



**COVID-19**  
coronavirus



# **CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

*A Blessing Or A Curse On The  
Nigerian Health Sector*

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# Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19):

- COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by coronavirus.
- It spreads through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nostrils.
- Symptoms: Fever, cough, fast breathing, loss of taste/smell, catarrh and asymptomatic cases
- Presently, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19.



# Situation Updates:



**COVID-19 CASE UPDATE**  
**338 NEW CASES CONFIRMED**  
17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

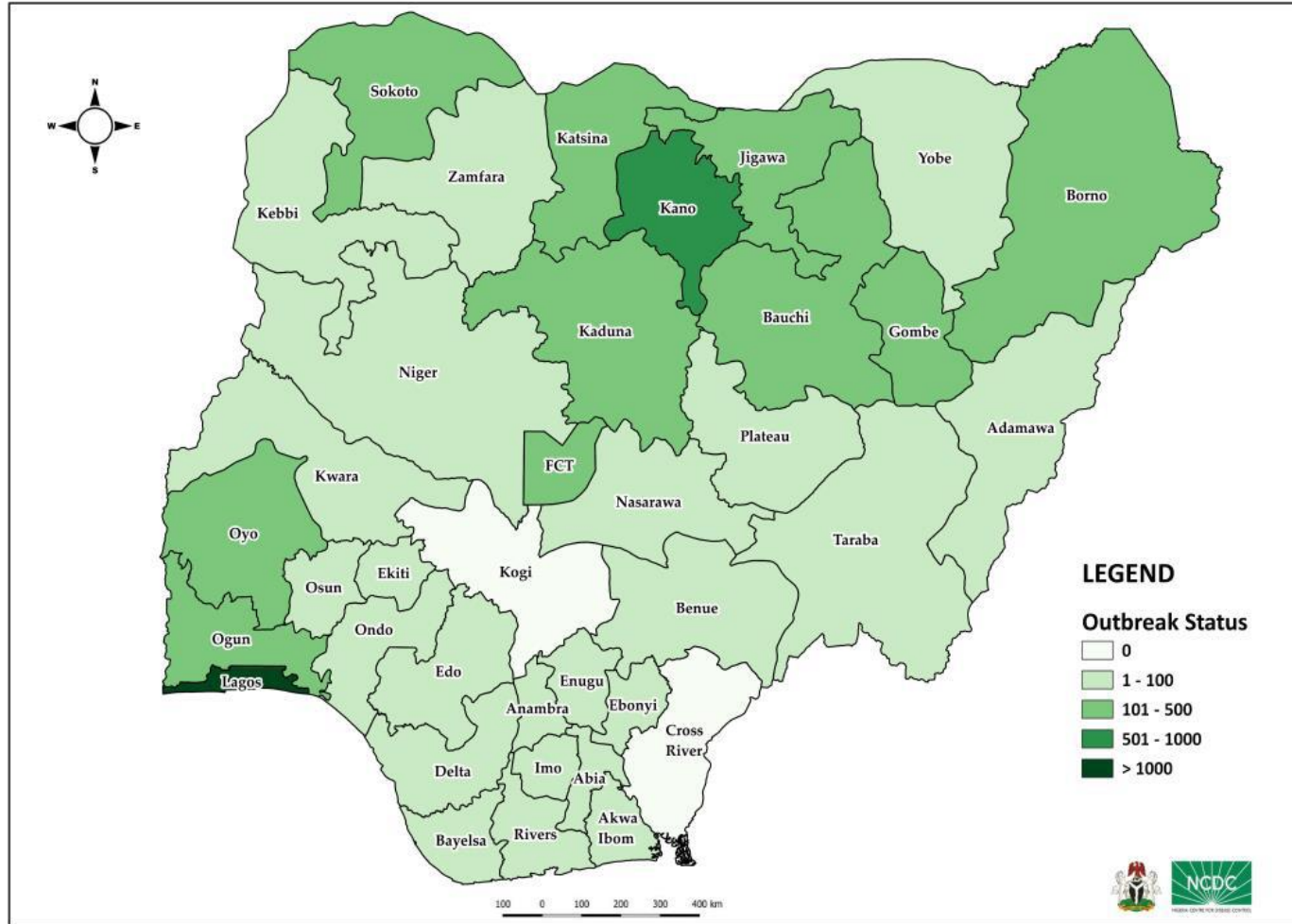
<b>TOTAL CONFIRMED</b>	<b>5959</b>
<b>DISCHARGED</b>	<b>1594</b>
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>182</b>

