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

**INITIATION:**

This infectious disease Corona virus can also be known as COVID 19. 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 symptom which 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. The disease is spreading rapidly.

Currently there is no vaccine but as our elders say “prevention is better than cure” the preventive measures are by washing ones hands regularly for twenty seconds, maintaining physical distance from others, use of face masks and hand gloves, also the use of sanitizer regularly and so on.

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

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA.**

Corona virus cases as been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27th, 2020. It has taken more than a hundred thousands of lives in other countries where some Nigerians too visited, and this make covid19 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. The boarders have been closed in order to restrict movement and try and put an end to the spread of the pandemic disease.

**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, 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. The effects of the lockdown includes:

**High criminal activities**: some Nigerian citizens generate income on daily basis from blue collar jobs like moulding of blocks, selling of goods, carrying of building blocks. During the cause of the lockdown there has been unavailability of jobs. The government on the other hand do not care for the needs of these people, hence these persons without jobs do not have what to eat. In response to the laxity of the government they have resulted to crime. There has been a steady increase of crime in Lagos and Ogun state particularly.

**High cost of living**: due to the lockdown there has been an increase in the cost of living. People who are able to go to the market find it difficult to purchase what they need with the money they have in hand. Some people no longer work and hence do not earn money hence they find it difficult to make purchases with the little that they have.

Those who sell also use this opportunity to exploit others, although it cannot be helped because these are difficult times for everybody. It is also because of the restriction of movement and it is to their advantage because people have little or no choice on where to purchase their essential needs from.

Some decide to use this opportunity to horde essential goods and this leads to inflation of the price of these items.

**Increased violence:** due to the lockdown, there has been an increase in the numbers of security personals found on the streets. Some of these officers abuse their power and beat up citizens. Citizens on the other hand often take laws into their own hands and retaliate. The rate of violence has risen to a great extent in Warri, Delta State.

**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. There was declaration of a fourteen days’ lockdown in all the states in Nigeria as a means of precaution, however due to the continuous rise in the numbers of cases everyday there has been an extension of the lockdown in various states. All everyone can do is to stay safe at home and wait.