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**REPORT ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMNT ON NIGERIA**

Corona virus is a deadly virus that started in Wuhan, China in December 2019 and since then has been spread to other countries such as The United states, Italy and Nigeria. It is a respiratory virus which is primarily spread through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

In Nigeria, the virus has affected some states such as Abuja, Lagos, Rivers State, Ekiti , Delta and so on. In Nigeria there is a total of 665 case , 22 deaths and 188 recoveries recorded as of now. Corona virus has caused a suspension in the daily activities of the nation as everyone is driven to lockdown in order for the virus to not spread any further. This has halted most parts of the business sector in the economy as everyone is forced into a lockdown. People are urged to stay at home, use face masks if they are going out, apply hand sanitizer regularly, wash their hands regularly and also should avoid touching the eye, nose and mouth. People are also urged to eat healthy, clean their houses regularly , avoid touching anyone and shaking of hands. In Nigeria, people who are infected with this disease or showing symptoms of it are told to call the NCDC which is an agency that helps in the control of the virus. People infected are isolated and given the best possible treatment that Nigeria can afford.

It has been said that some of the elite individuals of the country has donated some cash to help to acquire some of the vital equipment to combat this disease. Although Nigeria lacks the proper equipment, we are trying as much as we can to prevent the virus from affecting most of the population. It is said that the virus affects mostly the old people due to their weak immune system. It also affects individuals with respiratory diseases and diabetes. The lockdown that has been put in place has had a lot of effects on the citizens of the country. Some effects of the lockdown are closing of shops ranging from the small markets to supermarkets to the large malls; workers are relieved of their duties for now and are told to stay home. The effect of the closing down of shops has caused people to buy in large quantities but this provisions seem to be rapidly depleting and since the shops are being closed down, people have nowhere to replenish their food source and as such this might cause rapid increase in hunger across the nation. Also, as workers are urged to stay at home, it means that they won’t be able to earn their salaries for the coming months that there in lockdown and as such will have to make do with what they have right now to provide for the family but low income earners might not be able to provide properly for their family this period because their money will finish eventually and as such the family will have no source for feeding. Also, the effects of the lock down on the less privileged and the homeless are quite intense as they do not have any source of income or feeding, neither do they have any shelter to protect themselves from the deadly virus and as such are in greater risk of contracting the virus. Covid-19 has greatly affected the movement in Nigeria. People are in greater risks as crime rate has increased and also the informal sector of the economy such as street traders, taxi drivers, tradesmen and hair dressers are likely to be in jeopardy as they are low income earners and won’t really be able to survive this.

In conclusion, although this is going on the government are putting their best effort to ensure that the corona virus is well handled and the needs of the citizens are met. Therefore, people should not panic and should rather stay safe by staying at home.