

## **REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

The coronavirus(COVID-19) is a world wide virus that has put the world on a hold. It's first case was recorded from a market in a city called Wuhan in eastern China. There has now been over 2,165,500 recorded cases, 145,705 death recorded in the world according to John Hopkins university COVID-19 dashboard.

The first case of coronavirus in Nigeria was recorded on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020 when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive. Since there has been different reports from different states. As at 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020 the total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Nigeria is 542, 166 people have recovered and 19 people have died. The states with the highest number of cases are Lagos with 306, Ogun and the federal capital territory Abuja.

According to the Nigerian commission for disease control (NCDC) and world health organisation, this virus can affect people in different ways. There could be different symptoms which includes, fever, dry cough, tiredness. Rare symptoms are diarrhoea, shortness of breath, sore throat and pains. If any body has any symptoms the NCDC has tried to create awareness that they should call their care line. People are advised to avoid touching their faces, to wash their hands regularly and be sure to use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

The government has given different reactions to this situation, firstly the federal government announced the closing of all schools ( tertiary institutions, secondary schools and primary schools), gathering that includes more than 50 people was also banned. But all these didn't stop the increase of this virus in the country so the government had to lockdown Lagos state, Ogun state and Abuja. Governors of other states too started to lockdown their states too so as to avoid the spread of coronavirus, in some states like Ondo state there is curfew from 7pm. These actions have had effects on people, such that some people that live on daily wages don't have money to buy food, even people that have money are over spending because they are not working to add to their savings. The rate of stealing has now increased. Things are now very expensive to buy, students that cant afford to have online classes are also been affected. It is no news to people that the military men kept in charge of the curfew to ensure people stay in their houses have started to beat and shoot people as if they are criminals. To make things better, the government should tell the military men to stop acting like this is a situation of coup but it is just a way to let people stay at home and they should try to share money, foodstuff, provisions to people so that they can have their quarantine wont be a death sentence.