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REPORT ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECT OF RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS

It has been a while since the whole world has been gripped with fear and intense tension as that which COVID-19 has brought upon us. WHO defines the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. 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 disease [appears to have originated](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports) from a Wuhan seafood market where wild animals, including marmots, birds, rabbits, bats and snakes, are traded illegally. Coronaviruses are known to jump from animals to humans, so it’s thought that the first people infected with the disease – a group primarily made up of stallholders from the seafood market – contracted it from contact with animals. The hunt for the animal source of Covid-19 is still unknown and the reports of its origin are still shady.

Poor countries now represent all of the countries where Covid-19 cases are growing most rapidly. In Nigeria, the coronavirus has caused economic depletion as most companies and work centers have been forced to shut down in an attempt to curb the spread of the disease which is airborne and through human contact with infected persons. This has led to hunger in many families and depression as the source of income in some families has been put on an indefinite suspension.

The President declared a nationwide lockdown which has been renewed at least three times since his initial ending date in effect to this which seems to have no effect on some parts of the country This is because the poor often have no savings and need the money they earn each day or each week to feed their family. That makes it impossible for them to comply with social distancing rules and thereby pushing them to disobey government orders out of desperation. The rate of death caused by disobedience to the lockdown order seems to be competing with the number of deaths caused by the virus itself. There has been over 580 cases of corona virus in Nigeria with 167 people making full recovery.

Even religious programs have been banned causing churches, mosques and traditional worship centers to shut down, thereby causing some people to lose their faith and sense of direction in the world. Some religious leaders that depend on their members help for sustenance are in great distress.s

How long the economic impact lasts depends entirely on how long the pandemic lasts. We should all remember that without containing this virus and waiting for a cure before we continue our normal lives, we might not have a future to look towards.