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Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy and Economic Development in Selected Countries West Africa

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Abstract: The study examined the impact of Monetary and fiscal policy on Economic Development in some selected West African countries. Using Human Development Index to measure Economic Development, money supply to capture Monetary Policy, and Fiscal Policy was measured through government expenditure and government revenue. The data used were exacted from World Bank indicator and the data collected were analyzed using correlation analysis, unit root test, trend regression analyses. The results obtained revealed that there is a Positive significant relationship between Money supply and Economic Development. In addition, Fiscal policy measured by Government Expenditure showed a positive significant relationship with Economic Development. The study recommended among other that government should increase his expenditures by increasing money supply to the economy and appropriate measure should be put in place to control inflation in the country.

Keywords: Fiscal policy, monetary policy, economic development

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the years' countries have been setting up different policies to boost the Development and growth performance of their economy, Rapid economic Development is very crucial as regarding growth of a country which requires using the country's Fiscal and monetary policies more efficiently and rationally and it improve/Increase growth rate of the countries dual to use of Monetary and Fiscal policies

Fiscal policy means the use of the taxation and public expenditure by the government for the economy development. By fiscal policy we refer to government actions affecting its receipt and expenditure which are ordinarily taken as measured by the government receipts, its surplus or deficit (Culbertson 1968).

Monetary policy is the process by which monetary authority of countries controls the supply of the money that is the monetary stock often targeting a rate of interest for the purpose of promoting Economic stability. These measures the rely on the control of the monetary stocks, that is the supply of money in order to influence board macro-economic objectives which includes price stability, high level of employment, balance of payment, and Economic growth. Monetary policy is concern with relationship of money to Economic activities and development of monetary theory and policy for influencing the level of economic activities and it encompasses the analysis of the effect of monetary policy on the economy and the interaction between money demand and money supply.

Monetary and Fiscal policy play a very vital role in the Economy especially in underdeveloped countries which use to regulate and control the activities of the countries and which Monetary policy use through the use of Money Supply in the Economy by Central government and while the Fiscal policy control the Economy activities through the use of Government Expenditure and Tax and use to control the inflation in the countries in other to balance the Economy activities, Government use Expenditure to reducing or fill the gap between the rich and poor.

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW.

2.1 Keynesian View of Monetary Policy

Keynesian theory did not buy the notion that the relationship between money and price is direct and proportional. They share the view that it is indirect through the rate of interest. AlsoIn addition, they reject the notion that the economy is always at or near the natural level of real GDP so that Y in the equation of exchange can be regarded as fixed. They also reject the proposition that the velocity of circulation of money is constant. Keynesians believe that expansionary monetary policy increases the supply of loanable funds available through banking system, causing interest rates to fall. With lower interest rate, aggregate expenditures on investment and interest-sensitive consumption goods usually increase, causing real GDP to rise. Hence, monetary policy can affect real GDP indirectly.

Keynesian economics focuses on demand-side solutions to recessionary periods. The intervention of government in economic processes is an important part of the Keynesian arsenal for battling unemployment, underemployment, and low economic demand. The emphasis on direct government intervention in the economy often places Keynesian theorists at odds with those who argue for limited government involvement in the markets. Keynesian theorists argue that economies do not stabilize themselves very quickly and require active intervention that boosts short-term demand in the economy. Wages and employment, they argue, are slower to respond to the needs of the market and require governmental intervention to stay on track. Furthermore, they argue, prices also do not react quickly, and only gradually change when monetary policy interventions are made, giving rise to a branch of Keynesian economics known as Monetarism.

Keynesians do not believe in the direct link between the supply of money and the price level that emerges from the classical quantity theory of money. They reject the notion that the economy is always at or near the natural level of real GDP so that Y in the equation of exchange can be regarded as fixed. They also reject the proposition that the velocity of circulation of money is constant and can cite evidence to support their case. Keynesians do believe in an indirect link between the money supply and real GDP. They believe that expansionary monetary policy increases the supply of loanable funds available through the banking system, causing interest rates to fall. With lower interest rates, aggregate expenditures on investment and interest sensitive consumption goods usually increase, causing real GDP to rise. Hence, monetary policy can affect real GDP indirectly.

