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Question

Write a report of not more than two pages on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians

ANSWER

The corona virus pandemic is one that has shaken both the great and small nations in the world. The corona virus causes a disease called COVID-19 that affects its victim's respiratory system, temperature, etc and causes a lot of other discomfort. This disease is said to have begun in Wuhan, China and spread to other parts of the world including Africa. The disease can be transmitted from an infected person to an uninfected person if the fluids (body fluids) of the infected person gets into the mouth, nose or eyes of the uninfected person and proceeds to the person's lungs. This is why we are advised to wash our hands regularly and avoid touching our faces as the virus can then easily move from our hands to our mouths, nostrils or eyes when we touch our faces.

The cure/vaccine for this virus is yet to be found and infected individuals can only depend on the efficiency of their immune system for their survival/recovery.

Due to this pandemic, a lot of economic activities have been stopped and movement is highly restricted in many nations, as a preventive measure or a means to curb the spread of the disease. This is a good idea, but it also exposes a lot of people to hunger.

Nigeria has also adopted this method to curb the spread of this infection, as it has some Corona virus cases in some states. The lockdown in Nigeria has a lot of negative consequences for Nigerians. One of the effects of this lockdown and restriction of movement in Nigeria has stopped money flow for people who earn and survive on their daily income. Taxi drivers, market traders, barbers, etc can no longer work and make money as they have to be indoors. This exposes them to hunger and they are stuck between staying indoors facing hunger or going out and being exposed to the virus.

Another effect of this lockdown and restriction of movement in Nigeria is unemployment. A lot of companies have laid off their workers as all economic activities have stopped and they may be unable to pay most of their workers' salaries. Sadly, this will affect both employees and employers of labour as companies may crumble as they are unable to generate income.

Even after this lockdown, a lot of nations including Nigeria would still be affected as it may take a while before the economy is good again and for people to get new jobs. The Corona virus is indeed a pandemic.