

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.

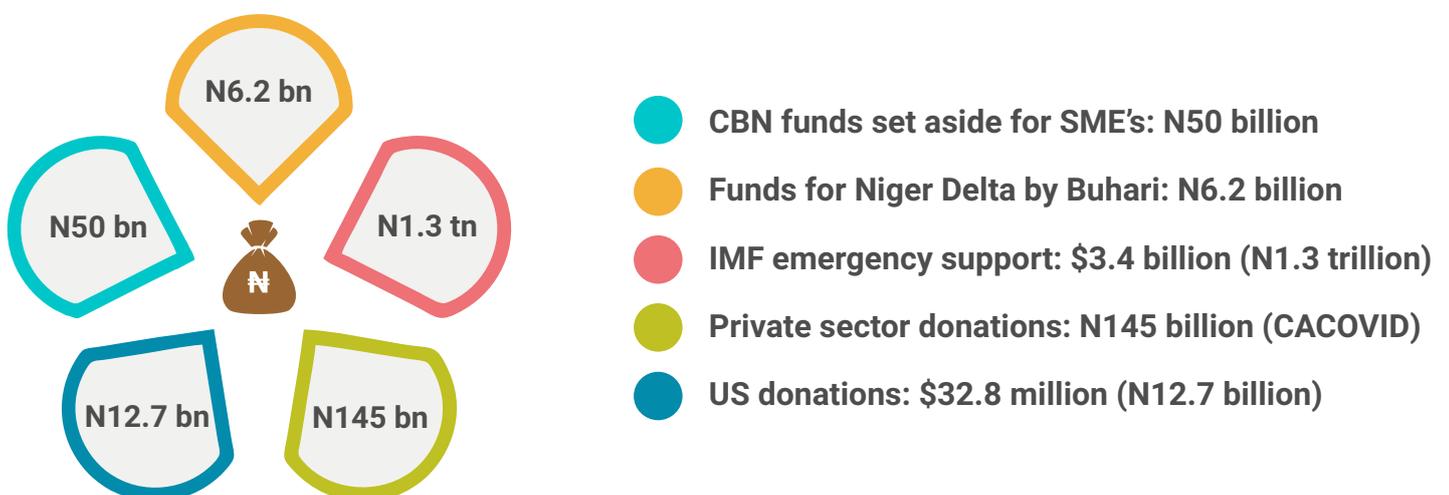
The Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC) gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nigeria to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus 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.

Coronavirus poses a serious threat to Nigeria's population of over 180 million people given the country's weak healthcare system, high level of poverty, crowded living conditions and deep-set corruption in government. Economic and insecurity conditions in Nigeria were already tenuous before this outbreak, and Nigeria already fares badly against any health indicators, with high mortality rates and poor life expectancy. When and if coronavirus hits the highly populated communities of Nigeria's cities, it could be a disaster.

It is absolutely critical that Nigeria deals with this pandemic in forward-thinking, open, transparent ways to ensure the well-being of citizens, build resilience and rapidly curb the potential for social conflict. In Nigeria, this is a huge challenge but also a real opportunity to reimagine public health systems, redefine the relationship between citizens and those in power, and reinvigorate governance.

## Follow the money

### COVID-19 funds pooled as of May 3



source: [www.businessday.ng/backpage/article/who-monitors-the-spending-of-covid-19-funds](http://www.businessday.ng/backpage/article/who-monitors-the-spending-of-covid-19-funds)

## COVID-19 funds pooled as of 25 June



- EU donations: \$54 million (N20.8 trillion)
- UN: \$2 million (N774 million) (50 ventilators & PPEs)
- Germany: 26 million euros (N12.5billion)
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce: N48 million
- Private sector: N27 billion

