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**COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS EFFECTS ON GOOD GOVERNANCE IN OGUN STATE, NIGERIA.**

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**ABSTRACT**

The coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic gripped the world with a shock, thereby overwhelming the health system of most nations. The government imposed a full lockdown in the country, as a strategy to curb the spread of the virus. The imposition of this strategic measures made life horrible upon the already challenging life many were living. This research is aimed at analysing the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on good governance in Ogun State. To address the problem under investigation, the following specific objectives were drawn; the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the availability of health facilities, infrastructural facilities, distribution of economic reliefs, and the protection of fundamental human rights of the citizens. In terms of methodology, a quantitative research method was adopted with a cross-sectional survey research design, which allowed the collection of data on more than one case and at a single point in time. The population of the study consists of 3,276,073, while the sample size with the application of the Yamane formula was 400. In terms of sampling techniques, stratified and random sampling techniques were used and physical and online questionnaires were adopted as the research instrument. The research findings revealed that health facilities, infrastructural facilities, distribution of economic reliefs, and the protection of fundamental human rights are vital towards the eradication of the COVID-19 pandemic in the state, but were nullified due to leadership problems, corruptions, lack of transparency and accountability, political instability, anarchism and ethnoreligious crisis in the state. To ensure the effectiveness of good governance during the COVID-19 pandemic in the state, the study, therefore, recommends that there should be an increase in government spending on health facilities which should be based on principles of accountability and transparency, eradication of corruption, democratic stability, and the ilk.