The Nigeria Government has entered a second wave of corona virus infections. The number of COVID-19 cases detected in the country in the past three weeks indicates that a second of the outbreak has begun, said Boss Mustapha, Secretary to the Government of the Federation and Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19. He stressed that the country is at risk of losing not the gains from the hard work of the last nine months but also losing precious lives of citizens.

More than 90,000 cases have been diagnosed so far, while over 1,300 people have died from the virus. Over 75,000 patients have recovered as of today. Due to the recent spike in the number of infections, the Federal Government imposed new restrictions amid the rising cases of corona virus (COVID-19) in various parts of the country for the next five weeks. The restrictions include Civil Servants from grade level 12 and below to stay at home for the next weeks; the closure of all bars, nightclubs, event centers as well as recreational venues in all State and the Federal Capital Territory. All restaurants were also directed to close except those providing services to hotel residents, take away and home delivery services.

The Government also limited all gathering linked to religious events to less than 50 per cent of the capacity of the facility of use which physical and use of face masks should be strictly enforced.

According to the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) the country recorded the highest number of 1,145 new covid-19 cases on 17 December 2020, even as a few prominent public officials have tested positive for the disease. We recall that in March 2020 President Muhammadu Buhari ordered a 14-day lockdown in three major states (Lagos, Ogun & Abuja) in bid to curb the spread of the virus. However as the number of the cases began to grow exponentially the entire country was shut down.

With recent surge in Covid-19 cases, there is possibility of another lockdown and Nigeria economy may be unable to withstand another national lockdown.

We are also concern that a lockdown may not only be ineffective as it may be difficult to enforce but will also punctuate the expected economic recovery in 2021.

Here’s wishing everyone happiness that could be enjoyed this New Year by being mindful of staying safe and healthy. And also wishing joy that we can be hopeful of achieving, if we all unite.....Happy New Year!!
Engagement of professionals has been identified as fundamental to the delivery of quality broadcast services.

The Executive Director of the Station Col. Timothy Antigha (Left) and the Director General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) Dr. Mansur Liman (Right)

Col. Antigha who used the occasion to request for the assistance of Radio Nigeria in manpower development and staff support said the management of the station was planning on introducing fresh programmes and would need the experienced professionals from the FRCN to achieve the objectives.

The Director General of the FRCN Dr. Mansur Liman said part of the mandate of Radio Nigeria is to build the capacity of its workforce so they can help deliver qualitative support for other agencies including the Armed Forces Radio.

Dr. Liman explained that the Corporation has always supported the Armed Forces Radio right from its inception and stressed that the collaboration would continue to flourish for good.

The DG FRCN applauded the Armed Forces for establishing the Radio Station.