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**THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE REPERCAUTIONS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND ISOLATION OF NIGERIANS**

**GENESIS:**

COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus, was primordially recorded in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019. At the end of 2019, Wuhan an emerging business hub of china experienced an outbreak of the virus that consumed the lives of more than 1,800 people and infected a whooping sum of 70,000 individuals within the fifty days of it’s discovery. Any individual infected with the virus experiences symptoms within two to fourteen days of infection. The symptoms are, but not necessarily limited to; fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, and loss of smell. The virus can be easily spread when an infected person is in close contact with a non infected person. It could be spread by either air, water or through a medium as long as it was unsterilized after contact with an infected individual.

Currently there is neither a vaccine nor a cure but fortunately, it can be prevented by taking necessary sanitary measures like self isolation, avoiding close contact with individuals in public, wearing of nose masks and gloves, constant washing of hands with soap and water or making use of alcohol-based sanitizers and so on. The virus can also be killed during the early stages of it’s incubation as it cannot survive under heated temperatures of above 55°.

**CORONAVIRUS IN NIGERIA.**

The foremost case of COVID-19 in Nigeria was recorded on February 27th, 2020 in Lagos and it has increased radically since then due to returnees from foreign countries . The government has made an effort through the Nigerian centre for disease control(NCDC) to control the spread of the virus. They create awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provide medical facilities to test people. The president declared that some vulnerable states should be locked down. States like Ogun, Osun, Ekiti, Lagos adhered.

NCDC(NIGERIAN CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL) : It is the government agency with the mandate to coordinate the surveillance ,detection, and response to infectious disease control outbreak. Over the last three years, NCDC has deployed a new tool for disease surveillance. The surveillance, outbreak response management and analysis system(SORMAS) is a system jointly developed between NCDC and HZI(Helmholtz centre for infections) . so far so good, NCDC has supported states for improved coordination of outbreak preparedness and response. NCDC is located in Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Abuja, Sokoto, Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Bornu, Plateau, rivers.

**EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND ISOLATION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA**

Lockdown is an emergency protocol that usually restricts people or information from leaving an area. The federal government has ordered a nationwide lockdown in Nigeria and this limits the affairs of everyone in the country to the bare necessities of acquiring groceries, visiting the hospital etc. Hence businesses and schools have been closed down. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are

• It fosters family bonds.

• It corrects a child mistakes and adjusts him/her

• Spend more time with God

• Relaxation to those who don’t have time for themselves before the lockdown

• Reduce the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country

• It gives room for online businesses and empowerment

• People are now wiser to make their plans flexible with the mind that the plan could go sideways anytime.

The negative effects of the lockdown includes:

• It introduces vices which includes stealing, prostitution, armed robbery and so on.

• It has a poor effect on the economy

• It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.

• The poor becomes poorer for they cannot go about their daily routine to survive.

• School students can’t go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness.

• The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate as an when due. Their time is extended.

**CESSATION:**

In conclusion, coronavirus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country, Nigeria. The federal government of Nigeria have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is being controlled to the barest minimum of their capacity. The NCDC has been activated in national emergency operation centres working in different states in Nigeria. Medical personnel are trying their best to provide solutions to end the pandemic. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still going on, we should listen and act accordingly to the preventive measures that can keep us safe during this pandemic.