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**A report on coronavirus and the effects of lockdown and restriction of the movement of Nigerians**

Corona virus, also known as COVID 19, emerged in Wuhan, china late December, 2019. Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that cause disease in animals. This diseases can hop from animals to humans. So far, around 20 per cent of Covid-19 cases have been classed as "severe" and the current death rate varies between 0.7 per cent and 3.4 per cent depending on the location and, crucially, access to good hospital care. The symptoms of c0vid 19 are diarrhea, dry cough, tiredness, fever, nasal congestion, runny nose and a sore throat. It can be transmitted when an infected person coughs/ sneezes and the virus is transported through the air and reaches an uninfected person. If the virus is on any surface it can still be transmitted if a person that had contact with that surface were to touch their mouth, nose or eyes.

As of now there is no vaccine, but doctors are looking to find antibodies from people that have survived the virus, and hopefully build a cure from there. Prevention though is better that cure. To avoid the illness, one should wash their hands regularly, avoid large gatherings, social distance and avoid touching the face.

**In Nigeria:**

As at 11:10 pm 20th April there are 665 confirmed cases were reported with a total of thirty-eight new cases. Discharged: 188, Deaths: 22.

The country’s response is by employing The Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) which is the government agency with the instruction to lead the prevention, detection and control of communicable disease.

Coronavirus was said to have been brought into Nigeria by an Italian. After then awareness has been spread and the government mandated lockdown of all non-essential activities in vulnerable states like Ogun, Ekiti, Osun and so on in lockdown, while some have a curfew.

**Effects on restriction and lockdown on nigerians:**

The lockdown has some good and bad sides, as Nigerians have publicly shown.

The negative effects of coronavirus are:

1. It delays the process of academic activities as the school calendar has been disrupted. This extends the years till graduation.
2. It means there is no money as people can’t go to work and can’t pay bills or buy food
3. Because the economy is at a standstill. This may lead to a recession, as the exchange rate steadily rising, and causes a drastic fall in the price of oil in the international market.
4. It causes frustration, which leads to stress and anxiety.
5. Because of the rising poverty levels, people resort to stealing.
6. Students are idle and this may cause redundancy.
7. Surviving becomes an issue

Positive effects are:

1. It forces people to rest/relax, as they may not have been doing so because of work.
2. It creates new interests.
3. It forces people to find new ways to entertain themselves and in the process create and innovate.
4. It forces family to bond
5. It shows people not to take anything for granted.

In conclusion, this pandemic has shaken the foundation on which we Nigerians have built our lives on. And hopefully when all this is over we will be able to build our lives back and continue with daily routine. But before that can happen people need to listen to our government and stay at home and maintain social distancing.