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

**COMMENCEMENT;**

Covid-19 is the name given by the world health organization[WHO] on February 11th, 2020 for the disease caused by the novel corona virus, SARS-CoV-2. This deadly disease started in Wuhan, People’s Republic of China in late 2019 and has seen to be spread world wide. COVID-19 is an acronym that stands for corona virus disease of 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 symptoms five days but it 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.

Currently there is no vaccine but there are preventive measures people can adhere too by washing one’s hands regularly for at least twenty seconds, practicing social distancing from other people by staying away from them at least one meter, use of masks and so on.

Presently, the pandemic has been ravaging and therefore putting the whole world at risk.

CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA.

Corona virus cases as been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27th ,2020. Many Corona virus cases are more seen in the popular cities of Nigeria, Lagos and Abuja. 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 president declared that some vulnerable states should be locked down.

**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, Rivers, Borno, Ebonyi and Plateau states.

**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. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are:

* It allows family to bond together and do things together
* It corrects a child mistakes and adjusts him/her
* Spend more time with God
* Relaxation to those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown
* Reduce the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country
* It makes people reasons to think about how to do businesses online
* People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can’t be cancelled

The negative effects of the lockdown includes:

* It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on
* It has a poor effect on the economy
* It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.
* The poor becomes poorer
* People struggle to survive
* School students can’t go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness.
* The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate as an when due. Their time is extended.

**CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, corona virus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country, Nigeria and even the world at large. 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. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and act to the preventive measure that can keep us safe in this pandemic. All hope is not lost, as the only thing we can all do now is ‘’PRAY’’.