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# THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

The Corona virus, first discovered in china on the 17th of November 2019 was a major blow to the World. It is a fluid and airborne disease that is transmitted through person to person contact. It shuts down the lungs of infected people causing them to suffocate to death.

The virus immediately spread across to other countries and continents of the world, which led to the global pandemic we are experiencing today and forced a lockdown in these countries preventing people from coming in and going out of the countries in other to prevent the spread of the virus. From the recent records the virus has infected over 3.4million people, with over 240 thousand deaths and 1.1 million recoveries.

 The first recorded case of the virus in Nigeria was the 24th of February, 2020 in Lagos state, a city that inhabits 10 percent or 20 million people of the Nigerian population of 200 million citizens. It was confirmed on the media that an infected Italian citizen introduced the virus into the country and after 13 days, on the 9th of March 2020 the second case was discovered. By the second week of march the virus had spread to the Federal Capital Territory(FCT) Abuja. The Federal Government knowing the dangers of the virus announced a general LOCKDOWN of Lagos State, Ogun State and Abuja by His excellency President Mohammed Buhari.



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The first and longest Lockdown in the history of Nigeria was directed by the President for temporal closure of Schools, Markets and Offices. Religious activities such as worshipping in CHURHES and MOSQUES was also suspended. The President also directed his citizens to keep their environments clean, practice social distancing, use of face masks, washing of hands, and use of alcohol base hand sanitizer regularly in order to reduce the spread of the virus.

The effects are as follows:

1. Inflation: Prices of goods and services have risen above the level of economics activities in the economy thus causing the value of Naira to fall, compared with other currencies.
2. Fall in Economic Activities: Production of Goods and services have declined thus factors of production which stimulate economic activities have declined also causing drop in general revenue generation and increase in poverty level.
3. Drop in Revenue: As a result of fall in the price of Petroleum products which is the major revenue components globally, the Government major source of revenue has also dropped to finance its projects.
4. Educational activities which is the strength of nations have dropped causing a fall in the educational system.
5. Social activities such as Sports, Entertainments and social functions which also generates income have nose doffed.
6. Temporary, crime activities have subsided.
7. Discipline among people particularly within the youths have temporary reduced.

Generally, the economy and social activities have dropped which are the stimulants of any Economy. Government should endeavor to identify other ways of eliminating the virus to beef up economic activities though it had supported the minute populace with palliatives.