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

**Introduction;**

Corona virus; also referred to as the COVID19. It was 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 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, 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 talking 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 the whole world is taking 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.

**Covid19 in Nigeria.**

The first case of corona virus was reported on the 27th of February 2020. It has taken a total of 22 lives in Nigeria as of 20th of April 2020. Covid19 spread to Nigeria from foreign returnees and international travelers who are Nigerians and even some foreigners. Government has made an effort through the Nigerian center for disease control(NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus, they have effectively done this by implementing a stay home order in major states with high covid19 numbers like; lagos, abuja and ogun state. They create awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provide medical facilities to test people.

**Responsible agent for COVID19, NIGERIAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL(NCDC) :** 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, 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;

* Spend more time with God
* 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
* It allows family to bond together and do things together
* Relaxation
* A time to reflect

The negative effects of the lockdown include:

* It has a poor effect on the economy; the oil price in America is currently below 1$, which is a record low.
* It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.
* 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.
* The poor becomes poorer and some may die from hunger
* It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on, e.g; the one million boys parading Lagos.

**CONCLUSION :**

This is a time and a season where we must stick to prayer, for our frontline workers and for ourselves, we must also stay safe and follow the NCDC guidelines, stay home and stay safe.