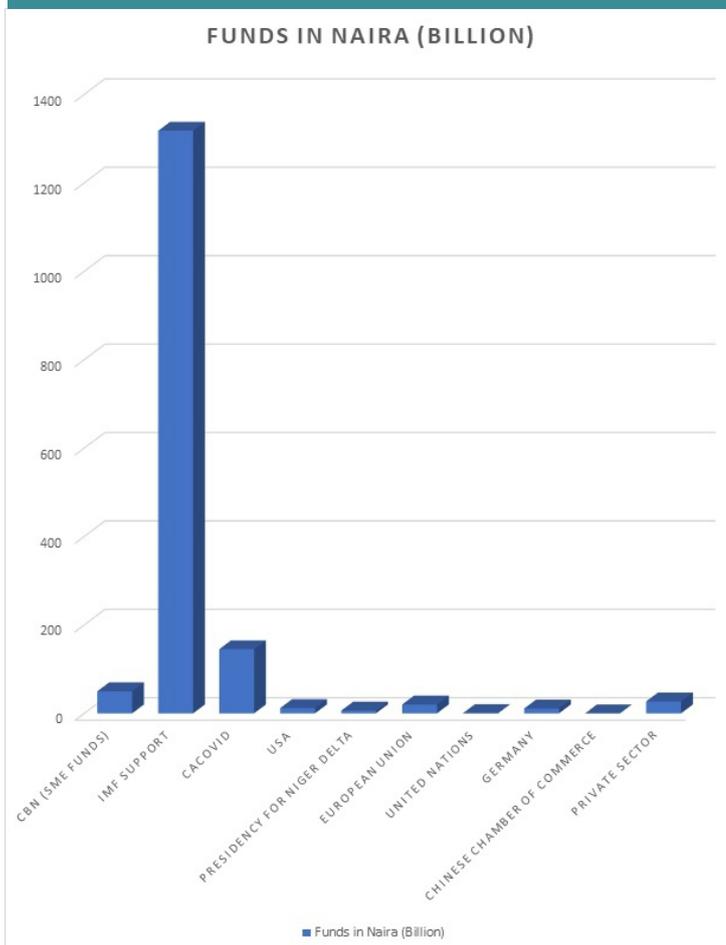
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## COVID-19 funds spent

1. CACOVID: N16 billion (source: [www.allafrica.com/stories/202005130567](http://www.allafrica.com/stories/202005130567))
2. Evacuation of Nigerians in diaspora: N169 million (source: <https://www.thecable.ng/covid-19-fg-spent-n169m-evacuating-nigerians-says-ptf-coordinator>)

## COVID-19 support fund for Naira (billion)



The Nigerian government has yet to publish a comprehensive list of COVID-19 donations received and/or spent. However, an aggregate can be made from announced donations in the media so far:

## RUMOURS



Taking Vitamin D supplements prevents COVID-19 infection

Vitamin C can fight COVID-19

Herbal medicines can fight the coronavirus

If I sanitize my hands properly, I do not need to wear a mask

Disinfectant booths eliminate the coronavirus

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## FACTS

Although Vitamin D can contribute to overall good health, taking too much of it in the form of dietary supplement could jeopardize health. There is no clinical evidence that Vitamin D aids in the prevention or treatment of the coronavirus.

