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

**INITIATION:**

In December 2019, the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2 emerged in China and now has spread in many countries. It was emerged in Wuhan, China on December 31 2019. Anybody with this pandemic shows symptoms within five days but will range from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are diarrhea, cough and fever, shortness of breath and loss of smell. This begins to spread when infected persons sneezes or coughs when talking to a non-infected person physically. The virus can’t reach the person if they are two meters apart.

Presently there is not yet a vaccine for this pandemic disease, so the best way to make ourselves far from it, is by taking the precautions wisely, which are washing of hands regularly, use of an alcohol based sanitizer, avoidance of crowded places and use of hand glove and a nose mask.

At the moment this pandemic has been ravaging all around the world and it is putting the whole world in a great health emergency.

**CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA**

The first case of Corona virus in Nigeria occurred on February 27th 2020 through an Italian businessman who flew into country. Government has made efforts through the Nigerian Center for Disease Control (NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus.

On March 29th, President Buhari announced a cessation of movement in the Federal Capital Territory, in Lagos and Ogun States to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The lockdown went into effect at 11:00 pm on March 30 and will remain in place for an initial period of fourteen days. During this time, businesses and offices must remain closed and people are expected to stay at home.  The lockdown has some exemptions, including hospitals and healthcare facilities and some commercial establishments in the food, energy, petroleum, and security sectors.

The Government of Nigeria initiated a Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 to provide high-level strategic national response to the disease in Nigeria. The Federal Ministry of Health also activated an NCDC-led national COVID-19 Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to coordinate the public health response activities. At State-level, preparedness and response activities are being coordinated through Public Health EOCs in each State.

The Federal Ministry of Health is working closely with States and the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, to review response activities and to institute measures to protect the health of Nigerians.

The NCDC has also launched a campaign themed #TakeResponsibility. This is a call to all Nigerians and residents in the country to join forces and to be proactive in taking greater individual and collective responsibility in preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 in Nigeria.

**EFFECTS OF LOCK DOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA.**

Lock Down is an emergency procedure that usually prevents people or information from leaving an area. Basically there is a positive and negative effect of this lock down

The Positive effects are:

* It serves as a time for relaxation for those members who don’t have time for themselves.
* It makes people to become closer to God.
* This allows family members to bond together and do several things together.
* It reduces the virus from spreading from country to country.

The Negative effects are:

* It has a really bad outcome on the country’s economy.
* It disrupt the calendar of schools and companies.
* This leads to inflation of goods in the country.
* People who gain money daily struggle to survive.
* This introduces bad vices to the society which are stealing, kidnapping, armed robbery and prostitution.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, corona virus has and is causing a lot of havoc and also it’s changing a lot of things in Nigeria.

The NCDC has been activated in national emergency centers, working in different states in Nigeria. Medical doctors and other personnel are giving their possible best in order to find a solution to this pandemic called corona virus. I believe that as the lockdown is still ongoing, we should give our ears to the preventive measures that could protect us. In as much as we are not able to move around, we should also find a little time to give to the needy and those who are not able to provide food and other things for themselves on a daily basis.

I am strongly positive that if we take all this precautions to heart and if we do all the needful, Nigeria will be out of the list of countries battling with corona virus (covid-19). STAY AT HOME, STAY SAFE.