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## REPORT ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC..

The 2019-20 corona virus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of corona virus disease 2019(COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome corona virus 2(SARS-CoV-2). The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, or talking. While these droplets are produced when breathing out, they usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than being infectious over long distances. People may also become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. The virus can survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible before symptoms appear and in later stages of the disease. Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Complications may include pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms is typically around five days, but may range from two to fourteen days. There is no known vaccine or specific antiviral treatment. Primary treatment is symptomatic and supportive therapy. Recommended preventive measures include hand washing, covering one's mouth when coughing, maintaining distance from other people, and monitoring and self-isolation for people who suspect they are infected. Authorities worldwide have responded by implementing travel restrictions, quarantines, curfews and stay-at-home orders, workplace hazard controls, and facility closures. Many places have also worked to increase testing capacity and trace contacts of infected persons. The first confirmed case of the pandemic of corona virus in Nigeria was announced on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus caused by SARS-CoV-2. On 9 March 2020, a second case of the virus was reported in Ewekoro, Ogun state, a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen.

On 28 January 2020, the Federal government of Nigeria assured citizens of the country of its readiness to strengthen surveillance at the five international airports in the country to prevent the spread of corona virus. The government announced the airports as Enugu, Lagos, Rivers, Kano and FCT. The Nigeria center of diseases control also announced same day that they had already set up corona virus group and was ready to activate its incident system if any case emerged in Nigeria.

On 31 January 2020, following the development of COVID-19 pandemic in mainland China and other countries worldwide, the federal government of Nigeria, setup a corona virus preparedness group to mitigate the impact of the virus if it eventually spread to the country. On the same day, the WHO listed Nigeria among other 13 African countries identified as high-risk for the spread of the virus.

On 26 February 2020, a Chinese citizen presented himself to the Lagos state on suspicion of being infected with COVID-19. He was admitted at Reddington Hospital and was released the following day after testing negative.

### Effects of the lockdown and restrictions of movement on Nigerians.

Nigeria has announced a lockdown of three major states, Lagos, Ogun and Abuja to curb the corona virus pandemic. Those that will be affected the hardest will be households that rely on

day to day activities of self-employed individuals for consumption.

Lagos is the country's major economic centre as well as its financial capital. Ogun state borders Lagos state to the south and it's notable for having a high concentration of industrial estates and being a major manufacturing hub. Abuja is the seat of government.

Nigeria is one of many countries to shutdown economic activities prevent the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most, especially developed nations, have implemented economic support measures to mitigate the impact of lockdown on their economies.

Research also showed that occupational status had implication for household consumption. Employers were typically the greatest contributors to household consumption. Paid workers were typically the second-highest contributors to household consumption especially for wealthier households, while poorer households tended to rely more on the activities of own account self-employed individuals.

Loss of income will be immediate concern for individuals who have been contributing to household consumption through their entrepreneurial activities.

Supply shortages are expected to affect a number of sectors due to panic buying, increased usage of goods to fight the pandemic, and disruption to factories and logistics in Nigeria, in addition, it also led to price gouging. There have been widespread reports of supply shortages of pharmaceuticals, with many areas seeing panic buying and consequent shortages of food and other essential grocery items. The technology industry, in particular, has been warning about delays to shipments of electronic goods. As the pandemic spreads, conferences and events across technology, fashion, and sports are being cancelled or postponed. The pandemic has impacted the film industry. Across Nigeria and to varying degrees, cinemas have been closed, festivals have been cancelled or postponed, and film releases have been moved to future dates.

## Conclusion and Recommendation

The government of Nigeria, through the federal ministry of health has been strengthening measures to ensure the outbreak is controlled and contained quickly. The multi-sectoral corona virus preparedness group led by NCDC has immediately activated its national emergency operations center.

The federal ministry of health warn citizens not to abuse social media and indulge in spreading wrong information that causes fear and panic.

Humanitarians, local and international agencies all over the country have been donating money and relief materials to fight the virus.

All Nigerians should take care of their health and maintain hand and respiratory hygiene to protect themselves and others including their own families.

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