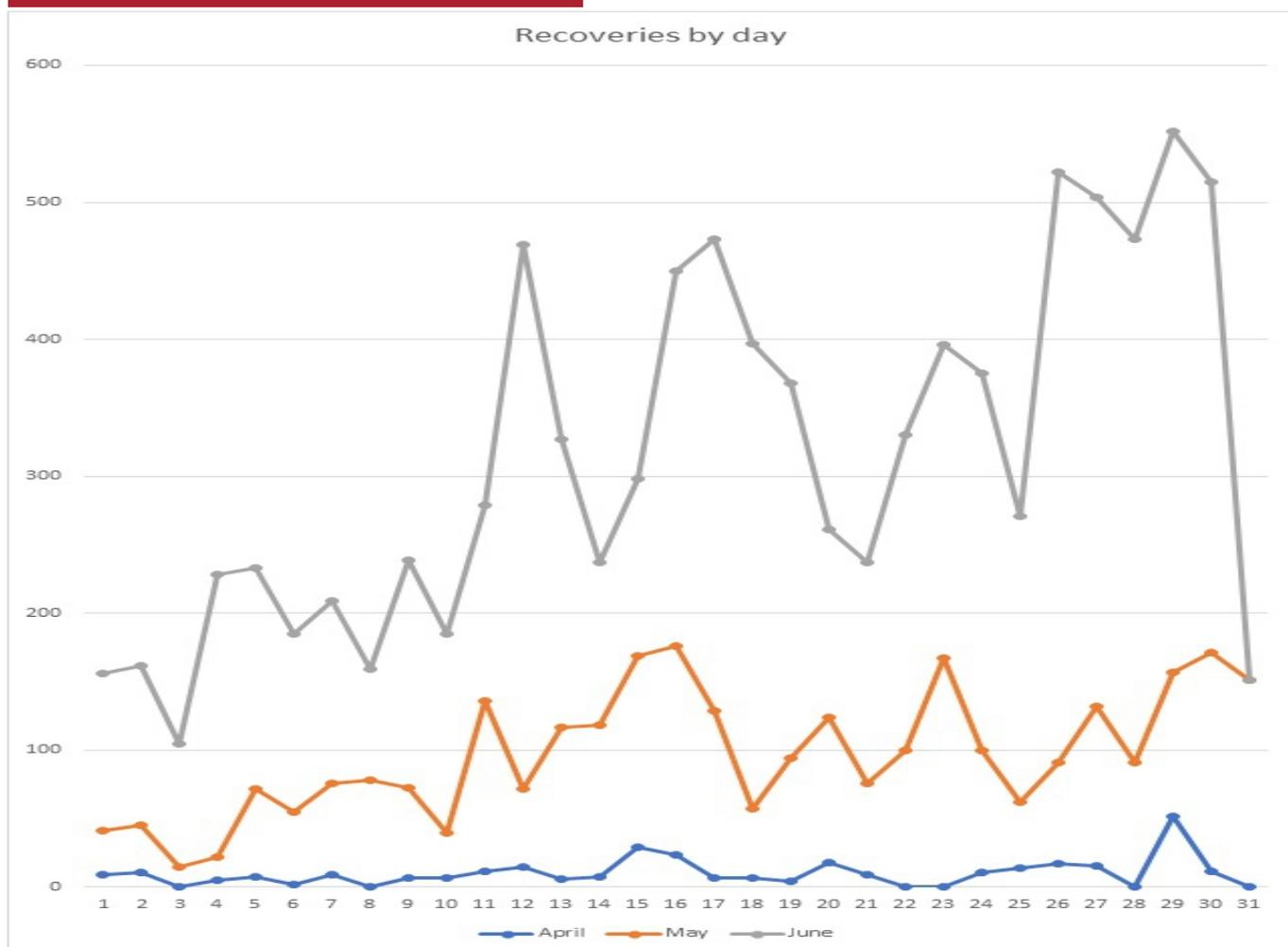
Vitamin C is an essential nutrient that helps support the immune system, but there is limited evidence that it can prevent or cure the coronavirus. There are ongoing studies that show promise for Intravenous Vitamin C in alleviating symptoms in ill patients; but this should not be attempted without medical assistance.

The mechanisms through which herbal medicines work are unclear as there is little evidence because such drugs hardly undergo trials to gauge their effectiveness. The WHO has cautioned countries against adopting products that have not been taken through tests to see their efficacy.

The primary mode of transmission of the coronavirus is through droplets which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, talking and breathing. It is important to wear a mask in public as it reduces the chances of infection spread by these methods by up to 60%

Direct spraying of people with chemical disinfectants is dangerous and not recommended by the CDC. Even if someone infected with COVID-19 goes through a disinfection chamber, they can still spread the virus as soon as they start speaking, coughing or sneezing.

## COVID-19 recoveries chart



### COVID-19 situation update as of 13th July, 2020

Total number of discharged cases: 13,671  
 Samples tested: 186,309  
 Confirmed cases: 33,153  
 Confirmed fatalities: 744 (2.2% rate)  
 Affected states: 37

#### Provenance:

- Travel history: 593 (2%)
- Contacts: 8,266 (35%)
- Unknown exposure: 24,294 (73%)

#### Demographics:

- Male: 21,643 (65%)
- Female: 11,510 (35%)
- Most affected age group: 31 – 40 (25%)

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE IN NIGERIA AT AS TODAY - 19/08/2020

**49,895**

CONFIRMED CASES

**981**

DEATHS

**37,051**

RECOVERED

**355,196**

TESTED