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QUESTION: WRITE A REPORT, OF NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES, ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENTS ON NIGERIANS

### **A REPORT CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC, EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENTS ON NIGERIA**

The reason for this report is to explain; give meaning and history to the Corona Virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restrictions of movements on Nigerians.

**HISTORY OF CORONA VIRUS:** Corona virus disease (COVID19) is an infectious disease. The first human of corona viruses, was characterized in the 1960s, are responsible for a substantial proportion of upper respiratory tract infections in children. Since 2003, at least 5 new human corona viruses have been identified. On December 31<sup>st</sup> last year, China alerted WHO of an unusual case of pneumonia in Wuhan. The Chinese officials ruled out the possibility that this was a respiratory illness that originated from China which killed more than 700 people worldwide in 2002-2003. January 7<sup>th</sup>. This illness was later identified as belonging to the corona virus family and officially termed COVID-19.

**THE DISEASE AS A PANDEMIC:** Corona virus disease (COVID-19) just like other disease can be noticed with its symptoms, the COVID-19 symptoms are; fever, tiredness, cough, aches and pains, nasal congestion, among these there are many others. Because this disease is highly infectious it is best advised to protect yourself; by washing of hands frequently and avoiding face touching

The disease became a pandemic as labeled by the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO chief Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said it is now using a term because of deep concern over "alarming actions" over the virus. A pandemic describes an infectious disease where we see significant and ongoing person-to-person spread in multiple countries around the world at the same time.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA:** At this statement, countries like Nigeria were part of the countries being affected by this pandemic. The Federal Ministry of Health has confirmed a corona virus disease COVID-19 case in Lagos State, Nigeria. The case, which was confirmed on the 27th of February 2020, is the first case to be reported in Nigeria since the beginning of this outbreak in China in January 2020. This was the beginning of the virus in Nigeria, a while after the virus began to spread like wide fire in the country although the rate at which it is spreading

is not as drastic like some countries, and it has called for alarm and drastic measure because Nigeria is a developing country with inadequate health facilities

**THE NIGERIAN CENTER OF DISEASE AND CONTROL (NCDC):** It is a government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance, detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak. The NCDC is the government agency in control of the corona virus. Tests, measures, information have been given by the NCDC to help curb and reduce this growing disease in Nigeria

**EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA:** A Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people or information from leaving the area. The Federal Government of Nigeria has declared lockdown on some states of the country; FCT, Ogun state, and Lagos state. Apart from these states the other thirty-four states in the country have been advised to practice social and physical distance. Hence schools have been closed; it is no longer advised to be in crowded areas and so on. The effects of this lockdown in Nigeria are both positive and negative.

The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria:

- o Family time; it has helped to improve relationship between individuals
- o It reduces the spread of the virus and makes it easy to identify carriers of the virus
- o It has given individuals , most especially stressed and busy workers a time to rest
- o It is a time for productivity, creativity and personal growth of individuals, families and organizations

The negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria:

- o It has affected our already declining economy
- o The level of crime rate; day time robberies, theft e.t.c. have increased
- o Everything has been put on stop , there is no external productivity in the country
- o Students (primary, secondary, and tertiary schools) are unable to continue with their education.

**CONCLUSION:** The corona virus has taken a toll on Nigeria and Nigerians. As the federal government, the ministry of health and the NCDC are doing their best to put a stop to this pandemic in the country, it is advised to adhere to the preventive measures given by health organizations in order to stay safe and healthy in this pandemic.

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