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 Question

Write a report, of not more than two pages, on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It started in the Wuhan province of China in December 2019 and ended up as a pandemic affecting the whole world. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus. Corona virus is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person in respiratory droplets from someone who is infected. People who are infected often have symptoms of illness. Viruses can spread from animals to humans. Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses that are common among animals.

When it comes to human-to-human transmission of the viruses, often it happens when someone comes into contact with an infected person's secretions, such as droplets in a cough. The viruses can make people sick, usually with a mild to moderate [upper respiratory tract illness](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK532961/), similar to a common cold. Coronavirus symptoms include a runny nose, cough, sore throat, possibly a headache and maybe a fever, which can last for a couple of days.

For those with a weakened immune system, the elderly and the very young, there's a chance the virus could cause a lower, and much more serious, respiratory tract illness like a pneumonia or bronchitis.

Depending on how virulent the virus is, a cough, sneeze or handshake could cause exposure. The virus can also be transmitted [by touching something an infected person has touched](https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/17/health/novel-coronavirus-surfaces-study/index.html) and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

Human-to-human transmission has been confirmed for the Wuhan coronavirus, but experts are now trying to understand who is transmitting it most, who risk is at most and whether transmission is occurring mostly in hospitals or in the community. SARS and MERS were largely transmitted inside hospitals,

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.

[Wash your hands](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used. Also, [routinely clean](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html) frequently touched surfaces.

There is no specific treatment for corona virus, treatment aims to relieve the symptoms until you recover, but research is underway. Most of the time, symptoms will go away on their own and experts advise seeking care early. If symptoms feel worse than a standard cold, see your doctor

Due to this virus, there has been total lockdown and restriction in movement which has in turn had a great effect on the people especially in Nigeria. Some of them are;

**Businesses being shut down**  
Although many businesses have been shuttered or left operating a low capacity mode in the past few weeks, especially in Lagos and some other states where the case is critical and more in number. The restriction order will see many more businesses shut down with the exception of important organization like: hospitals, medical and healthcare-related establishments, food processing, distribution and retail companies; petroleum distribution and retail entities; power generation, transmission and distribution companies; private security companies and the press. These businesses will, however, be monitored. This has led to lack of income for some people and lack of some necessary resources

**Hunger and Financial hardship**

**This is a great effect on Nigerians, because of the lockdown and restriction, many families are in hunger either because they no longer resources that would last them or because they do not have to satisfy their which is as a result of the shutdown of business (the source of their income). Also, the rise in price of goods at this period has made some people who are not well to do to not be able to afford certain things. The most affected states** are some of the most populated states in Nigeria hence demand for food will be high.

**Security Concerns**  
The lockdown may spike security concerns as security agents would be tasked with the double duty of enforcing the restrictions while protecting lives and properties. A few security challenges have been reported in other African countries that have imposed similar restrictions.

Irregular power supply

Electricity remains a major challenge in the country. Due to the lockdown, most people rely on costly diesel-powered generators to power their home and keep the business going which is adding to cost. But with regular power supply this factor can be prevented.

Also, the restriction of movement has hindered the exports of goods, because countries around the world have closed their borders and even within Nigeria and global supply chains for exports have been disrupted. And this has a great effect on the people especially traders.

Indeed this pandemic coronavirus has really affected everyone from business people down to school students. Though the lockdown is to prevent continuous spread of this virus, the fact that it is having a great effect on us cannot be overlooked. And it has eaten deep into the country’s economy and the citizens are now suffering from this pandemic.