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## **CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

Corona virus (COVID-19) is an infectious diseases. The virus affects the respiratory organ and can be easily transmitted through discharge from the nose when a person cough or sneezes. A number of medicines have been suggested as potential investigational therapies, many of which are now being or will soon be studied in clinical trials. WHO encourages countries to prepare hospitals and health facilities, protect their health personnel, and decide what social distancing measures need to be implemented and for how long, among other actions.

Social and physical distancing measures aim to show the spread of diseases by stopping chain of transmission of COVID-19 and preventing new ones from appearing. The measures are used in conjunction with individual protective measures against COVID-19 such as frequent hand washing and cough etiquette. All public health measures to stop diseases spread can be balanced with adaptive strategies to encourage community resilience and social connection, protect incomes and secure the food supply. In general, implementation of distancing measures should also aim to sustain personal and professional community connections by virtual means and technology including widely accessible means such as radios and mobile phones. So effects which lockdown and restriction of movement has caused in Nigeria are:

**High criminal activities**: There are people out there fearing loss of jobs, the COVID-19 crisis and ongoing lockdown has left employees feeling anxious and worried about their future. The government on the other hand do not care for the need of these people. There has been unavailability of jobs, which resulted to steady increase of crimes everywhere.

**High cost of leaving**: There has been an increase in the cost of leaving due to the lockdown. People find it difficult to purchase what they need with the little money they have in hand, it is also because of the restriction of movement because people have no choice on where to purchase their essential needs from. And this might leads to survival of the fittest.

**Increased violence**: there has been an increase in the number of security found everywhere. Some of this officers misuse their power and abuse citizens which is not meant to be. People are caught stealing are being beaten mercilessly by fellow citizens, although things are hard this time.

There was declaration of fourteen day lockdown in all the states in Nigeria due to the continuous rise in the numbers of new cases everyday which is an extension of the lockdown in various states