

The coronavirus pandemic currently shocking the world gained entry into Nigeria with its first case confirmed on the 27th of February, 2020 in Lagos state. The discovery spiralled into a frenzy of misinformation as the NCDC and Federal Ministry of Health worked to allay citizens' fears and contain the outbreak. It is important that we all play a role in beating the virus by sharing only validated information and promoting effective preventive measures.

The Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC) gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nigeria to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus and debunks rumours before they can do more harm. Information sharing will be critical to defeating the virus, due to the diverse cultural backgrounds and drawbacks in national education. About 47% of the Nigerian population have access to internet services in according to a 2018 estimate by Statista.

## #LockdownNigeria

In an effort to halt the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 in Nigeria, the Federal Government on the 29th of March ordered the cessation of movements in Lagos state, Ogun state and the FCT for an initial period of 14 days from effect from 11pm on the 30th of March. Travel restrictions to and from other states were also put in place. The move was made based on the advice of the Federal Ministry of Health and the NCDC. All citizens in these areas are to stay in their homes.

The reason for this containment period is to identify, trace and isolate people who have come into contact with COVID-19 confirmed cases. This is because the official incubation period for the virus is 2-14 days. The "incubation period" is the time between being infected the virus and beginning to experience symptoms of the disease. In 14 days, people/persons experiencing the symptoms could be traced adequately assuming the virus had not been transmitted within that period.

# LOCKDOWN EXEMPTIONS

The Lockdown does not apply to:

- Hospitals, healthcare organisations and health care related manufacturers and distributors
- Food processing, distribution and retail companies
- Petroleum distribution and retail entities
- Power generation, transmission and distribution companies
- Private security companies
- Workers in telecommunication companies, broadcasters, print and electronic media staff who can prove that they are unable to work from home

These establishments will be monitored however and access restricted. Some state governors have also begun to implement proactive lockdowns and curfews in their states as well.

## IMPLICATION



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## SOLUTION

Businesses that are restricted during the lockdown may suffer unfortunate losses from lack of activity.

Business owners whose livelihoods have been affected by the Lockdown can apply for credit facilities through NIRSAL Microfinance Bank here:  
<https://nmfb.com.ng/covid-19-support/>

Increase in police brutality in some states due to the lockdown.

You can report human rights violations by security operatives to the following numbers:

### POLICE

- CP FCT: 08033438900
- CP LAGOS: 08033438179
- CP OGUN: 08033438900

### ARMY

•DIRECTOR-CIVIL MILITARY AFFAIRS:  
08057750691

### NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

- 08037875427
- 08179371339
- 08034354537
- 07033398657

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Increase in prank calls to the NCDC or unverified claims of individuals with symptoms

The NCDC support lines are busily engaged with trying to aid those in need of assistance during this crisis. It is irresponsible to 'test' the NCDC phone lines or prank call as you would be denying cellular access to those showing symptoms of the virus. The national toll-free numbers are 112 and 080097000010. The NCDC has introduced state emergency numbers which can be found online at: <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng>

There has been a spike in the spread of misleading news online regarding COVID-19 resulting in fear and panic

**#TakeResponsibility.** Do not spread fake news and get verified updates from the proper channels: the World Health Organisation (@WHONigeria) Nigeria Center for Disease Control (@NCDCgov), the Federal Ministry of Health (@Fmohnigeria) and the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration (@NafdacAgency)

## Notes:

It is important that we develop tolerance for one another during this trying period.

**The Panic:** The fearful conditions a lockdown creates may likely take a toll on mental health, so it is important that we converse with loved ones and assure others positively.

Inadequate electricity conditions and the subsequent reduction in fuel prices may result in an increase in noise and air pollution. Be sure to care for your environment and be considerate of others.



## KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS



1. HOT LEMON  
DOES NOT KILL  
CORONAVIRUS



2. EATING GARLIC AND  
GINGER DOES NOT  
ELIMINATE CORONAVIRUS



2. GARGLING WARM  
WATER AND SALT  
DOES NOT KILL  
CORONAVIRUS



4. "SPECIAL OILS"  
DO NOT KILL  
CORONAVIRUS



5. DRINKING OR SPRAYING  
DETTOL AND WATER ALL  
OVER YOUR BODY DOESN'T  
KILL CORONAVIRUS



6. DRINKING PALM OIL  
DOES NOT PREVENT  
CORONAVIRUS

SOURCE: NCDC

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WE CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF  
**#COVID19**

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