Keynesians, however, remain skeptical about the effectiveness of monetary policy. They point out those expansionary monetary policies that increase the reserves of the banking system need not lead to a multiple expansion of the money supply because banks can simply refuse to lend out their excess reserves. Furthermore, the lower interest rates that result from an expansionary monetary policy need not induce an increase in aggregate investment and consumption expenditures because firms and households' demand for investment and consumption goods may not be sensitive to the lower interest rates. For these reasons, Keynesians tend to

place less emphasis on the effectiveness of monetary policy and more emphasis on the effectiveness of fiscal policy, which they regard as having a more direct effect on real GDP.

3.0 METHOD Model Specification

This study adopted and modified the model of Olanipekun and Folorunsho (2015). The original model of Olanipekun and Folorunsho (2015) is stated as; RGDP=*f* (MS, INTR, EXR, INF, GRV, GEXP) Therefore, the equation can be further linearlized for this study as; HDI = f(MS, INTR, EXR, INF, GRV, GEXP).....(1) The linear expression of equation (1) is expressed as: $HDI = \beta 0 + \beta 1Ms + \beta 2Intr + \beta 3Exr + \beta 4Inf + +\beta 5Grv + \beta 6Gexp + \epsilon....(2)$ Where: HDI= Human development index MS= Money supply. INTR = Interest rate. EXR = Exchange rate.INF= Inflation. GRV= Government revenue. GEXP= Government Expenditure. ε represents error term. $\beta 0$ is constant.

3.1 Sources of Data

The data used in this research study are secondary data sourced from three national institutions namely World Bank Indicator. The data are detailed records on Monetary and Fiscal Policies Measurement and Human development index of some five selected West Africa countries over a period of 30 years precisely, 1990-2020. Data available within this 30 years' period were sourced. More specifically, the sources of the data include CBN statistical bulletin (various volumes) and World Bank Data (factfish.com).

3.2 Scope of the Study

The study of Impact of Monetary and Fiscal policy on Economic development on some west African countries will focus on gaining an insight from the Economic development of some selected west African countries about the role of monetary and fiscal policy on overall picture of the economy and in the way it increases the process of Economic development in some selected west African Countries Economy. And the study mainly covers the period of (1990-2020). Evaluation of factors such as government spending (Government Expenditure), interest rate, Government Revenue, HDI (Human Development Index), Broad money, Exchange rate and inflation, they will be analyzed using advanced statistical techniques. The study utilized time series data from 1990-2020 for the selective West Africa countries (Nigeria, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Togo and Cote d'ivoire). The choice of the period is influenced by the availability of data at the period of this research. The necessary data for this analysis is secondary data and time series in nature which will be sourced from relevant and trustworthy sources of data such as the CBN, World Bank indicator. The scope is only academic in nature and all data are limited to five West African countries.

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HDI	M2	EXH	INF	INT	GVE	REV				
0.452241	25.41389	440.4895	6.023468	3.266054	1.57E+10	134.4575				
0.444000	23.92960	499.1480	2.333110	3.459180	6.00E+09	16.64480				
0.774000	57.92820	732.3980	72.83550	18.18000	1.03E+12	17987.00				
0.000000	0.000000	8.038290	-3.233400	-31.45300	0.000000	0.000000				
0.168462	10.71554	191.9591	10.85727	5.705560	8.27E+10	1443.311				
-0.848043	0.757317	-0.799985	3.567044	-2.548081	12.00476	12.32781				
5.034018	4.073452	2.588383	17.97614	16.24009	147.6511	152.9856				
45.29833	22.25808	17.62692	1777.204	1299.874	138856.7	149210.6				
0.000000	0.000015	0.000149	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000				
70.09740	3939.153	68275.87	933.6375	506.2384	2.43E+12	20840.91				
4.370413	17682.71	5674637	18153.56	5013.226	1.05E+24	3.21E+08				
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Table 4.1 Descriptive Statistics of the Study Variables

4.0 RESULT

4.1 Descriptive Analysis

Source: Researcher Computations (2021).

Table 4.1 above presents the characteristics of the variables used in the models of this study. Out of 155 observations, the mean value of Human development index (HDI), broad money supply (M2), exchange rate (EXH), inflation rate (INF), interest rate (INT), government expenditure (GVE), and government revenue (REV) in West African countries are 0.452241, 25.41389, 440.4894, 6.023465, 3.266053, 1.58E+10 and 134.4575 respectively.

