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CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

I am writing this essay to talk about corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movements. This virus has cost people a lot especially the students and those people infected and the dead people.

Firstly, corona virus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome ~~corona~~ coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The outbreak was identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern on 30 January 2020 and recognised it as a pandemic on 11 March 2020. As of 21st April 2020, more than 2.5 million cases of COVID-19 have been reported in 185 countries and territories, resulting in more than 171,000 deaths - more than 66%.

People have recovered, although there may be a possibility of relapse or reinfection. The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing or talking. While these droplets are produced when breathing out, they usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than remain in the air over long distances. People may also become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. The virus can survive on surface for up to 72 hours. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible

Before symptoms appear and in later stages of the disease common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

Also, the effects of lockdown is very very bad on people. Millions of Nigerians observing the COVID-19 lockdown lack the food and income that their families need to survive" said Anietie Ewuruna, a Nigeria researcher at Human Rights Watch. The government needs to combine Public health measures with efforts to prevent the pandemic from destroying the livelihoods of society's poorest and the most vulnerable people, the lockdown, however prevent many Nigerians working in informal sectors from travelling to work or conducting their business. Local food vendors and traders have expressed fears over their ability to feed their families during the lockdown with their daily earnings their only source of sustenance. An increase in food prices as a result of the lockdown also means that many cannot stock up on necessities. The vast majority of people outside of the formal system are hit devastatingly by the lockdown said Felix Morka executive director of the Social Economic Rights Action Center, a Lagos based non-governmental organization. Any disruption to their daily livelihood has a huge and significant impact on their ability to meet their most basic needs.

Finally, movement restriction have not only reduced the consumption of non-essential commodities in general but have affected the income-generating capacity of these groups, thus reducing their consumption expenditure. The restriction on movement of people and border closure forestadow a decline in exports. In conclusion, coronavirus pandemic is very

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heartbreaking issue and the effects of lockdown and restriction of movement has caused a great deal in the lives of people.