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

**INITIATION:**

Corona virus also known as the COVID19. It was emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31,2019.Corona virus belongs to the Coronaviridae 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.

Currently there is no vaccine but as our elders say “ prevention is better than cure” the preventive measures is by washing ones hands regularly for twenty seconds, maintaining physical distance from others, use of masks and so on.

Presently, the pandemic has been ravaging and put the whole world in health emergency.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA.**

Corona virus cases has been spreading like a wild fire since its inception;February 27th,2020 in Nigeria and has hit 600 plus confirmed cases. It has claimed so many 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. Some states observe them like Ogun, Osun, Ekiti,lagos and lots more,while the Governor of some states having less than 3 cases of this deadly virus also ordered the lockdown of the state,so as to curb its further spread.

N**CDC(NIGERIAN CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL) :** It is the government agency with the mandate 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. 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.

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

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 family to bond together and do things together.
* As Christians or believers,this period draws you closer to your creator and personal prayer and devotions are conducted due to the shutdown of churches to prevent its further spread.
* Create leisure and relaxation time for the busy workers .
* Curbs the spread of the virus from other foreign Nations.
* It promotes the cashless policy and encourages working from home(online classes and meetings)
* 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:**

* High increase in the rate of stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and other bad vices.
* Economic stability .
* Scarcity and spike in price of goods.
* The poor becomes poorer: those who feed on their daily income becomes stranded .
* Low standard of living amongst citizen of the nation
* Idleness and disruption to the schools planned academic calendar.

**CONCLUSION :**

In conclusion, corona virus is real and its death rate is alarming as it has claimed so many lives. The federal government of Nigeria through the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is been controlled and tamed immediately. The NCDC has been activate in national emergency operation centers, working in different states in Nigeria. Medical personnel are trying their best to research out ways to stop the pandemic called corona virus. As the outbreak is still claiming , we should listen and ahead to the preventive measure such as: using alcohol based santatizers often,frequent washing of the hands with soap,social distancing and lots more;that can help keep us safe in this pandemic.Stay safe!!!