The minimum and maximum value of Human development index (HDI) in some selected West African countries were 0.00000 and 0.774000 respectively. The maximum value of broad money supply (M2) in some selected west African countries was 57.92823 and its minimum value is 0.00000, the maximum value of exchange rate (EXH) was 732.3977 and its minimum value is 0.000000, the maximum value of inflation rate (INF) is 72.83550 and its minimum value is -3.233389, , the maximum value of interest rate (INT) is 18.18000 and its minimum value is -31.45257, the maximum value of government expenditure (GVE) is 1.03E+12 and its minimum value is 0.00000 while the maximum value of government revenue (REV) was 17987.00 and its minimum value is 0.00000.

The skewness statistics revealed that variables including M2, INF, GVE and REV are positively skewed meaning the series has a long right tail while variables such as HDI, EXH and INT are negatively skewed meaning the series has a long-left tails. Based on the result of skewness all the variables are found to be non-normally distributed since the value of their skewness different from zero.

The kurtosis statistics of variables including EXC is below three meaning the tails of this series is tiny while the kurtosis statistics for all the remaining variables such as HDI, M2, INF, INT, GVE and REV are above than three, meaning that the tails of these series are tick. Based on the result of the kurtosis, all the series are not normally distributed because their kurtosis statistics were not equal to three

Furthermore, it is clearly seen in the Table 4.1 that the Jarque-Bera probability for all variable under study are less than 0.05 significant level The rule states that the null hypothesis (series are normally distributed) will be rejected if the Jarque-Bera probability is less than 5 per cent and accepted if it is greater than 5 per cent. Thus, at 5 per cent significant level the null hypothesis that series are normally distributed are rejected for all

variables under consideration. This is deduced from the probability value for Jarque-Bera supported by Skewness and Kurtosis for the series.

	HDI	M2	EXH	INF	INT	GVE	REV
HDI	1						
M2	0.212243	1					
EXH	0.098968	0.327131	1				
INF	-0.299082	-0.290711	-0.483625	1			
INT	0.263402	0.088700	0.096366	-0.454839	1		
GVE	-0.009316	0.062139	-0.020555	-0.091039	-0.052459	1	
REV	0.029746	0.229965	0.051503	-0.027262	0.006764	-0.016613	1

4.2. Correlation Analysis Table 4.2 Correlation Matrix

Source: Researcher Computations (2021)

Table 4.2 shows that the correlations coefficient between HDI and M2 was 0.212243, which implies that there exist weak positive correlations between Human development index and broad money supply of some selected West African countries. The correlations coefficient between HDI and EXH was 0.098968 which implies that there exists a weak positive correlation between Human development index and Exchange rate of some selected West African countries. The correlations coefficient between HDI and INF was -0.299082, meaning a weak negative correlation exist between HDI and INF of some selected West African countries. The correlations coefficient between HDI and INT was 0.263402, meaning weak positive correlations exist between HDI and INT of some selected West African countries. The correlations coefficient between HDI and GVE was -0.009316 which means that a weak negative correlation exists between HDI and GVE and the correlations coefficient between HDI and REV was 0.029746 which implies that there is a weak positive correlation between HDI and REV for the period reviewed. The table showed further the correlation coefficient between the independent variables in order to examine the presents of multicolinearity in the data set. It can be observed from the table above that the correlation coefficient between independent variables is relatively low, thus the independent variables are not highly correlated with each other which is evidence of absents of multicolinearity problem in the data set. Hence, the data series under consideration are suitable enough to be used to estimate regression model.

