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The Corona Virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement

The "Corona Virus Pandemic" is a very pressing issue in today's society on a global scale. It is constantly affecting our daily lives. A virus is a submicroscopic infectious agent that replicates only inside the living cells of an organism. The Corona virus disease is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered virus. Corona virus is commonly known as COVID-19.

COVID-19 as it is popularly known, was identified to begin in China. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Data has shown that it spreads from person to person among those in close contact within about 6 feet. The virus spreads by respiratory droplets released when someone infected with the virus coughs, sneezes or talks. The symptoms of COVID-19 range from mild to severe, ~~even~~ including fever, fatigue, sore throat etc. Its spread can be prevented by following precautions like

- Avoiding large events and mass gatherings
- Wearing of a cloth face mask in public areas
- Avoiding close contact with people outside your home
- ~~Due~~ Avoiding contact of the hands with the eyes, <sup>nose</sup> and mouth.

Due to the contagious level of COVID-19 and its means of transmission, governments around the world including Nigeria's government have imposed lockdowns to reduce its spread. The lockdowns close all non-essential service organisations,

Restrict movement and travelling and also prevent large gatherings. These have all been put in place to curb the virus's spread.

Nigeria recorded its first case of Corona Virus on the 31st January 2020 and since then, cases have continued to skyrocket. The lockdown and the restriction of movement in Nigeria has adverse effects which include the crippling of the Nigerian economy and the educational system. Due to large gatherings like markets and non-essential service workers being put out of operation and work. Individuals are stuck at home with no means of movement, no means of obtaining food or money, this has crippled the economy.

The current lockdown also has a major effect on the academic calendar. As a result of the lockdown all academic institutions have shut-down and learning has ceased.

I personally encourage the Nigerian government to take more measures, but I commend them on what they have done so far. The government should set days apart for market operation in order to ensure food gets to the people and the relief funds should also be issued speedily to help individuals in need during this period. I recommend that the government speed up their testing process, they should also invest properly in the present medical institutions to enable them continue functioning.

Although the lockdown has many adverse effects, it is for our benefit, but it is not permanent. Therefore individuals should continue to strive till it is over.