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**A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF NIGERIANS**

**INITIATION:**

Corona virus is also known as the COVID19. It emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31,2019. Corona virus belongs to the Coronaviridae family in the Nidovirales order.At the end of 2019, Wuhan, an emerging business hub of china experienced an outbreak of the disease Corona virus that killed more than eighteen hundred and infected over seventy thousand individuals within the first fifty days of epidemic. Anybody with this pandemic shows symptoms for five days but it will usually range from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are, diarrhoea, cough, shortness of breath, fever and loss of smell. The virus can be easily spread when an infected person is in close contact with a non infected person. It begins when the infected person sneezes, when close to a non-infected person, in the process, the virus can be contacted through the air especially when it is a crowded place. Currently there is no vaccine but as our elders say, “ prevention is better than cure” the preventive measures is by washing ones hands regularly for twenty seconds, maintaining physical distance from others, use of masks and so on.

Presently, the pandemic has been ravaging and put the whole world in health emergency.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA.**

Corona virus cases have been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27th , 2020. It has taken over hundreds of thousands of lives in other countries. Nigerians, like foreign returnees and international travelers to these affected countries visited, and this kick-started the covid19 spread like wild fire. The government has made an effort through the Nigerian center for disease control(NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus. They create awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provide medical facilities to test people. The president declared that some vulnerable states should be locked down(states like Ogun, Osun, Ekiti states).

**NCDC(NIGERIAN CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL) :** It is the government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance ,detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak. Over the last three years, the NCDC has deployed a new tool for disease surveillance. The surveillance, outbreak response management and analysis system(SORMAS) is a system jointly developed between NCDC and HZI(Helmholtz centre for infections). So far, the NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response. NCDC outposts are located in Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Borno, Plateau and Rivers States.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people or information from leaving an area. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this prevent the restriction of movement among the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are

* It allows family to bond together and do things together.
* Spend more time with God.
* Relaxation to those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown.
* Reduce the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country
* It makes people reasons to think about how to do businesses online
* People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can’t be cancelled

The negative effects of the lockdown includes:

* It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on
* It has a poor effect on the economy
* It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.
* People struggle to survive
* School students can’t go to school which causes idleness.
* The school academic calendar is extended. Students will not graduate as at when due. Their time is extended.

**CONCLUSION :**

In conclusion, the pandemic has wrought several effects on our country, Nigeria. The federal government of Nigeria though the Federal Ministry of Health has been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is been controlled and stopped immediately. The NCDC has been activated in national emergency operation center working in different states in Nigeria. Medical personnel are trying their best to stop the pandemic called Corona virus. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, the Federal Government is really trying their best to make sure Nigeria is safe and we need to abide by to the preventive measures to ensure the swift extermination of this virus.