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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 also known as COVID 19, emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019. It belongs to the Coronaviridae family in the Nidovirales order. An emerging business hub of China, at the end of 2019 experienced an outbreak of the disease corona virus that killed more than eighteen hundred and infected over seven thousand individuals within the fifty days of epidemic. Symptoms are seen within five days or it ranges from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are, diarrhoea, cough, shortness of breath, fever and loss of smell. When an infected person is in close contact with a non infected person the virus is easily spread. When infected people sneezes the virus remains in the air for a while and non infected people could contact it especially through crowded places. Currently there is no vaccine but we are advised to prevent it by washing ones hands regularly, maintaining physical distance from others, use of masks among others.

CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA

Corona Virus cases has been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27, 2020. It has taken more than a hundred thousands of lives, making COVID 19 spread like wild fire, especially from foreign returnees and international travelers. Government have put in effort through the Nigerian Center for Disease Control (NCDC) to curb the spread of the deadly virus. They provide medical facilities to test people, create awareness on precautionary measures for people to follow. Some vulnerable states like Lagos, Ogun and Abuja were put on lockdown by the President.

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 past 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). 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 prevents the restriction of movement among the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown.

The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are:

- Relaxation to those who don't have time for themselves before the lockdown.
- It allows family to bond together and do things together.
- Spend more time with God.
- Reduces the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country.
- It makes people reason to think about how to do business online.

The negative effects of the lockdown includes:

- It has a poor effect on the economy.
- The poor becomes poorer.
- People struggle to survive.
- It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on.
- It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, Corona virus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country. The federal government through the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is being controlled and stopped immediately. Medical personnel are trying their best to give ways to stop the pandemic. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and act to the preventive measures that can keep us safe in the pandemic.