NCDC Toll-free Number: 080097000010  
Twitter/Facebook: @NCDCgov / COVID19.NCDC.GOV.NG

Week 21 Results (Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> 2020)	
First Case	February 27, 2020
Samples Tested	35,345
Confirmed Cases	5,959
Affected States Including FCT	35
Discharged Cases	1,594
Confirmed Fatalities	182 – 3% CFR



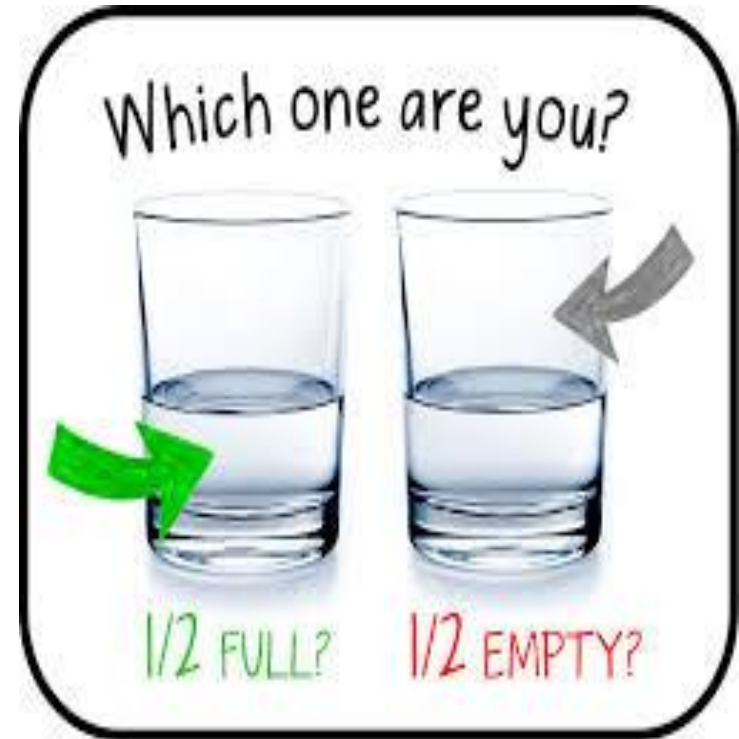
# Nigeria ... In View



# COVID-19: A Blessing or A Curse on The Nigerian Health Sector ?

- **Covid-19 Pandemic...**A global public health crisis
- **A Curse & a Blessing...** 2 sides to a coin
- **A curse from the pessimist's view**
- **A blessing from the optimist's view.** According to Albert Einstein, *“In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity.”*

