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Report on the corona virus pandemic

in December 2019, a corona virus - 2019 disease outbreak occoured in Wuhan, Hubei province in China and rapidly spread to other parts of the World. A series of cases of acute respiratory illness of unknown origin occoured in Wuhan China. It was later discovered that the disease was caused by "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus 2" (SARS-COV-2).

On the 11th of February 2020, the World Health Organization officially changed the name of the disease to "CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019"(COVID-19).

As of 21st April 2020, there are 2,545,706 confirmed cases world wide, 176,857 deaths and 687,064 recovered patients.

Nigeria's first case was discovered on the 27th of February 2020 by an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria. He had just returned from Milan Italy and was confirmed positive to the virus. So far Nigeria has 665 confirmed cases, 22 deaths,188 people recovering. Lagos has the highest number of infected persons. it has 376 cases followed by the Federal Capital Territory with 89 cases, kano 59 cases, osun 20 cases,oyo 16 cases,Edo 15 cases,ogun and Kastina 12 cases, kwara, kaduna and Akwa-Ibom with 9 cases,Bauchi 7 cases, Gombe 5 cases,Delta and ekiti state 4 cases,ondo 3 cases, Enugu, rivers, abia,jigawa 2 cases, benue, anambra, sokoto&borno 1 case respectively which also includes the death of the chief of staff to the president who died in Lagos.

The Corona virus pandemic and the lockdown which subsequently followed has caused a lot of both positive and negative effects. The negative effects are as follows:

The Corona Virus pandemic has led to economic downfall on a lot of individual Nigerians. The lockdown led to the inability to transport food products from one part of the state to another due to the ban on interstate travel. Therefore the people who depend on transportation as a source of income have no money due to lack of work. Nigerians who also get paid daily have no money because if they don't work they don't get paid. Also private businesses have been shutdown which means lack of income which may result in lack of salary or wages.

The lockdown has brought about fear, anxiety and uncertainty among citizens of the country due to increase in robberies and banditaries due to idleness. A group of about 40-50 boys popularly known as "1 million boys" have raided the streets of Lagos and broke into people's homes to collect food stuff and money from citizens. The police force are also instilling fear as one cannot go to the hospital for emergency cases without being harassed.

The lockdown has caused reduction of socialization activities as the government has placed a temporary ban on elaborate celebrations with more than 20 people. This has distruped a lot of social gatherings such as wedding ceremonies, parties and birthday celebrations. It has even caused distruptions in religious activities like the Easter celebrated by the christains which was celebrated in lockdown. This is the first of its kind.

The health sector of the country has also been greatly affected as most hospitals do not have enough intensive care units to keep the patients and are also not very well equipped. The little medical facilities are being overstretched. The health workers are also under a lot of pressure

and stress lately. There has been increase in death rates leading to mortuaries been filled up which can even lead to a disease outbreak. In Italy there has been mass burial of dead victims.

The Corona virus has also caused a distruption in the academic calendar of students as examinations and tests have been postponed due to the pandemic.

The Corona virus pandemic also has positive effects.

The Corona virus outbreak has led to reduction in air pollution from vehicles and industries. During our day to day activities, a lot of cars on the road give off poisonous substances into the atmosphere and some companies also dump their waste products into water bodies all of which have stopped now.

The lock down has created an avenue for family members to spend time together.

Most of the electricity generated is now being diverted to residential areas as companies are shutdown.

The lock down has increased the health of workers as they have been forced to take a break from the "hustle and bustle" city lifestyle.