4.3 Stationary Test

Table 4.3 Unit Root Test

		Critical Level				
						Order of
	1% level	5% level	10% level	ADF	Prob	Integration
HDI	-3.47338	-2.88034	-2.57687	-3.72344	0.000	I(1)
REV	-2.88046	-2.57694	2.356436	-3.47367	0.000	I(1)
GVE	-3.4731	-2.88021	-2.57681	-10.3761	0.000	I(0)
M2	-3.47367	-2.88046	-2.57694	-12.5023	0.000	I(1)
INF	-3.4731	-2.88021	-2.57681	-5.24735	0.000	I(0)
INT	-3.4731	-2.88021	-2.57681	-8.31525	0.000	I(0)
EXC	-4.02040	-3.44006	-3.14447	-7.95993	0.000	I(1)

Source: Researcher Computations (2021)

Table 4.3 shows the result of unit root test for checking stationarity of the variables under consideration using Augmented Dickey Fuller test. From the table it can be visualized that variables like GVE, INF and INT are stationary at level while variable such as HDI, REV M2 and EXC are stationary at first difference. However, at 5 percent level of significant the data series under consideration are of order Zero and one.

Date: 10/26/21 Time: 07:38 Sample: 1 155 Lags: 2			
Null Hypothesis:	Obs	F-Statistic	Prob.
M2 does not Granger Cause HDI	153	1.12314	0.3280
HDI does not Granger Cause M2		0.64842	0.5244
EXH does not Granger Cause HDI	153	0.88999	0.4128
HDI does not Granger Cause EXH		1.84265	0.1620
INF does not Granger Cause HDI	153	0.68704	0.5047
HDI does not Granger Cause INF		2.71761	0.0693
INT does not Granger Cause HDI	153	2.46157	0.0888
HDI does not Granger Cause INT		5.30190	0.0060
GVE does not Granger Cause HDI	153	0.12693	0.8809
HDI does not Granger Cause GVE		3.96894	0.0209
REV does not Granger Cause HDI	153	2.70797	0.0700
HDI does not Granger Cause REV		0.08408	0.9194

Pairwise Granger Causality Tests

Source: Researcher Computations (2021)

The table above shows the evidence of variable that granger cause each other's (the causality among the variables). The table shows that the null hypothesis that M2 does not granger cause the HDI at f-statistics of 1.12314 and p-value of 0.3280 was accepted, also at p-value of 0.5244 and f-statistic of 0.64442 the null hypothesis that the HDI does not granger causeM2 was accepted we therefore concluded that both M2 and HDI do not granger cause each other's. Also, the null hypothesis the EXH does not granger cause HDI and that HDI does not granger cause EXH was accepted at f-statistic of 0.88999 and 1.84265, and p value of 0.4128 and 0.1620 respectively, we therefore concluded that neither EXH granger cause HDI nor HDI granger cause EXH. Furthermore, at f-statistic of 0.68704 and 2.71761, and p value of 0.5047 and 0.0693 respectively, the null hypothesis that INF does not granger cause HDI and that HDI does not granger cause INF was accepted we therefore concluded that neither INF granger cause HDI nor HDI granger cause INF. However, the null hypothesis the INT does not granger cause HDI was accepted at f-statistic of 2.46157 and p value of 0.0888, again, null hypothesis that HDI does not granger cause INF was rejected at f-statistic of 5.30190, and p-value of 0.0060, we therefore concluded that EXH does not granger cause HDI but HDI granger cause EXH. Also, At f-statistic of 0.12693 and p value of 0.8809 the null hypothesis that GVE does not granger cause HDI was accepted, also at f-statistic of 3.96894 and p value of 0.0209, the null hypothesis that HDI does not granger cause GEV was rejected and we therefore concluded that GEV does not granger cause HDI but HDI granger cause GEV. Lastly, at f-statistic of 2.70797 and 0.08408, and p value of 0.0700 and 0.9194 respectively, the null hypothesis that REV does not granger cause HDI and that HDI does not granger cause REV was accepted we therefore concluded that neither REV granger cause HDI nor HDI granger cause REV.

4.4 Result of Hausman Test Table 4.4 Correlated Random Effects - Hausman Test Equation: Untitled Test cross-section random effects

Test Summary	Chi-Sq. Statistic	Chi-Sq. d.f.	Prob.
Cross-section random	248.545135	6	0.0000

Source: Researcher Computations (2021)

Table 4.3 presents the result of Hausman test to choose the best panel least square model. The tables show the Hausman test result with the Chi-Sq of 248.545135 and p-value of 0.0000 which is less than the acceptable 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis that random effect is suitable for this model is rejected, indicating the model should be estimated using fixed effect, thus fixed effect was used the null hypothesis that random effect is appropriate is rejected and the accept the alternative hypothesis that fixed effect model is appropriate.

