

recorded 343 cases in total between February 27 and April 12, with 10 deaths recorded and 65 discharged. All of these figures have doubled or nearly doubled in the past seven days with a total of 665 cases, 455 active cases and 22 deaths with 186 discharged.

Covid-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms. Common symptoms include: fever, tiredness, dry cough. Some people may have experience: aches and muscle pain, nasal congestion, new loss of taste or smell, runny nose, sore throat, pneumonia, diarrhoea. Various bodies including the WHO and US centres for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) have issued advice on preventing further spread of Covid-19. They recommended avoiding travel to high risk areas, contact with individuals who are symptomatic, use of face masks especially for medical staff to avoid infection also from individual without symptoms. Basic hand hygiene including hand washing and the use of PPE such as face masks. At present, no effective antiviral treatment or vaccine is available for the coronavirus disease.

As a result of the rapid spread of this disease in the country, the Federal Government had decided to enforce a lockdown restrict movement in the country for a particular period of time in order to contain the virus. This has affected the citizens in different ways: Firstly, businesses are slowed down or completely stopped as people are no longer working or moving from one place to another, thus, leading to temporary unemployment. Also, this lockdown has brought hardship and suffering to the low income earners as they can no longer work to earn money to provide their basic needs. Some can survive to death as they do not have enough money to buy in bulk. This can further lead to depression if not dealt.

From this results shown, it appears that this spreading alone may not be sufficient to prevent the spread of the Covid-19. It is required that as we obey the Government and stay home, extra surveillance and monitoring should be done to get new information to be able to curb this epidemic.

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The Coronavirus Pandemic and Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)  
Research has shown that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is one of the worst epidemics in the last 50 years as it has affected more than 2 million people and caused more than 150 thousand deaths worldwide. Not many people are aware of how severe this disease really is and how it is affecting the world population.

COVID-19 is a disease that can cause what doctors call a respiratory tract infection. It can affect your upper respiratory tract (nose, mouth and throat) or lower respiratory tract (windpipe and lungs). The coronavirus cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2.

Coronaviruses are named for the spiky projections on their surface. These resemble the points on a crown. Corona means crown in Latin. It started out as the 'Wuhan virus' with everyone from researchers to news outlets - including those inside China, referring to it as such. Then it was the 'Luhuan coronavirus' and 'China coronavirus', and subsequently 2019-nCoV. Finally on February 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) gave the disease an official name: COVID-19.

In late December 2019, patients presenting with viral pneumonia due to an unidentified microbial agent were reported in Wuhan, China. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) had been identified as the cause of an outbreak of this respiratory illness. It was found that the ten genome sequences of 2019-nCoV obtained from the nine patients were extremely similar, exhibiting more than 90% sequence identity. Notably, 2019-nCoV was closely related (with 88% identity) to two bat derived severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) - like coronavirus. As of 31 January 2020, this epidemic had spread to 19 countries with 11,791 confirmed cases including 213 deaths. Today, it has spread to 210 countries with 2,447,209 total cases, 165,971 active cases, and 167,986 deaths with a mortality rate of 6.7%. Before Munich, Nigeria had