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Introduction:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic over a new coronavirus which causes an illness known as COVID-19 that has spread to nearly every country in the world with the exception of Antarctica. The disease has killed over 166,000 people and infected more than 2.4 million.

Coronavirus:

The virus originated from Wuhan, a city in Eastern China. It spreads through droplets from an infected person, when he/she coughs, sneezes or talks, to healthy people. It can also spread through surfaces the droplets may have landed on. It started out as an epidemic in China and turned to a global pandemic. Unfortunately, Nigeria is equally affected by this virus.

The Lockdown:

Since the virus can be easily spread as some infected people have no or mild symptoms at the beginning, world leaders have enforced a lockdown of their respective countries including Nigeria. The Nigerian government has restricted movement of its citizens and banned gatherings of more than 50 people as well as schools and churches. This is so as to contain the spread of the virus in the country.

The Effect of the Lockdown:

The lockdown has been affecting Nigerians based on their financial situation. The wealthier Nigerians have stocked up and staying home although most have stopped making any money for now. But the poor Nigerians

have it harder. The government promised to provide for them but are unable to sufficiently provide for all. So they keep on working and also endangering themselves and those around them of contracting the virus. In some states, the Nigerian Army or Police Force punish those they ^{catch} not staying at home and moving about.

Conclusion:

This lockdown will have a negative effect on Nigerians financially, especially with prices of goods increasing as it is and the country economically. But I believe it will help curb the spread of the disease in our country as it has in other countries. If we can stop it on time, we can all return to our normal lives.

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