**Effect of corona virus pandemic in Nigeria**

**COVID-19 also known as corona virus is a novel (new) virus to the human race. Although, there have been numerous virus in existence long before now, all have been refuted.**

**Due to the modes of transmission, the virus has drastically progressed from an epidemic in Wuhan, China to a pandemic (a disease affecting the whole world). The virus is transmitted when droplets from the cough or sneeze of an infected person comes in contact with one’s eyes, nose or mouth. These can happen through hugs and handshakes**

**As a result of all these methods through which the virus can spread, some measures have been enforced to curb it. These measures include social distancing which involves no social gathering, no hugging or shaking and keeping at least two meters away from the next person. People have been advised to avoid touching their face, wash their hands regularly and use alcohol-based sanitizers.**

**According to the World Health Organization, one of the major ways the disease is spread is during social gatherings. As a result of this most countries have been compelled to declare lockdowns and self-quarantine at home. In some countries, & all movements In and out of them seized, in some others all forms of social places such as beaches, malls, parks, churches have been closed indefinitely while in some countries that where severely hit, people have restricted from leaving their homes unless to get essential like food and drugs. This is what resorted to the claim that corona virus has put the whole world in stand-still.**

**Economically, a lot has gone down the drain as a result of the lockdown declared to curb this pandemic. In Nigeria for example, lockdowns have been declared in over ten states and all international and national flights cancelled. Aviation companies are losing a whole lot of money and air transport workers are getting laid off. Small businesses are folding up as they do not have sufficient return to keep the business running due to the fact that people are advised to stay at home. A lot of Nigerians have either lost their job or gotten their salary slashed as most companies have moved online. The government is spending a great deal of money on health with very little taxes being paid in this period. Daily earners are in the worst position right now. These guys need to be out working everyday if they need to earn something. Staying at home has left them stranded as cash inflow has seized.**

**Socially, there has been a lot of social unrest resulting in high crime rates especially in places like Lagos. People are forced to stay at home without money hence some have resorted to stealing and robberies.**

**Psychologically speaking, a lot of Nigerians have been destabilized. Staying in a place for too long can do that to a person. Some have gone into depression and in worse cases, suicides have been attributed to the lockdown.**

**Corona virus is spreading like wildfire while the world starves. We as humans can only learn to live with it until a cure is found.**

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