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A Report on Corona Virus Pandemic and The Effect of The Lockdown And Restriction of the Movement of Nigerians

Corona virus also known as Covid-19 caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The outbreak was identified in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019. Coronaviruses belongs to the Coronaviridae family in the nidovirales order. At the end of 2019, Wuhan an emerging business hub in China experienced an outbreak of the deadly Coronavirus that killed more than eighteen hundred and infected over seventy thousand individuals within the fifty days of the epidemic. Typically with this pandemic, shows symptoms five days but it ranges from two to fourteen days. The symptoms are cough, fever, etc. Shortness of breath; the virus can be easily spread when an infected person due to is in close contact with a non-infected person. It begins when the person sneezes, when talking to a person, in the process, the virus can be inhaled through the air especially when it is a crowded place.

Currently there is no vaccine ^{or cure} to the pandemic but there are preventive measures to be taken such as, social distancing, regular washing of hands, etc.

The outbreak was a pandemic was recognized as a "public health emergency" on 30th January 2020 by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Coronavirus In Nigeria

The pandemic has been increasing drastically in the past few weeks since February 27th, 2020. It has taken more than a hundred thousands of lives in other countries where some Nigerian visited, and this made Covid-19 to spread like wildfire especially from foreign returnees and international

travellers who are Nigerians. Government has made an effort through the Nigerian Centre for Disease and Control (NCDC) to stop the spread of the virus. They create awareness, in precautionary measures for people to abide. They also provide medical facilities to test people. The president declared that some states like Lagos, Ogun, Ekiti be locked down.

Nigerian Centre for Disease and Control (NCDC)

It is a government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance, detection, and response to infectious disease outbreaks. Over the last three years, NCDC has deployed a new tool for disease surveillance - The outbreak response management and analysis (SIRmats) is jointly developed between NCDC and HZI (Helmholtz centre for infection). NCDC has supported states for approval - coordination of outbreak response. NCDC is located in Abuja, Ogun, Lagos etc.

Effects of Lockdown and Restrictions of Movement in Nigeria

Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually prevents people from leaving an area. The FG has ordered an all-India lockdown in Nigeria and prevent the restriction of movement in Nigeria. There are positive and negative effects of lockdown and restriction of movement in Nigeria.

Positive Effects

- Spend more time with family
- It allows family to bond and do things together
- Reduces the rate at which the virus spreads
- Reduction to those who generally have time for themselves
- People reason on how to move business online

Negative Effect

- The poor becomes poorer
- It has a poor effect on the economy
- People struggle to survive
- It introduces vices like prostitution, stealing, robbery etc
- It leads to increase in price of limited goods in the market

In conclusion, Coronavirus has caused a lot of things to Nigeria and also changed a lot of things. The FGS of Nigeria through the Ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure the outbreak in Nigeria is being controlled.

Medical personnel are trying their best to give out ways to stop the pandemic. As the outbreak is still in our country the only thing we can do is to act on preventive measures by social distancing, staying at home etc.

Stay home Stay safe.