4.5 Panel Regression Analysis Table 4.5. Panel Regression Result

Dependent Variable: HDI Method: Panel Least Squares Date: 10/21/21 Time: 11:30 Sample (adjusted): 1991 2020 Periods included: 30 Cross-sections included: 5 Total panel (balanced) observations: 150

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
С	0.085777	0.041232	2.080360	0.0393
HDI(-1)	0.765208	0.055517	13.78329	0.0000
M2	0.364126	0.000999	8.126479	0.0395
EXH	4.96E-05	7.50E-05	0.661703	0.5093
INF	-0.001975	0.001007	-1.961481	0.0518
INT	0.000216	0.001656	0.130225	0.8966
GVE	1.12E-12	1.07E-12	1.049054	0.0260
REV	2.50E-07	5.20E-06	0.048028	0.9618
	Effects Sp	ecification		
Cross-section fixed (dummy v	variables)			
R-squared	0.735763	Mean dependent var		0.457129
Adjusted R-squared	0.714700	S.D. dependent var		0.166687
S.E. of regression	0.089033	Akaike info criterion		-1.923001
Sum squared resid	1.093909	Schwarz criterion		-1.682150
Log likelihood	156.2250	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-1.825151
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F-statistic	34.93255	Durbin-Watson stat	1.969605
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

Source: Researcher Computations (2021)

Table 4.4. Shows the result of panel least square analyses (fixed effect) for studying the impact of fiscal and monetary policies on economic development in some selected West African countries. A critical examination of the results as reported above shows that about 73.58% of the total variation in the in dependent variable can be explained by the explanatory variables. This is indicated by the coefficient of determination (R²) value of 0.735763. This implies that INT, INF, GOV, M2, EXC and REV account for 73.58% of variation in Human development index of some selected west African countries. The remaining balance of 26.42% variation in the dependent variables Human development index can be explained by other factors outside the variables studied.

The Durbin Watson statistics of 1.969605is significantly close to 2.00 and signifies the absence of autocorrelation. At significance, level of 0.05 the F-statistics is34.93255 while the p-value of the F-statistics is 0.000000, which is less than 0.05.

Furthermore, from the t-statistics result in the regression model shows that broad money supply M2 has a positive significant impact on HDI, indication that holding other variables as constant; a unit increase in M2 will bring about increase in HDI by 0.364126. Exchange rate EXH is positively and significantly influencing HDI, meaning that, holding other independent variables as constant, a unit increase in EXH will bring out about increase in HDI by4.96E-05. The result shows further that inflation rate has negative significant impact on HDI, meaning that a unit increase in inflation rate will bring about -0.001975 reduction in HDI. Interest rate was also found to be negatively and significantly associated with HDI, meaning that a unit increase in inflate in HDI.

More so, the indicator of fiscal policy such as government expenditure and total revenue were positively related with HDI but Government expenditure is significant to the HDI while Government Revenue impact on HDI is insignificant in some selected Africa countries.

5.0 DISCUSSION

It is quite common in the field of economics to have models where some variables are not only explanatory variables for a given explained variable, but they are also explained by the variables that they are used to determine. This implies that when we are not confident and certain that a variable is really exogenous, we have to treat each variable symmetrically and this is what is applicable to the time series analysis. In this study, special attention is devoted to the time series component of the data series under consideration. When dealing with time series data, it is important to investigate whether the series are stationary or not. This is because the regression of non-stationary series on another may yield spurious regression results and such results will be misleading and inaccurate for policy makers. This is because the equations derived from time series components are not in reduced forms since any of the variables may have a contemporaneous impact on each other. According to Engle and Grange (1987), the parameter estimates from such regression may be biased and inconsistent.

