.4 million cases now confirmed in 185 countries. At least 167,000 people have died.

The United States has seen more than three times as many confirmed cases as any other country.

The virus, which causes the respiratory infection Covid-19, was first detected in the city of Wuhan, China, in late 2019.

It is spreading rapidly in many countries and the death toll is still climbing.

The US has by far the largest number of cases, with more than 766,000 confirmed infections, according to figures collated by Johns Hopkins University. This is more than nine times the number reported by China.

The US also has the world's highest death toll with more than 40,000 fatalities including more than 14,000 in New York City alone.

Spain and Italy - the worst hit European countries - have each recorded more than 20,000 deaths, while France and the UK have suffered more than 20,000 and 16,000 respectively.

In Latin America, Ecuador's official coronavirus death toll is 507. But [the government says 6,700 people died in Guayas province alone in the first two weeks of April](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-52324218) , far more than the usual 1,000 deaths there in the same period. Guayas is home to Guayaquil - the nation's largest city.

And in Japan, where the number of confirmed cases has hit 10,000, [health workers have warned that hospitals risk being overwhelmed](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-52336388) , amid reports that some are turning sick patients away.

**Effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians :**

* The price of crude oil (the mainstay of the Nigerian economy) tumbled like never before in the last 20 years. It went to as low as below $20 per barrel from above $60 just before the pandemic.
* By the early hours of 12 April 2020, the overall statistics of COVID-19 (Coronavirus infections) and associated deaths remain alarming and fearful.
* The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in 52 countries in Africa, as of 9 April 2020, is put at 12,368; a very small fraction (0.8%) of the world’s total.