

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

This paper examines the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians due to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Coronavirus is an infectious disease that causes respiratory illness. The virus is more dire to older people or people with pre-existing medical problems. It originated from Wuhan China in December 2019, has ever since spread across the world, gaining the reputation of a pandemic.

Most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms including:

fever.

tiredness.

dry cough.

Some people may experience:

aches and pains.

nasal congestion.

runny nose.

sore throat.

diarrhea.

As at today there is no known cure for the Coronavirus, therefore preventive measures are taken very seriously including lockdown and social distancing.

The first case of Corona virus in Nigeria was confirmed on the 27th of February 2020.

The case was an Italian citizen who worked in Nigeria and returned from Milan, Italy to Lagos, Nigeria on the 25th of February 2020. He was confirmed by the Virology Laboratory of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

The President of The Federal Republic of Nigeria Muhammadu Buhari asked the residents of Lagos and Ogun States as well as the Federal Capital Territory to stay at home for an initial period of fourteen days starting from Monday, 30th March 2020.

Many State Governments also introduced similar restrictions.

The lockdown was then extended by an extra 2 weeks on 13th April 2020

Nigeria has about 200 million people, most Nigerians depend on daily wages, they must go out to get money and buy food to put it on the table for their families.

The extension of the lockdown is expected to add to the hardship of millions of Nigerians living hand-to-mouth.

The government has pledged a series of support measures to ease the financial pain for the most vulnerable, but there have been widespread complaints that not enough is being done for those facing hunger.

For people that can afford to stock up on food, there isn't enough electricity to preserve their food stuff. This causes extra expenses for those people because they must replace their spoilt food stuff. Some people aren't lucky enough to be able to replace their food stuff due to the restriction on movement. Prices are also high.

The economy of Nigeria is going down hill due to the lockdown and restriction of movement. International trade is being hampered. The possibility of revenue, even from small trades is minimal.

Insecurity is at large, armed forces have been deployed to enforce the restrictions on movement. There has been major abuse of power. Law enforcers have reportedly killed more than 18 people in Nigeria since lockdowns began on 30 March.

Nigerian security forces have a reputation for brutality, however Nigeria's police force encouraged citizens to report officers who violate rules on conduct.

As at today, there are 627 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Nigeria

It's clear that the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians due to the Corona virus are major.

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