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Write an essay of not more than 2 pages on Coronavirus and the effects of the lockdown and restrictions of movements on Nigeria

Coronavirus and Effects of the Lockdown and Restrictions of Movements

According to the World Health Organization (W.H.O), Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose of an infected person. Its symptoms can be perceived as a common cold or even malaria. It affects newly borns to the elderly.

Coronavirus is a pandemic that has taken the world by storm and rocked even the strongest of nations. It has brought some of the power house nations to their knees including Nigeria. It has affected more than 150 countries around the world and is still on the rampage. Presently there have been over 2 million cases around the world, with over 160,000 deaths around the world according to Worldometers. Governments of all countries affected have brought their respective countries to a stand still. All activities in almost all the countries around the globe are on hold.

In Nigeria, the coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused an uproar and caused a lot of inconvenience. Presently, the country is facing a lockdown which started at 12 midnight on the 1st of April 2020 in order to curb this deadly disease. Though the reason for this lockdown is for a good cause it has restricted many daily activities of Nigerians such as education, businesses, commercial etc. The lockdown has caused a lot of restrictions especially, the basic right of every human being; the right to movement.

COVID-19 and the lockdown has had a negative effect on the economy. Before the outbreak, Nigeria a developing country had a

fragile economy with a very low GDP growth percent is now facing a pandemic which has put a heavy strain on its economy which is making it difficult for the government to weather this crisis.

Apart from affecting the economy, it has affected the income flow of individuals. As people are not able to move freely and carry about their daily activities. It makes going to work or making a living hard for the working class especially people who have other individuals depending on them for their essentials. The lock down has forced Nigerians to stay at home at all times has caused an increase in household consumption but a decrease in income flow.

The lock down has lead to a high rate of hunger in the country as citizens do not have enough income to sustain them and their various families. This lack of income results in them committing illegal acts such as kidnapping, robbery, killing etc in order to ~~get~~ get money.

The lock down has been a bitter-sweet thing really. Bitter in the sense that it has brought about more problems for Nigerians who depend largely on their day to day work and sweet in the sense that is a good way to curb this pandemic that is taking the lives of many.