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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, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), is a family of virus that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). Corona virus belongs to the Coronaviridae family in the Nidovirales order. It emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019. 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 fifty days of epidemic. Anybody with this pandemic shows symptoms five days but it will range from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are, diarrhoea, cough, breathing difficulties, fever, loss of smell and in severe cases, it can lead to pneumonia, multiple organ failure and even death. 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 talking to a non-infected person, in the process, the virus can be contacted through the air especially when it is a crowded area.

Currently there is no vaccine although Scientists around the globe are racing to develop a vaccine, but 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, putting the whole world in health emergency.

## **CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA.**

Corona virus cases as been increasing rapidly in the past few months since February 27<sup>th</sup> , 2020. It has taken more than a hundred thousands of lives in other countries where some Nigerians too visited, and this made COVID-19 spread like wild fire, especially from foreign returnees and international travelers who are Nigerians. 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 and isolation centres to keep infected people. The president declared that some vulnerable states should be locked down, states like Ogun, Osun, Ekiti and others

**NCDC (NIGERIAN CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL)** : This is the government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance ,detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak. Over the last three years, 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 so good, NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response. NCDC is located in Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Borno, Plateau, rivers.

## **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
- It corrects a child mistakes and adjusts him/ her
- 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.
- The poor becomes poorer
- People struggle to survive
- School students can't go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness.
- The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate as an when due. Their time is extended.

## **CONCLUSION :**

In conclusion, Corona virus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country, Nigeria. The Federal government of Nigeria though the Federal Ministry of Health have 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 give out ways to stop the pandemic called Corona virus. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and act to the preventive measure that can keep us safe in this pandemic. The Federal government are really trying their best to make sure Nigeria is safe and we need to listen to the preventive measures and put it to act.