## A Curse or Blessing ??



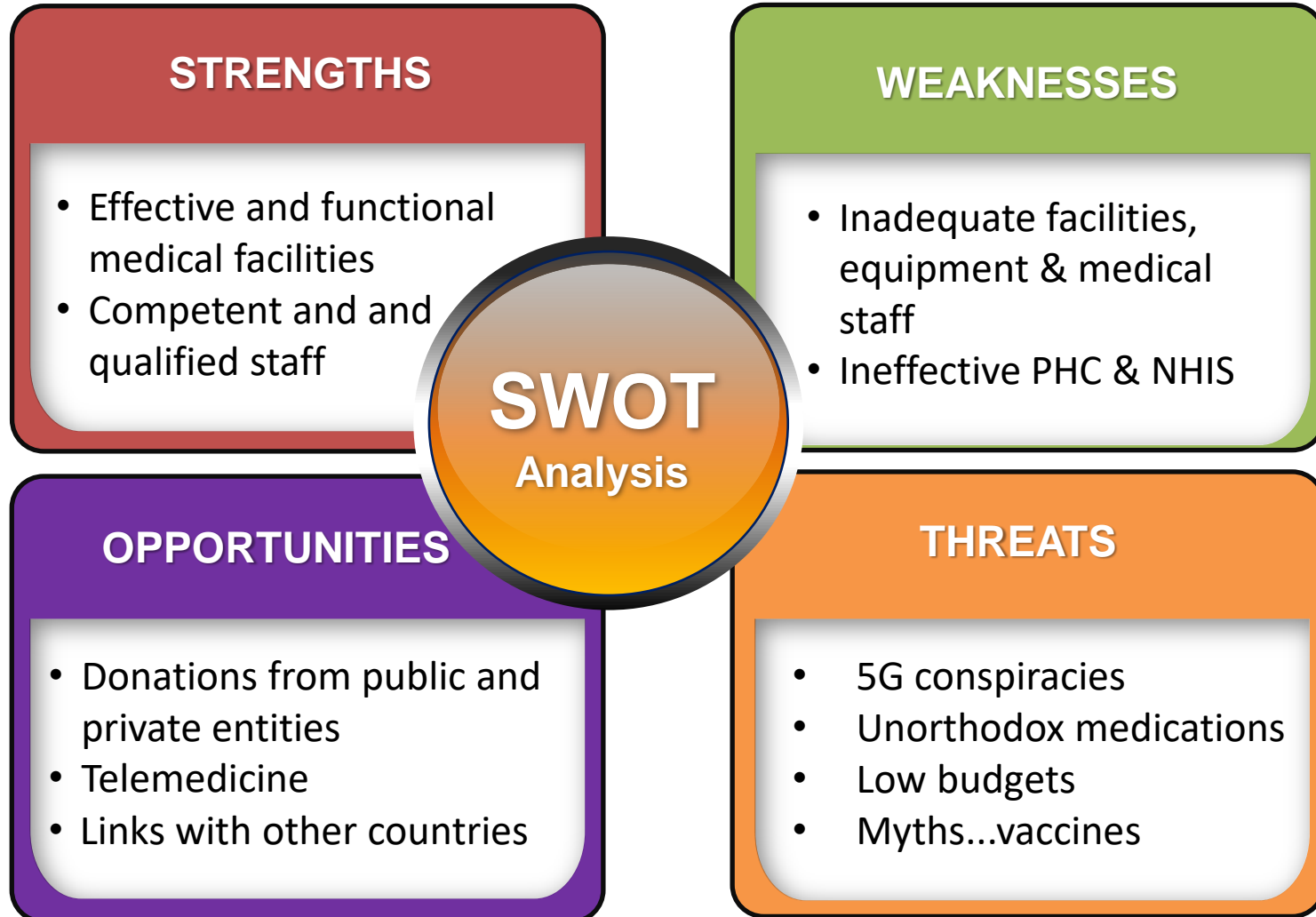
# SWOT Analysis: 1/3



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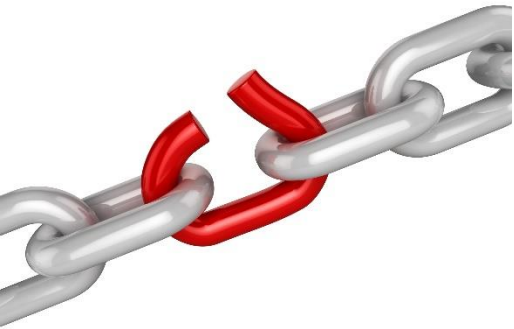


# Strengths:



- Availability of effective & functional medical facilities
- Competent qualified & skilled staff
- Good co-ordination.....Synergy between PTF, State Governments & NCDC

# Weaknesses:



- Inadequate facilities and equipment
- Grossly inadequate equipment, molecular laboratories, ventilators, PPEs
- Inadequate medical staff
- Ineffective Primary health care systems
- Ineffective Health Insurance system

# Opportunities :



- Regular and generous donations from public and private entities
- More scientists, researchers and technologists are engaged
- Telemedicine - e-clinics and virtual clinics
- Links with other countries and organizations..China, WHO, EU, AU e.t.c
- Madagascar Support ???

# Threats:



- 5G linkage to coronavirus conspiracies... non - ionising radiation
- Proclaimed cure/solutions, Unorthodox medications ..role of NAFDAC
- Inadequate budgetary allocation for health??
- MYTHS...Vaccines, signs of the end of time and rapture
- Fake news on social media

# Post-COVID Phase:



- Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (Post-Covid Stress Syndrome)
- Coronaphobia
- Mass exodus of professionals abroad anticipated...US relaxes Visa for Health professionals.
- Increase in hospital attendance
- Recession in health sectors

# Conclusion:

## COVID-19 .....*both a blessing and a curse*

- COVID-19 as a curse has ravaged our nations, loss of many citizens including the health workers, this has exposed the weaknesses in our health sector.
- COVID-19 as a blessing has also given way for the revitalization of our health sector.
- As an optimist, I believe we will **COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.**
- It is believed that the Nigerian health sector will be transformed with funds and equipment donations.

# Stay Safe Message:



## Coronavirus Staying safe

Remember to:

Regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects



Wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitizer



CALL 080097000010 If you feel sick.  
Visit [covid19.ncdc.gov.ng](https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng) for more information



Cough or sneeze into your bent elbow or tissue. Bin tissue immediately and wash your hands.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands



Stay 2 meters away from everyone



Stay at home



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