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 **A REPORT ON CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF NIGERIAN**

Coronavirus also known as COVID-19. It was first discovered in Wuhan, China on the 31st of December, 2019. Corona virus belongs to the coronaviridae family in the Nidovirales order. Anybody with the pandemic shows some symptoms, these symptoms shows within the incubation period, two to fourteen days. The symptoms are diarrhoea, cough, short breath, fever, and loss of sense of smell. The virus can be easily spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes when talking to a Non-infected person, in the process, the virus can be contacted through the air especially in crowded areas.

Currently, there is no vaccine for the virus but preventive measures can be taken like washing our hands regularly, social distancing, using of hand sanitizer, nose and mouth cover and gloves. Presently, the pandemic has been ravaging and put the whole world in health emergency and economy crisis.

**CORONAVIRUS IN NIGERIA**

Corona virus cases in Nigeria has been increasing drastically in the past few months since 27thof February, 2020 to be precise when an Italian came into Nigeria and eventually tested positive to the virus. Nigerians that visited other countries, this made COVID-19 spread like wild fire, especially from the foreign returnees and international travelers who are Nigerians.

Government has made an effort through the Nigerian Centre of Disease Control (NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus. They created awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provided medical facilities to test people and make different make shift isolation centres to treat patients that are tested positive.

**NIGERIANS CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL( NCDC )**

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. So far so good, NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response. NCDC is located in Abuja, Lagos, Oyo, Kaduna etc. NCDC toll-free number: 080097000010.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIA**

Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people from leaving a particular area to another. The federal government has ordered a total lockdown in some parts of the country and restricted movement among Nigerians. We have two states, Lagos and Ogun including the Federal capital territory, Abuja under total lockdown. Although, some states also announced total lockdown prevent the spread of the deadly virus. The positive effects of lockdown on Nigeria are:

1. To stop or reduce the spread of the deadly virus.
2. Relaxation to those who did not have time for themselves before the lockdown.
3. It allows family to bond together.

Negative effect of lockdown includes:

1. Economic turndown, the lockdown have serious negative effects on the economy. Many Nigerians depends on daily job to survive but due to the lockdown people are struggling to survive despite the palliative measures provided by the government.
2. It leads to the increase in prices of limited goods in the market.
3. School academic calendar is extended.
4. The health facilities have been over stretched.

In conclusion, Coronavirus or COVID-19 has caused a lot of damage in Nigeria, apart from taking lives, the economic negative effects has changed a lot of things in the country. The federal government, through the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is under control and stop the spread immediately. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, the federal government need to double their efforts and citizens must also adhere strictly to precaution measures to help cub the spread of the disease. Hopefully, the scientists are expected to come out with vaccine to tackle this dreaded disease to save the world.

Finally, the report on the number of deaths worldwide is very alarming especially from the United States of America and some European countries. It is pertinent to all Nigerians to stay home and stay safe to stop the spread of the dreaded disease.