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Corona Virus, also known as COVID-19 is a deadly disease which has been discovered to have originated from China. It can be spread when droplets of saliva are released into the air from a carrier of the Corona Virus or when he or she sneezes or coughs. It has been advised by medical personnel’s that in order to reduce the spread of this deadly disease, everyone should remain at home and avoid gatherings. It is also advised that everyone should endeavor to wash their hands regularly with soap and water. Hand sanitizers can also be used in place of soap and water in case you do not have access to soap and water. Most people infected with COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

This deadly disease has gotten to all the countries all around the world and this has caused all the countries to go on a lockdown which is to last till this pandemic has been solved. Taking Nigeria as a case study, the lockdown has been going on for almost a month now. Citizens have been advised to stay at home but the idea of staying at home is doing more harm than good. Yes, we are staying home to avoid being infected with the disease but most people gain their daily bread from going out every day. So far, the cases of this disease in Nigeria has been increasing and the days to remain at home have been increased as well. People are beginning to lose the availability of their basic necessities like food, toiletries and other. The government are meant to provide all these things but they aren’t.

There are some negative effects of the lockdown on Nigerians. Some people are scared of dying of starvation because there is no available place to get food stuffs. Also, since Nigerians are not always given the access to power supply, there has been an increase in the use of generators. This has brought about noise and air pollution. Workers who have to travel from their homes to their work places have being told to work from home and this is not an easy task because there is an insufficient supply of reliable electricity and poor internet connection. Many workers are yet to be paid their wages of March so there are deep concerns about the financial implications of a lockdown. Another thing is that the children would rather spend their time watching cartoons, movies and using their gadgets rather than occupying themselves with their studies.

President Buhari outlined some measures to ease the hardship, including a one-month advance payment of the monthly $13 given to the poorest of the poor, but most people feel that millions of self-employed Nigerians have been left without financial aid. These self-employed Nigerians cannot carry out their daily money-making activities leaving them with nothing financially.

Talking about the positive effects of this lockdown, there might be a few. Families would be able to create a stronger family bond between themselves. Students will also have the opportunity to occupy themselves with acquiring more knowledge from reading and doing researches but that is only if the students see it necessary to involve themselves with their studies.

At this point in life, the only thing someone can do is to obey all the laws which have been brought before us to keep us safe and alive and pray to God to help us pass through the deadly phase In life and also pray that the people in authority can realize that there are people who cannot provide for themselves and that they need help from these authority to stay alive.

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