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CORONA_VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.

Coronavirus also known as COVID 19, a global outbreak emanating from China has sent the world into panic and alarm. Our world is battling a pandemic , one that is disrupting world market, stalling global trade , challenging emergency healthcare preparedness of states , disrupting normal lives and testing the resolve of leadership in times of crisis. The Nigerian government have scrambled to take preventive measures, encouraging people not to panic by imposing travel bans, prohibiting mass gatherings and imposing a lockdown.

The economic impact from coronavirus on Nigeria's economy is disproportionate and affects both sides of the economy – supply and demand. Due to the lockdown supply of goods and services has been impaired because of shutdown of factories and offices, thereby leading to a fall in output. Disruptions in global supply chains will lead to a drop in value creation. On the demand side as well, consumers will stay home and stop spending a lot on products. Revenues from oil exports, tourism industry and remittances have been hit hard . This effect could push the country back into recession , which it experienced in 2016.

Nigeria operates a largely mono product economy solely based on crude oil. The price of crude oil has dropped due to the effect of coronavirus and this has impaired Nigeria's economy. With the present state of the economy , workers' salaries may be in jeopardy . This in turn leads to increase in hunger and theft. People who earn a living on a daily basis are hit the most by this and they may fall under the category of people that end up stealing, not because they want to, but in order to survive.

Due to the fact that there is a restriction of movement , couples and families will be stuck together for a long period of time which most couples aren't used to . This may lead to domestic violence because some people prefer not to be cooped up with their partner for a really long period of time . The educational system has also been affected due to the shut down of both primary and tertiary institutions .

Nigeria's health care delivery system is weak , therefore an increase in the number of coronavirus cases will take a toll on the health care system , because of lack of infrastructure and resources to meet the patients needs. The health care workers can get infected with coronavirus in the line of duty, thereby leading to a decrease in the number of health care workers . This may also lead to an increase in death rate due to the reduction in the number of health care workers available to take care of the patients.

Nigeria may not be the most affected country by coronavirus but people can end up dying from hunger and domestic violence rather than coronavirus if caution is not taken.

