

# Corona Virus Pandemic

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## CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19)

Corona Virus disease (COVID-19) started in Wuhan, China in December 2019 as an epidemic and ended up as a pandemic (affecting the whole world) which has caused the whole world into a war-like situation; Nigeria

Scores of thousands of deaths have been recorded cumulatively for all countries across the world.

Health systems in most countries are overwhelmed by the seriously sick patients in hospitals, many of whom are on ventilators and nursed in intensive care units (ICU). Global and local economies stand at their worst in decades; the world economy is now declared to be in recession by the World Bank/IMF, and could eventually lead to the deepest depression since 1929.

Within short history, overall death counts

for the pandemic remain unprecedented in modern times since the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic that affected 500 million of the then 1.5 billion world population and led to millions of deaths including hundreds of thousands of deaths in the then Nigerian population of 18 million.

## EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA

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The ongoing crisis is a development in permanence in all continents of the world; it is characterized by structural unemployment, underemployment, mass hunger, homelessness, poor healthcare, lack of adequate clean water for human consumption and a very gloomy future for the youth and the poor working masses.

These has hampered humanity's progress. The concrete reality is that the resources available in society are enough to cater for food and the essential needs of everybody

if equitable distributed while everyone keep safe at home to keep the virus at bay.

With ~~the~~ movement restrictions, households are ~~not~~ unable to meet required needs.

To help relief ~~the~~ individuals during this lockdown; Safety measures must not be

Compromised - adequate and appropriate personal protective kits for all health workers.

• All workplaces; including non-health sector, such as food processing factories, oil and gas, the power sector, and other factories where workers are presently working should provide appropriate personal protective kits for all workers.

• Guaranteed Salary for all ~~every~~ <sup>workers</sup> in the period of lockdown: No job losses.