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**A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.**

**INITIATION:** The disease known as Corona Virus, otherwise called COVID-19 [appears to have originated](#) from a Wuhan seafood market where wild animals, including marmots, birds, rabbits, bats and snakes, are traded illegally. Coronaviruses are known to jump from animals to humans, so it's thought that the first people infected with the disease – a group primarily made up of stallholders from the seafood market – contracted it from contact with animals.

Although the hunt for the animal source of Covid-19 is still unknown, there are some strong contenders. A team of virologists at the Wuhan Institute for Virology [released a detailed paper](#) showing that the new coronaviruses' genetic makeup is 96 per cent identical to that of a coronavirus found in bats, while [a study published on March 26](#) argues that genetic sequences of coronavirus in pangolins are between 88.5 and 92.4 per cent similar to the human virus. Some early cases of Covid-19, however, appear to have inflicted people with no link to the Wuhan market at all, suggesting that the initial route of human infection may pre-date the market cases.

The Wuhan market was shut down for inspection and cleaning on January 1, but by then it appears that Covid-19 was already starting to spread beyond the market itself. On January 21, the [WHO Western Pacific office](#) said the disease was also being transmitted between humans – evidence of which is apparent after medical staff became infected with the virus.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA:** The Federal Ministry of Health first confirmed a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) case in Lagos State, Nigeria. The case, which was confirmed on the 27th of February 2020, is the first case to be reported in Nigeria since the beginning of the outbreak in China in January 2020.

The case is an Italian citizen who works in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos, Nigeria on the 25th of February 2020. He was confirmed by the Virology Laboratory of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, part of the Laboratory Network of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control.

The Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Health has been strengthening measures to ensure the outbreak in Nigeria is controlled and contained quickly. The multi-sectoral Coronavirus Preparedness Group led by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has activated its national Emergency Operations Centre which works closely with Lagos State Health authorities to respond to the cases and implement firm control measures. It is mandated 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 Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Borno, Plateau, Rivers.

**LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA:**

Lockdown is an emergency protocol in which people are confined in order to prevent people or information from leaving an area or for security reasons. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this prevent the restriction of movement among the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown are:

- Relaxation to those who didn't have time for themselves before the lockdown.
- To reduce the virus from further spread to other countries to our country.
- It makes people think of better ways to do their businesses e.g E-commerce.
- People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can't be cancelled.
- It allows family to bond together and develop a closer relationship with each other.
- It helps a child his or her mistakes and also adjusts him/her.
- Enables people to spend more time with God.

The negative effects if the lockdown on Nigerians include:

- It causes an increase in the crime rate of an area.
- It may lead to economic hardship as a vast majority if Nigerians depend on daily wages.
- It may lead to economic hardship and may cause recession .
- It may cause inflation in markets.
- School students can't go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness.
- The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate as an when due. Their time is extended.

In conclusion, it will be good if the citizens followed the laid down rules and regulations. The government has put measures in place to help manage the outbreak of the disease in Nigeria and without us adhering to the rules, we wont be able to control and stop the spread of this diseases. The lockdown is one of these rules and without us obeying the rule, although the lockdown is seen to have more disadvantages than advantages, we wont be able to manage the outbreak of this disease. Therefore, we obeying the rules and following all the preventive measures is the only way we can be safe during this trying period.