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Corona Virus Pandemic

The coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19) is a highly transmittable and pathogenic viral infection caused by a severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). After an initial outbreak of the disease in Wuhan, China, that began in December 2019, the novel virus has spread to over 180 countries, with the US and the European nations of Spain, Italy and France the worst hit. To reduce the spread of this pandemic and prevent contracting it, clean your hands with soap and water or sanitizer with alcohol-based sanitizer, cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow. Also avoid contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, which entails that we should stay at home. The Government of Nigeria has seen to this by keeping the affected parts of the country on lockdown and restricting movement within and between the states affected.

The coronavirus pandemic has completely changed our way of life, shut down entire countries and shuttered businesses across the globe. Citizens are only allowed to leave their home for urgent reasons. The measure of lockdown the government took only focused on health and do not take sufficient account of the socio-economic consequences. The pandemic will be long gone, but it will take us a long time to recover from the economic breakdown caused by the lockdown.

Effects of the lockdown and Restriction of Movement on Nigerians

Countless number of Nigerians observing this lockdown do not have the essentials to be locked in. Some Nigerians gave their income by working daily to get their wages, like the back-layers, market women, builders, etc. Since they are locked in, they won't be able to work. As they aren't able to work,

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the daily income needed to provide for their families won't be available, resulting in them not being able to buy food and other things needed for ~~it~~ to go through the lockdown. They are left hungry.

Also, schools have been shut down too. After this whole pandemic is hopefully over, and school activities resume, if the student, the school management, the teachers and the school's term semester plans would be highly affected. The school management would be busy looking for ways to accomplish all that was planned for a whole semester ^{with} the little time remaining before the long vacation rolls in. The teachers would have problems ^{of} covering their course outline before exams while the students would be bombarded with too much work.

The lockdown and restriction of movements in Nigeria, although looking at the bright side, the pollution rate has gone low, it still has a very bad effect on both the government and its citizens.