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EFFECTS OF CORONA VIRUS LOCKDOWN

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) corona virus diseases otherwise known as COVID19 is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. They are susceptible to mutation and recombination and are therefore highly diverse. There are about 40 different varieties and they mainly infect human and non-human mammals and birds. They reside in bats and wild birds, and can spread to other animals and hence to humans. The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to have originated in bats and then spread to snakes and pangolins and hence to humans, perhaps by contamination of meat from wild animals, as sold in China's meat markets. Corona virus is a transmittable disease which is mostly by contact e.g. handshakes, hugging etc. one can also get this virus when he/she gets in contact with an infected person's mucus (when one sneezes).

This virus has become a worldwide pandemic which has led to various deaths in the world, in Nigeria currently as at 31st of April 2020, we have a total number of 1932 confirmed cases, 319 discharged and 58 deaths, and this result has kept on increasing day by day. But seeing our condition in our country we can say that we have it under control unlike the china, Italy and United States who has recorded hundreds of cases and death of their citizens.

According to the World health organization (WHO) the following are the preventive measures to be followed in order to fight against this virus:

Washing of hands frequently: Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. The reason for this act is because the alcohol hand sanitizer kills the viruses present on one's hand.

Maintain social distancing: Maintain at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

Avoid touching your mouth, face, ear and nose :Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

A system has also been included in order to prevent the spread of this disease, a lockdown system has been employed in which everyone is expected to stay at home, no movement outside your compound. Soldiers has been deployed into each states in order to ensure that every citizen obey this rule that is no one goes outside.

Despite the good and importance of this lockdown system and restriction of movement it also has adverse effects on Nigerians:

Effect on educational sector: All schools has been closed down till further notice which means all students are at home now not having the idea when they are going to resume back to school, all exams has been postponed, most final year students do not have the idea when they are going to graduate, probably a year, or 2 years will be added to their duration in school due to the alternate in school calendar. The lockdown has also contributed in making most of the students to be lazy, reading becomes difficult for students, lots o them now participate in online social challenges which they put a lot of their time in rather than on their books.

Effect on finances: The lockdown has more effect on the people financially than any other thing, most workers has been asked to stay at home thereby becoming unemployed for sometimes, which makes them incapable to provide the needs of their family, not to talk of the employed workers, taking a look at the unemployed in which on a normal day they have not been able to provide for the needs of their family, now asking them to stay at home will be a death sentence ,in which we can have more cases of hunger than cases of people infected with the COVID 19 virus

Effect on social event and religious gathering: since the law has banned all social gatherings with more than 20 people, most people who has wedding plans, naming ceremony, burial etc. has to cancel their plans and postpone it till when the government says it is safe to come outside. Some of these people who has saved lot money for this occasion will have to spend out of it due to the lockdown which can even make then to cancel the plans finally after the lockdown since they have sent the money for the program. Also most churches has closed down which has left its members stuck at home.

In conclusion, the government should support its citizen financially both the employed and unemployed, they should provide food for us at least every week of the lockdown and also maybe give a day or two for people to move outside and get food stuffs and other needs.