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**THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC: THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The corona virus is no new news as it has ravaged about 210 countries, quickly making it a pandemic. The virus started in Wuhan, China and has spread and is still spreading fast. This caused government of the nations to implement a lockdown, including Nigeria. The Federal government of Nigeria, in collaboration with the NCDC and the state government has made this possible.

**EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS**:

On the announcement of the lockdown, Nigerians have had mixed reactions to the implementation. Because most Nigerians are low income earners, they complained that the lockdown will be hard on them. Others said that the lockdown was the only suitable way to get rid of the virus quickly.

The effects of the lockdown are numerous and they include negative side and positive side.

Some of the effects are:

* Economic meltdown
* Increased unemployment rate and poverty
* Increased robbery attacks
* Distorted academic calendar
* Loss of lives and properties
* Inadequate health centers and facilities
* Death

**CONCLUSION:**

This pandemic is growing faster than anyone ever expected and appropriate measures should be taken. The government should consider the indigent citizens and make proper provisions for them. This pandemic has showed that the health care system is Nigeria is very faulty. The federal government should also work towards making the health care services better for Nigerians.

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