C0R0NAVIRUS PANDEMIC,’EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN’ AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OFON NIGERIANS**.**

The 2019-20 corona virus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-Cov-2).

The outbreak emanated from Wuhan, china, in December 2019, declared to be a public health emergency of international concern on 30 January 2020, and recognized as a pandemic by the world health organization on 11 March 2020.As of 14 April 2020, more than 1.94 million cases of covid19 have been reported in 210 countries and territories of the world. Result in more than 123,000 deaths. More than 467,000 people have recovered, although there may be possibility of relapse or reinfection the case fatality rate varies significantly between countries.

The 14-days lockdown in Nigeria was initiated by President Mohamed Buhari to help prevent the spread of the virus in the country to keep Nigerians safe. The initial 14-day lockdowns in the three areas began on March 30. There are currently 323 confirmed cases of the virus in Nigeria, with 71 percent of them registered in Lagos and the capital territory of Abuja. Ten people have died so far. ‘’It is a matter of life and death,’’Buhari said of the nation’s response. ‘’The repercussions of any premature end to the Lockdown action are unimaginable.

The NCDC (NIGERIA CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL) has the mandate to coordinate the surveillance, detection and response to infectious disease outbreak by sending text message to citizens of Nigeria on how to stay safe by washing their hand regularly with soap and water, use of hand sanitizers, educate them on how the virus spreads, their symptoms and to report any suspected case of coronavirus around them. They also tell the citizens to stay safe, stay at home and keep their social distance between people but the lockdown has various effects on Nigerians and one of those effects are economic hardship which has caused the citizen not to do the various occupation that they do in order to feed and take care of their family. It also causes people to run out of resources which enable them to survive during the lockdown and cannot get the resources at this time because of the lockdown or may not even have money to get the available resources they need to survive and can lead to begging, stealing or any criminal activity during this time. People are not allowed to go anywhere or even travel to see their love ones or travel for their business trip. Poor people who sell or do something to survive will not be able to feed their selves or loved one because they are not allowed to sell anything or do things that involve going out to find food, wants or needs for themselves. This has also caused increase in price of all rare materials that are available during the lockdown to people who may need them and has also caused non-availability of these resources because suppliers will not be able to get these materials due to the lockdown, available materials will not be enough as people will tend to buy them, the supplier may be ordered by the government to shut down. Another effect of the lockdown is closing of schools and universities, churches, events or anything that has to do with gathering which may cause the spread of coronavirus and restriction of movement which can avoid infected person to carry the disease to various places where people live. Schools has been ordered to lockdown where education of children and various jobs has stop which may cause the children not to learn and school workers not to earn in order to receive knowledge and resources to feed their family. Churches has close and also caused pastors, church workers and Christians to earn and learn the word of God to carry out Gods messages to the world and the church to help pray for covid-19 patients and fight against the disease. Events like birthday parties, weddings, and meetings are to stop to avoid spreading of the disease through crowded areas and gatherings. People are to stay at home and watch their hands properly and keep their social distance from others.

Restriction of movement on Nigerians has caused some Nigerians to involve themselves in home activity which they have not done because of work, business or meetings and also in illegal acts like prostitution, robbery and stealing just to get what they want. Lockdown is an emergency protocol that prevents people or information from leaving the area to stop the spread of coronavirus and this protocol must be obeyed as it enforced by the leaders of the country or states in Nigeria but some citizens of Nigeria are stubborn and do not want to obey which has made the federal government of Nigeria to enforce law to the police and military to arrest anybody who decides to disobey the rules and regulation. The law enforcement has been ordered to block roads, destroy businesses that open and arrest civilians that moves outside their residents or even shoot civilians who fights back against them. This has been carried out to keep Nigerians safe and should be followed by them to avoid the law from becoming a war.

No one should go out unless it is an urgent emergency that needs to be carried out so Nigerians can stay safe and win the fight against covid-19.