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A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENTS OF NIGERIANS:

Corona virus, otherwise called COVID 19 originated from Wuhan in China on the 31st of December 2019.The virus belongs to the “coronaviridae” family in the “nidovirales” order. At the end of 2019, Wuhan had an outbreak of the disease that lead to the death of 800 people and over 70,000 people infected.

Individuals who are infected with the virus would and may show symptoms such as diarrhoea, dry cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell and fever. It can be spread when an infected person comes in contact with a non-infected person through the exchange of nasal or oral fluid when coughing, sneezing or when the non-infected person touches a surface infected with the virus.

The virus has no cure, vaccine or treatment but as we all know, PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. And of course some preventive measures can be taken by washing ones hands regularly for twenty seconds, maintaining social distance, using face masks, cleaning surfaces regularly, wearing gloves, making use of hand sanitizers, sneezing into bent elbows and so on.

Back home, that’s here in Nigeria the virus has been spreading drastically for the past few months since February 27th 2020 and due to the rapid spread the Federal Government declared a complete and total lockdown in states that were mostly and majorly affected like Lagos state, Ogun state, Osun state and Ekiti state. Other states joined in the lockdown as the virus kept spreading. Closing borders, Stopping and preventing movements of all kind at least for those who do not have special duties. The lockdown is now a form of restriction to the movement of Nigerians. Though the lockdown has good sides to it, some of which are,

* It has created room for family bonding.
* It has reduced the chances of the virus spreading.
* It’s more of a means of relaxation and leisure.

It also comes with bad sides too. Some of which include,

* Increase in crime rate.
* It has a poor effect on the economy of the country.
* Increase in the price of goods and services.
* The poor become poorer as there is no means or source of income.
* Students can’t go back to school creating room for idleness and the tendency to read reduces

The virus has caused a lot of harm and changed our everyday life. And though the virus has hindered individuals from doing things as they would have, let’s all work together and defeat this pandemic. JUST STAY HOME,STAY HEALTHY AND STAY SAFE.