This study studied the impact of Fiscal and monetary policies on economic Development in Some selected west African countries from 1990 to 2020. The data used were extracted from the World Bank indicator which were analyzed using ordinary least square. The analytical approach follows ordinary least square model. Having examined the research objectives using regression statistical analysis. The finding revealed that the variables M2, INT, INF, and EXC has significant impact on HDI of West African countries for the period study. The implication of this finding is that monetary policy and fiscal policy will adversely influence

economic development proxy by gross domestic product in West African countries for the period study. Again, variables such as government expenditure and total government revenue has positive but insignificant association with HDI in West African countries for the period study. The implication of this finding is that fiscal policy will not adversely affect economic growth proxy by gross domestic product in West African countries for the period study. The period study. The implication of this finding is that fiscal policy will not adversely affect economic growth proxy by gross domestic product in West African countries for the period study. although the effect of the Government revenue and Government expenditure are not significant on Economic growth(>0.05). The value of R-square is an indication that Money supply, Exchange rate, inflation, interest rate, Government revenue and Government Expenditure are great determinants of economic growth in West African countries such as Nigeria, Cote d'ivore, Burkina Faso, Togo, and Senegal.

6.0 CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, it is recognized that both fiscal policy and monetary policy can have a positive impact on economic development in selected West African countries. However, achieving successful implementation of sound fiscal and monetary policies requires the governments to fulfill certain conditions. Firstly, the government should ensure that the stock of money in circulation is increased in a moderate manner to avoid inflation. This can be achieved through careful management of monetary policy by the central bank, which includes controlling interest rates, managing the money supply, and regulating commercial banks. Secondly, the government should increase its expenditure, particularly in economic services, social and community services, and education. Investing in education is crucial, including providing compulsory basic education and improving its quality overall. By doing so, the government can enhance human capital, which is essential for long-term economic development. Furthermore, expanding the coverage of health services, such as through health insurance schemes, is important to improve the well-being of the population and promote economic productivity. Promoting agriculture through mechanization and increasing productivity is another key aspect. Agriculture is a vital sector in many West African countries, and enhancing its efficiency can contribute significantly to economic development. This can be achieved by providing farmers with access to modern farming techniques, technology, and adequate resources. Lastly, it is crucial for the government to invest in infrastructure development. Building and maintaining reliable transportation networks, power supply systems, and other essential infrastructure can increase productivity across all sectors of the economy.

In summary, for West African countries to achieve increased economic development and growth, it is necessary to implement sound fiscal and monetary policies. This involves managing the money supply to avoid inflation, increasing government expenditure in key sectors like education and healthcare, promoting agriculture through mechanization and productivity improvements, and investing in infrastructure development. By ensuring the appropriate utilization of funds directed towards these sectors, countries can enhance their chances of overall development and economic progress.

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	Cod								
Country	e	YEAR	REV	INF	EXH	INT	M2	GVE	HDI
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Nigeria	1	1991	44.19376	13.00697	9.909492	0.990847	13.39988	66.58	0
Nigeria	1	1992	43.68845	44.58884	17.29843	-14.9872	14.24738	92.80	0
Nigeria	1	1993	44.29949	57.16525	22.0654	-7.05247	15.78772	191.23	0
Nigeria	1	1994	42.36749	57.03171	21.996	-15.9202	15.09194	160.89	0
Nigeria	1	1995	39.08486	72.8355	21.89526	-31.4526	10.28191	248.77	0
Nigeria	1	1996	39.26268	29.26829	21.88443	-5.26078	9.063329	337.22	0
Nigeria	1	1997	38.14457	8.529874	21.88605	12.12661	9.725269	428.22	0
Nigeria	1	1998	37.42959	9.996378	21.886	11.48467	10.93903	487.11	0
Nigeria	1	1999	38.10766	6.618373	92.3381	6.047248	12.76339	947.69	0
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Nigeria	1	2003	36.04746	14.03178	129.2224	9.935713	13.02659	1,225.99	0.69
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Nigeria	1	2006	37.96793	8.225222	128.6517	-5.62797	11.72897	1,938.00	0.72
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Nigeria	1	2010	37.70227	13.7202	150.2975	1.067736	21.35585	4,194.58	0.743
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Nigeria	1	2012	37.98314	12.21778	157.5	6.224809	24.92823	4,605.39	0.848
Nigeria	1	2013	38.79581	8.475827	157.3117	11.20162	25.44805	5,185.32	0.751
Nigeria	1	2014	38.82736	8.062486	158.5526	11.35621	22.68961	4,587.39	0.755
Nigeria	1	2015	37.80463	9.009387	192.4403	13.59615	22.36683	4,988.86	0.761
Nigeria	1	2016	38.88785	15.67534	253.492	6.686234	27.37879	5,858.56	0.765

