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Assignment: write a report on the corona virus and the effect of the lockdown and restrictions in Nigeria.

Answer

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Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is defined as illness caused by a novel coronavirus now called severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2; formerly called 2019-nCoV), which was first identified amid an outbreak of respiratory illness cases in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.It was initially reported to the WHO on December 31, 2019. On January 30, 2020, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global health emergency.On March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, its first such designation since declaring H1N1 influenza a pandemic in 2009.

Illness caused by SARS-CoV-2 was recently termed COVID-19 by the WHO, the new acronym derived from "coronavirus disease 2019." The name was chosen to avoid stigmatizing the virus's origins in terms of populations, geography, or animal associations.On February 11, 2020, the Coronavirus Study Group of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses issued a statement announcing an official designation for the novel virus: severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN IN NIGERIA

The effect of the lockdown and restriction of movement due to the corona virus has caused more harm in Nigeria than the corona virus has. Some of which are:

\* Educational Disruption: The lockdown has affected the educational sector therefore disrupting the academic session calendar. This has caused all educational activities to be on hold which is affecting students by making them unable to go to school to learn, delaying external and internal school exams and delaying the graduation of so many students.

\* Starvation: Even before the pandemic starvation was already a major issue in Nigeria. This lockdown has made a lot of people who feed hand-to-mouth daily to suffer from intense hunger because they aren’t making any money to feed themselves and their families.

\* Theft: Due to the fact that people aren’t allowed to work anymore and so many people don’t have savings to sustain them throughout the whole lockdown, they begin to rob people,break into people’s houses,etc all in the name of “survival of the fittest” and the government isn’t doing anything about it.

\* Loss of Jobs: A lot of jobs are collapsing this period because if no one is allowed to go out, one can’t take care of their business especially those that can’t work from home. There’d be no customers to patronize you, no import and export and for those that have perishable goods their goods would have perished before the end of the pandemic. When people aren’t gaining but they keep spending on things like food items, by the end of this lockdown they might not have enough money to start their business so they’d be forced to shut it down.

\* Effect on mental health: A lot of people are committing suicide or going crazy due to the thoughts of staying indoors doing nothing, frustration, stress, overthinking, anxiety, hunger,depression,etc.

\* Economic crisis: Before the pandemic, the Nigerian government had been grappling with weak recovery from the 2014 oil price shock, with GDP growth tapering around 2.3 percent in 2019. In February, the IMF revised the 2020 GDP growth rate from 2.5 percent to 2 percent, as a result of relatively low oil prices and limited fiscal space. Relatedly, the country’s debt profile has been a source of concern for policymakers and development practitioners as the most recent estimate puts the debt service-to-revenue ratio at 60 percent, which is likely to worsen amid the steep decline in revenue associated with falling oil prices. These constraining factors will aggravate the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak and make it more difficult for the government to weather the crisis.