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According to WHO (World Health Organization) Corona Virus or COVID-19 is a large number or family of viruses which may cause illness in humans or animals. They are known to cause respiratory infections which may be common cold or more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). This new virus or disease which was unknown before its outbreak began in Wuhan, China on December 2019.

The new Corona virus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes or through discharge from the nose. COVID-19 affects people in different ways and is seen as a global pandemic. Older individuals or individuals with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart diseases are more vulnerable to the disease and social distancing is very important and has been placed in countries all around the globe to reduce the spread of the virus and also individuals are advised to take fruits and eat healthy in order to boost their immune system, wash their hands regularly, avoid touching their nose, eyes, mouth, clean surfaces like door handles, tables and many more to stop the spread of the deadly virus. Common symptoms are dry cough, fever, tiredness and many

more. The incubation period range from 1-14 days. Late Li Wenwang the Chinese doctor who gave warning on December about a potential SARS like virus and made him a target for Wuhan police.

The epicentre of this virus originally was Wuhan, China in which they tried to curb the spread of the disease but things got out of hands and it spread to Spain , Italy in which we all saw the prime minister in tears asking for God to see them through it and all around the globe but has shifted to United State of America as an unrelenting jobs crisis continues to push Americans into unemployment. According to the US department of Labour the number of unemployment has reached the total of 22 million or roughly 13.5% of labour force since March 14. Also with the most confirmed cases of about 82,174. The potential of a shift is high and could be Africa with its population and not fully developed and lack of necessary equipment and resources and for example Lagos, Nigeria trying to manage its crowds because a high percentage of individual depend on their daily incomes to feed their families and although our government are doing their best with giving out food supplies to those who are in need but there is a long way to go and with this pandemic poverty rate would increase.

It is said the virus is man-made and some conspiracy theories which are also used to explain this. Some believe that this is a power struggle between U.S and China which are the most developed country and this virus or as President of U.S called it Chinese Virus was made to weaken the U.S economy through unconventional means by weakening its population there by affecting its economy. It is also believed that both U.S and China wants to control Africa because of its resources for example the diamonds in Jos, gold and many more. Some say its environmentalist that started the virus due to how earth is been taken granted.

Some impacts of this pandemic has affected our socio-economic sector with decreased business and has caused the largest global recession in history, supply shortage due to panic buying, global stock, bonds and commodity markets with more than third of the global population on lockdown, some individuals are lock out of their country and not sure when they would get back and also cancellation of major events and games like Christian Holy Week events in Rome, 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, delay of production of television programs, cinema, videos games, publishing and much more.

Also, educationally it has affected educational systems worldwide with widespread closures of schools and universities which have been implemented nationwide in 165 countries. Students are now using online classes and also teachers are more respected and appreciated, proms have been cancelled also work places, convocations and many more. Students are writing exams online which have affected so many students either due to poor network for them to do such.

Again, Religiously there has been cancellation of major events, worship services, many churches; mosques have offered worship through live streams due to the virus which has affected Easter and also Ramadan also praying that God would give scientists the wisdom to combat this virus including President Trump designating 15 March 2020 as National Day of Prayer.

This virus has affected the globe and countries are ensuring that lock down have been made necessary to reduce the spread and also ensure that individuals are advised to wear protective gears like mask, gloves and also organizations, banks and individuals have contributed and made donations to help feed the old, the less privilege to cope with the issue at hand for example Apex Bank, Aliko Dangote, Femi Otedola, Jack Dorsey, Rihanna, Jacinda Ardern and many more. Although there is said to be power struggle between U.S and China, countries

are coming together and also helping one another with protective gears to help curb the virus.

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