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Nigeria	1	2017	39.10554	16.52354	305.7901	5.790567	24.78142	6,456.70	0.767
Nigeria	1	2018	39.18683	12.09473	306.0837	6.055977	25.36246	7,813.74	0.77
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Cote D	2	1992	0	4.231384	264.6918	3.459181	28.33074	10901357893	0.405
Cote D	2	1993	0	2.164715	283.1626	3.652048	26.37549	10655139125	0.406
Cote D	2	1994	0	26.08157	555.2047	3.3375	26.23432	7380930226	0.407
Cote D	2	1995	20.09396	14.29507	499.1484	3.351483	26.04142	10195348656	0.409
Cote D	2	1996	16.0983	2.480807	511.5524	3.048446	23.92975	11085219611	0.412
Cote D	2	1997	17.0974	4.020833	583.6694	2.118362	23.49764	10872002199	0.415
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Cote D	2	1999	15.87653	0.702376	615.4733	2.507556	21.99039	11667545072	0.419
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Togo	5	1993	17.18952	-1.00688	283.1626	2.268333	32.43662	1019039714	0.391
Togo	5	1994	18.58239	39.16277	555.2047	2.574167	29.96431	1374493731	0.397
Togo	5	1995	19.13969	16.4335	499.1484	2.553333	30.58325	1624571783	0.41
Togo	5	1996	18.98587	4.6875	511.5524	1.614167	24.97057	1736242787	0.418
Togo	5	1997	11.49113	8.250825	583.6694	1.521667	22.52204	1803465373	0.426
Togo	5	1998	11.12411	0.975338	589.9518	1.3875	21.0551	1735912937	0.425
Togo	5	1999	11.30626	-0.05321	615.4733	1.8025	22.0213	1553395808	0.426
Togo	5	2000	11.6036	1.862606	710.208	1.920833	23.26793	1593507026	0.427
Togo	5	2001	11.05457	3.919591	732.3977	1.754167	20.64873	1782350117	0.43
Togo	5	2002	9.99446	3.059819	693.7132	1.748333	18.42729	2153908042	0.433
Togo	5	2003	10.15886	-0.93	579.8974	2.050833	20.14017	2316865827	0.438
Togo	5	2004	10.42996	0.393079	527.338	2.175	24.60733	2521269059	0.439
Togo	5	2005	11.22148	6.782929	527.2584	2.719853	25.01378	2709439326	0.438
Togo	5	2006	12.59415	2.228978	522.4256	5.272253	30.34165	3090312157	0.444
Togo	5	2007	12.58312	0.945673	478.6337	-0.20677	32.35085	3893747434	0.439
Togo	5	2008	13.57313	8.694828	446	-6.07644	34.73304	3892337188	0.447
Togo	5	2009	13.18851	3.713606	470.2934	3.339915	37.06309	3977108842	0.456
Togo	5	2010	12.81024	1.445945	494.7943	4.450338	39.82759	4791448422	0.466
Togo	5	2011	14.41866	3.563515	471.2486	4.134464	43.43045	4503403345	0.479
Togo	5	2012	14.17344	2.577182	510.5563	3.273636	44.1376	5082946791	0.482
Togo	5	2013	13.08629	1.825395	493.8996	3.509354	47.82098	5400173324	0.488
Togo	5	2014	13.22951	0.190875	493.7573	5.427113	46.82278	5099280004	0.493
Togo	5	2015	14.78576	2.583905	493.7573	1.618232	51.68221	5308733161	0.499
Togo	5	2016	16.67678	1.285247	592.6056	3.322004	53.99449	5331637020	0.502
Togo	5	2017	16.57436	-0.98029	580.6567	4.243532	56.40663	6001498596	0.506
Togo	5	2018	15.66379	0.928171	555.4465	3.409167	57.92823	6123387204	0.51
Togo	5	2019	17.8681	0.685898	585.911	3.661667	56.08846	6223387204	0.515
Togo	5	2020	17,987	1.82754	575.586	3.797708	56.08846	0	0.513

Sources; WDI 2021

Appendix 2 Pairwise Granger Causality Tests Date: 10/26/21 Time: 07:38 Sample: 1 155 Lags: 2

