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**REPORT ON CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS**

Coronavirus(COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2(SARS-COV-2). The disease was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, and has since spread globally resulting in the 2019/2020 coronavirus pandemic. Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Other symptoms may include fatigue, muscle pain, diarrhea sore throat, loss of smell and abdominal pain. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms is typically around five days but may range from two to fourteen days. The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing or talking. While these droplets are produced when breathing out, they usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than remain in the ground rather than remain in the air over long distances.

The virus can survive on surfaces for up to 72hours. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible before symptoms appear and in later stages of the disease. A minority of cases do not develop noticeable symptoms at any point in time. These asymptomatic carriers tend not to get tested, and their role in transmission is not yet fully known, however, preliminary evidence suggests that they may contribute to the

**spread of the disease. The lungs are the organs most affected by COVID-19 because the virus accesses host cells via the enzyme angiotensin-converting enzyme 2(ACE 2) , which is most abundant in the type II alveolar cells of the lungs.**

According to WHO, the use of face masks is recommended only if a person is coughing or sneezing or one is taking care of someone with a suspected infection. A number of countries have recommended that healthy individuals wear face masks or cloth face coverings like scarves or bandanas in public, in China, Hong Kong, Spain.

Nigeria has a very high self-employment rate. In terms of occupational proportions from a household perspective, research showed that 41.4percent of being own account self employment . Loss of income will be the immediate concern for individuals who have been contributing to household consumption through their entrepreneurial activities and engaged in hand-to-mouth self employment. It will be hard for such individuals to participate in the lockdown when their households depend on them for consumption. Before the pandemic, the Nigerian government had been grappling with weak recovery from the 2014 oil price shock, with GDP. Due to the pandemic, aggregate demand has fallen but government expenditure has risen.