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ASSIGNMENT: Write a report of not more than 2 pages on the corona virus pandemic and the effect of the lockdown and restriction of the movement in Nigeria.

ANSWER.

Matter arising from covid-19

The corona virus commonly known as covid-19 is a global disease that affects all. Before the recent occurrence of covid-19. It was said to have began in 1965 when virologist, Tyrell and Bynoe found this virus and then it was known as B814. It was said to be found in human embryonic tracheal organs cultures obtained from the respiratory tract of an adult with a common cold. Tyrell and Bynoe could not handle this virus alone , so they led a group of virologist.

In 2003, after the sudden disappearance of this disease ,5 new cases were found but these cases were taken care of before manifestation. One of the victim of this virus is a 71 year old man who returned from Shen-zhen ,China a previously SARS-epidemic area. He was first diagnosed with a fever and a cough.

This brings us to the present global pandemic we are experiencing (Covid-19). On December 31st 2019, the “WHO”

China office heard the first report of this virus in Wuhan. What started as an epidemic limited in China has now become a global pandemic. On the 14th April when I made my research, it was known that there was over a million confirmed cases globally (according to John Hopkins University covid-19 dashboard). This virus has been detected in 213 countries and territories with Italy, Spain and The United States experiencing the most widespread outbreak outside of China.

In Africa, the first case was detected in Egypt, followed by the second case in Algeria, due to their direct link of high volume to travel to China. There are a lot of African countries aside from Egypt and Algeria affected by this virus. They include; Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and Nigeria is not left out from this pandemic, but so far Nigeria is one of the African countries with the least number of cases. In Nigeria the first case was announced 27th February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos was tested positive for this virus. The second case was in Ogun state and many more cases follow suit. While the figure of the confirmed cases were less, the country tried controlling this disease but when they could not . The government of Lagos state, Fct and other states made announcement on a strict Lockdown. In Fct, the government made the lockdown enforcement more strict on the 9th April 2020, when the state recorded the total case of 288 cases and 7 death. This lockdown was enforced for 2 weeks

Unfortunately, at the end of the 2 week lockdown, the cases kept coming up daily so the government enforced another 2 weeks lockdown hoping that the number of affected persons will reduce since there are no vaccines yet, we all have to be on preventive measures such as washing of hands regularly with soap and water, sanitizing of hands, do not touch you face or mouth with your hands, practise social distancing i.e stay at least 2metres away from the next person etc.

As we count to the end of the 2 weeks extra lockdown that was enforced, we hope that vaccines of this virus would be found and this virus will be put to an end.