Null Hypothesis:	Obs	F-Statistic	Prob.
M2 does not Granger Cause HDI	153	1.12314	0.3280
HDI does not Granger Cause M2		0.64842	0.5244

EXH does not Granger Cause HDI	153	0.88999	0.4128
HDI does not Granger Cause EXH		1.84265	0.1620
INF does not Granger Cause HDI	153	0.68704	0.5047
HDI does not Granger Cause INF		2.71761	0.0693
INT does not Granger Cause HDI	153	2.46157	0.0888
HDI does not Granger Cause INT		5.30190	0.0060
GVE does not Granger Cause HDI	153	0.12693	0.8809
HDI does not Granger Cause GVE		3.96894	0.0209
REV does not Granger Cause HDI	153	2.70797	0.0700
HDI does not Granger Cause REV		0.08408	0.9194
EXH does not Granger Cause M2	153	0.53983	0.5840
M2 does not Granger Cause EXH		8.82716	0.0002
INF does not Granger Cause M2	153	1.69658	0.1869
M2 does not Granger Cause INF		1.48817	0.2291
INT does not Granger Cause M2	153	0.15251	0.8587
M2 does not Granger Cause INT		0.07463	0.9281
GVE does not Granger Cause M2	153	0.71682	0.4900
M2 does not Granger Cause GVE		7.35583	0.0009
REV does not Granger Cause M2	153	6.29960	0.0024
M2 does not Granger Cause REV		5.86920	0.0035
INF does not Granger Cause EXH	153	4.91922	0.0085
EXH does not Granger Cause INF		14.0376	3.E-06
INT does not Granger Cause EXH	153	0.51247	0.6001
EXH does not Granger Cause INT		0.44061	0.6445
GVE does not Granger Cause EXH	153	0.24823	0.7805
EXH does not Granger Cause GVE		0.17894	0.8363
REV does not Granger Cause EXH	153	5.43607	0.0053
EXH does not Granger Cause REV		0.39605	0.6737
INT does not Granger Cause INF	153	2.26958	0.1069
INF does not Granger Cause INT		3.47124	0.0336
GVE does not Granger Cause INF	153	0.00802	0.9920
INF does not Granger Cause GVE		1.02456	0.3615
REV does not Granger Cause INF	153	3.70902	0.0268
INF does not Granger Cause REV		0.14226	0.8675

GVE does not Granger Cause INT	153	0.00188	0.9981
INT does not Granger Cause GVE		0.31486	0.7304
REV does not Granger Cause INT INT does not Granger Cause REV	153	$1.05845 \\ 0.00061$	0.3496 0.9994
REV does not Granger Cause GVE	153	66.2854	3.E-21
GVE does not Granger Cause REV		0.02047	0.9797

Null Hypothesis: HDI has a unit root Exogenous: Constant Lag Length: 1 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

		t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic		-3.723435	0.0046
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.473382	
	5% level	-2.880336	
	10% level	-2.576871	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Null Hypothesis: D(EXH) has a unit root Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend Lag Length: 3 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

		t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-F	uller test statistic	-7.959926	0.0000
Test critical values:	1% level	-4.020396	
	5% level	-3.440059	
	10% level	-3.144465	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Null Hypothesis: D(GVE) has a unit root Exogenous: Constant Lag Length: 3 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-10.37606	0.0000

Test critical values:	1% level	-3.474265	
	5% level	-2.880722	
	10% level	-2.577077	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Null Hypothesis: INF has a unit root Exogenous: Constant Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

		t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-F	uller test statistic	-5.247353	0.0000
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.473096	
	5% level	-2.880211	
	10% level	-2.576805	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Null Hypothesis: INT has a unit root Exogenous: Constant Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

		t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-F	uller test statistic	-8.315243	0.0000
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.473096	
	5% level	-2.880211	
	10% level	-2.576805	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Null Hypothesis: D(M2) has a unit root
Exogenous: Constant
Lag Length: 1 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-12.50234	0.0000
Test critical values: 1% level	-3.473672	

5% level	-2.880463
10% level	-2.576939

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Null Hypothesis: D(REV) has a unit root Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=13)

		t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic		-3.47367	0.9988
Test critical values:	1% level	-2.88046	
	5% level	-2.57694	
	10% level	2.356436	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.