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EFFECTS OF RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

COVID-19 is a new illness that affects the lungs and airways and causes respiratory tract infections. It is caused by a virus called "CORONA VIRUS". It can range from mild to lethal. It spreads primarily through contact with an infected person.

The symptoms of this disease do not appear until after 14 days from having contact with an infected person. Some symptoms include coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing and high fever.

COVID-19 has no vaccine or treatment so it is best to avoid it by constant washing of hands with soap and water, the use of alcohol based sanitizers, wearing of face masks, avoiding touching your eyes nose and mouth, and most of all maintaining social distancing.

RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

Due to the Covid-19 and the fast spread of the virus, the Nigerian Government has ordered an emergency lockdown in the state and has put a stop to all economic activities. Restriction of movement is an infringement on our rights as Nigerians, but during this period it is regarded as a pave way to stop the spread of the virus.

Restriction of movement has its effect on us Nigerians. Some of these effects, will be stated down below.

EFFECTS OF RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

Nigeria is one of the many African countries that are net exporters of food. About 60% of its population is engaged in agriculture including many small-scale

farmers. Subsistence farmers who farm for themselves to be able to provide food for their families, and farmers who provide food to be sold to us. This will affect us because, there will be no means of earning a living for the subsistence farmers and they might die of starvation because their farming is what provides food for their family and as for the mass, there will be scarcity of food items, which might also incur starvation.

Economic downfall will become severe, as business workers will be asked to stay home and their jobs will be discontinued. This will bring a recession to our economy. Goods will be difficult to be sold and services difficult to be rendered as the purchasing power will be reduced. Investment will suffer as recession will continue bigger companies may be able to cope but smaller companies will be forced to shut down. There will be high rate of unemployment and so on.

The education system will be broken, as educators and students will be asked to leave school premises due to the virus spread. Some students may fall back because of the unavailability of e-learning program and others who have access to online learning will be able to cope. There will also be unemployment for some teachers.

The solution to this problem will be to set up a curfew, a time where business activities will be allowed to take place and also preventive measures be taken such as wearing hand gloves, use of hand sanitizers, use of face masks, at least keep 1 feet away from people, cover your nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing to avoid droplets from spreading.