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**A REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS(COVID-19) PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The new corona virus also known as the COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019.Corona virus belongs to the CORONAVARIDEA family in the NIDOVIRALES order. At the end of 2019,wuhan an emerging business hub of china experienced an outbreak of the disease corona virus that killed more than eighteen hundred and infected over seventy thousand individuals within the fifty days of epidemic. Anybody with this pandemic shows symptoms five days but it will range from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are, diarrhoea, cough, shortness of breath, fever and loss of smell. The virus can be easily spread when an infected person is in close contact with a non infected person. It begins when the infected person sneezes, when talking to a non-infected person, in the process, the virus can be contacted through the air especially when it is a crowded place e.g markets, shopping malls, movie theaters. There is currently no vaccine available, but it’s better safe than sorry so we are advised to social distance and take other preventive measures. Presently, the pandemic has been ravaging and put the whole world in health emergency.

**COVID-19 IN NIGERIA.**

Corona virus cases as been increasing drastically in the past few months since February 27th , 2020. It has taken more than a hundred thousands of lives in other countries where some Nigerians too visited, and this make covid19 spread like wild fire, especially from foreign returnees and international travelers who are Nigerians. Government has made an effort through the Nigerian center for disease control(NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus. They create awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provide medical facilities to test people. The president declared that some vulnerable states should be locked down.

**THE NCDC(NIGERIAN CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL) :** It is the government the agency responsible for the surveillance ,detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak. Over the last three years, NCDC has deployed a new tool for disease surveillance. The surveillance, outbreak response management and analysis system(SORMAS) is a system jointly developed between NCDC and HZI(Helmholtz centre for infections) . 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.

**THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

A lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people or information from leaving an area. 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 in Nigeria are

* It allows families to be together and do activities together.
* Spend more time with God
* Relaxation to those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown
* Reduce the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country
* People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can’t be cancelled

The negative effects of the lockdown includes:

* It increases social vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on
* It has a poor effect on the economy
* It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market in certain underdeveloped countries.
* The poor becomes poorer
* People struggle to survive
* School students can’t go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness and it acts as a setback in their academic years.

**CONCLUSION :**

In conclusion, corona virus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country. The federal government of Nigeria though the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is been controlled and stopped immediately. The NCDC has been activated in national emergency operation center working in different states in Nigeria. Medical personnel are trying their best to give out ways to stop the pandemic called corona virus. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and act to the preventive measure that can keep us safe in this pandemic. The federal government are really trying their best to make sure Nigeria is safe and we need to listen to the preventive measures and put it to act