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Write a report, of not more than two pages, on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

 SOLUTION

Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is a major setback in the world today as its affecting countries economy and loss of lives. The virus affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms. Common symptoms are fever, tiredness and dry cough or continuous sneezing. Some people may experience; aches, pains, nasal congestion, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea. On average it takes 5-6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however it can take up to 14 days. People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy should self-isolate(quarantine) and are advised to seek medical attention if you have fever, cough and difficulty in breathing.

 The Corona virus has called for the cause of the pandemic around the world. The virus started in Wuhan, China late December 2019 and preventive measures were not taking then which led to the spread.

 The Corona virus is said to enter Nigeria when an Italian came to Lagos and this was the beginning of the spread of the virus and pandemic . After the virus began to spread the government enforced lockdown in Lagos, Ogun state and the nation`s capital, Abuja for 14 days which began on the 30th of march 2020 by 11:00PM. After the Federal Government placed restrictions on the movement in 3 states, some governors also took it up and did the same in their states. After the lockdown ended the government added because the case of corona virus was still increasing.

 A lot of Nigerians have been affected with this lockdown both in positive and negative aspects. It is a wise decision as the government placed lockdown but there are also some loopholes that needs to be filled. Nigeria has a total population of 206.14 million as at February 17,2020 and more than 112 million people are living in poverty in Nigeria. This means than the people living in poverty or the less privileged will have no means to eat and this can aggravate them into doing fetish things such as stealing. We can see that recently there have been a lot of cases of robbery which is because of lack of food. Some people depend on what they make daily and that’s what they use to feed themselves and now that they cannot go out and work so they are left to suffer which should not be so, because the government are meant to provide for people like this. The government have been putting efforts to serve the nation needs but it`s not enough.

 Since the lockdown have been placed security forces has killed more Nigerians than Covid-19.Security forces enforcing the lockdown in parts of Nigeria have killed more people than corona virus itself, law enforcers have killed 18 people in Nigeria according to health ministry data . The corona virus cases in Nigeria as at 20th of April is 665 cases, 188 discharged and 22 deaths according to NCDC (Nigeria Centre for Disease Control).

 The lockdown has also affected Nigerians positively in the sense that Nigerians are now discovering their talents, putting up business ideas and also learning new skills which will help to make income after corona. The pandemic is making people practice personal hygiene.

 Several people have been interviewed and asked the major question “Which one is worst in corona virus and hunger virus”? and people said that it is better to die of corona virus than die of hunger, which means that there is hunger outside. I want to use this medium to notify the government that they should put more efforts by reaching out to the mass and citizens should also help each other. If we can do this then we grow together.