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*The Corona Virus Pandemic And The Effects Of The Lockdown And Restriction Of Movement On Nigerians.*

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INTRODUCTION

In this report, relevant and current information regarding the global pandemic ( COVID-19) is going to be explained fully in details. Coronavirus is represented as a crown-like spikes on the outer face of the virus. The subgroups of the coronavirus’s family are alpha, beta, gramma, and delta.

*ORIGIN.*

The coronavirus disease 19 popularly known as COVID-19 is a highly communicable viral infection caused by sever acute respiratory syndrome, which originated in Wuhan, China, recently at the end of 2019, and spread around the world. It is gotten from bats and this virus doesn’t have a clinically approved cure, which makes it more difficult to manage the wellbeing of a carrier. However, few antiviral drugs has been evaluated and has been tested resulting to clinic recovery.

*List Of Affected Countries In The World.- WHO*

 More than 92% of the global cases are currently out of china.With more than 155 countries confirmed cases and suspected cases, the outbreak has put the world on public health alert.

* USA- Moving beyond 33,500 cases
* Italy- Italy has witnessed the highest number or deaths in the world. 13,900+
* Spain-112,000+
* Germany- over 84,700.
* Others are China, France, United kingdom, Turkey, Iran, Switzerland, Nigeria etc.

*Nigeria as a case study*

In Nigeria, the coronavirus pandemic is being managed by the NCDC ( The Nigeria centre for disease control) which is the national public health institute with the mandate to curb disease outbreaks and public health emergencies. The virus is spreading rapidly in Nigeria especially in populated areas like Lagos and Abuja.

CASE SUMMARY IN NIGERIA AS AT APRIL 20TH 2020 -NCDC

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| Total sample tested | 7153 |
| Total confirmed cases | 665 |
| Discharged  | 188 |
| Deaths  | 22 |

 TOP SIX AFFECTED STATES IN NIGERIA-NCDC

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| States affected  | No of cases (lab confirmed) | No of active cases | No of discharged | No of deaths |
| Lagos  | 379 | 266 | 97 | 13 |
| Abuja FCT | 89 | 51 | 35 | 3 |
| Kano  | 59 | 58 | 0 | 1 |
| Osun  | 20 | 2 | 18 | 0 |
| Oyo  | 16 | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| Edo  | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 |

*Effects of lockdown and restriction of movements in Nigeria. –The Guardian.*

President Muhammadu Buhari ordered a two weeks lockdown which kicked off on the 29th of march 2020 and ended on the 11th of April 2020. Due to the rapid increase of coronavirus cases in Lagos state, the president ordered another 14 days lockdown which commenced on the 12th of April and is going to end on the 25th of April. All together we are in the 24th day of lockdown and this restriction of movement has caused a lot of problems in the country. These problems are as follows:

1. Hunger: farmers are unable to plant crops and traders are unable to sell farm produce due to the lockdown. People don’t have money to buy food in bulk, the NGO’s have done a great work on feeding the down trodden in the rural areas, the government has release food from the country’s food bank to feed the nation without replenishing and this can cause famine after the lockdown.
2. High crime rate: lately, the rate of robbery of food items and money has increased uncontrollably.
3. Decrease in sales: traders are unable to sell their products, and the sales of oil in Nigeria has decreased which would later serve as a threat to Nigeria’s economy.
4. Corruption: corruption has been the order of the day, the policemen in charge of the restriction of movement of the people harass road users if they don’t give them money, they can even go as far as demobilising their vehicles and beating them up.
5. Increase in health issues: apart from the virus everyone is shielding from, people develop other kinds of sicknesses like thrombosis, high blood pressure etc.

In conclusion to this, there are a few advantages of the lockdown on Nigerians and they are Family Bonding, relaxation for full time workers, improvement of personal and family hygiene, self discovery and building.