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**A REPORT ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

The Corona Virus Disease pandemic (COVID-19) is an ongoing pandemic which affects the respiratory system of human beings, and has caused the death of millions of people around the world. It is caused by *Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus2* (*SARS-CoV-2*). The outbreak was identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019; the World Health Organization declared the virus to be a public health emergency on 30 January 2020, and it was recognized as a pandemic on 11 march 2020. As of 26 March 2020,there were more than 470,000 cases of Corona Virus around the and more than 20,000 deaths. As of 20 April 2020, more than 2.41 million cases have been reported in 185 countries and territories, with more than 165,000 deaths.

The virus is primarily spread through droplets produced by coughing, sneezing and talking, between people during close contact; It can also be gotten from contaminated surfaces with infected droplets. The symptoms include cough, fever, and shortness of breath and complications may include pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome. A vaccine for this deadly disease has not yet been discovered, but preventive measures include hand washing, covering one’s mouth with the inside of the elbow when coughing or sneezing or with a tissue that should be properly discarded after use, keeping a distance of at least 8 feet and self isolation for those suspected to be infected. There are also people who have recovered from this disease but there may be possibility of relapse or reinfection.

Worldwide, travel restrictions, curfews, quarantines, business closure and stay-at-home orders have been implemented to reduce further spreading of the disease; although, the cause for these limitations and restrictions is highly reasonable, the effect is unfavorable to citizens under the restrictions. In Nigeria, due to facilities closure, most individuals cannot work and earn income to take care of themselves as well as their families. The individuals still work during this pandemic are health workers ( Doctors, Nurses, Matrons etc) and those involved with food and other important amenities. Schools worldwide have shutdown, and this has led to most schools adopting virtual online classes in order to help students learn and gain knowledge even during this pandemic. These restrictions are mostly unfavorable to the lower class and less priviledged as most amenities have increased in price. Transport services have equally increased in price as most of them have shut down so the remaining few use this as an avenue to gain extra income; even the prices of some important amenities like face masks and latex gloves have gone through the roof. In some states where the implementation of the lockdown is very severe, the citizens of those states are forced to stay in their homes because of fear of sanctions if they decide to go out; For instance, in Delta state, a man was killed by some soldiers in the name of implementing the lockdown. Boundary restrictions have also been set so individuals cannot travel outside of a state, and more importantly outside of the country and this is a problem for individuals who have their families outside a state or the country.

This pandemic has and is still causing a lot of problems for individuals within and outside Nigeria and it is the hope of all that a vaccine or a cure be discovered soon.