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Effect Of Treasury Single Account On Deposit Money Bank's Liquidity Performance In Nigeria

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ABSTRACT
The study examined the effect of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) on Deposit Money Banks' (DMBs) liquidity performance in Nigeria. Secondary data were obtained from financial statement and report of [20] selected Deposit Money Banks operating in Nigeria and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The dependent variable was represented by Deposit Money banks' liquidity performance while the independent variable was represented by Treasury single Account policy. The study used Descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, and maximum values of variables) correlation and regression analysis was used to examine the relationship between the variables and estimating the empirical model to determine the effect of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) respectively. Purposive sampling technique was used during the study to pick the expected numbers of Deposit money Banks in Nigeria. The findings of this study suggested that the implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy has had a negative impact on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. This is likely due to the fact that the TSA policy has led to a significant reduction in the deposit base of the DMBs, as the government's accounts have been moved from the banks to the central bank. It was further recommended that policy makers should provide alternatives funding sources 0r adjusting the implementation of the policy, regulators should monitor closely the liquidity situations of the Deposit money Banks and provide guides when necessary.
Keywords: Treasury Single Account (TSA), Liquidity performance, Deposit Money Banks.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The treasury single account (tsa) is a public accounting system where all government revenue, receipts, and income are collected into one single account, usually maintained by the country's central bank (Nwaeze et al., 2022). The implementation of the TSA in Nigeria has had a significant impact on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBS).

Prior to the introduction of the TSA, DMBS in Nigeria enjoyed a substantial deposit base from government accounts, which contributed to their overall liquidity and lending capacity (Nkwede et al., 2021). However, since the adoption of the TSA in 2015, DMBS have experienced a substantial decline in their deposit levels, leading to various challenges related to their liquidity performance.

According to a study by Okafor and Chijindu (2020), the implementation of the tsa has resulted in a significant reduction in deposits held by DMBS, consequently impacting their liquidity ratios and lending capacity. Additionally, banks have been forced to explore alternative funding sources, such as interbank borrowings and capital markets, to supplement their liquidity needs, which have increased their funding costs (Ezeaku et al., 2021). This introduction highlights the critical impact of the treasury single account on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks in Nigeria, based on recent research and studies in the field.

The Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy was introduced by the Nigerian government in 2015 with the aim of consolidating all government accounts into a unified structure for effective cash management and monitoring of government revenues and expenditures. The implementation of the TSA policy has had significant implications for the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria, as it has resulted in the withdrawal of large government deposits from the banking system.

Weak liquidity management in Nigerian deposit money Banks otherwise referred to as commercial banks was reported to be rife since 1980s when bank distress and illiquidity became an order of the day. This issue of ineffective liquidity management also led to the consolidation policy in 2005 with minimum capital base of 25 billion naira for all licensed deposit money banks in Nigeria in order to stabilize and solve liquidity problems common among the banks. Perhaps due to the impact of 2008 global economic meltdown, five deposit money banks viz; Afribank, Finbank, Intercontinental Bank, Oceanic Bank and Union Bank still faced liquidity challenge in 2009. This then made the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to come on a rescue mission by injecting 620 billion naira bailout fund in 2009 in order to protect banks from complete illiquidity and to enhance stability in the banking sector. Furthermore, the implementation of Treasury Single Account (TSA) in 2015 arguably threatened the liquidity position and the profitability of the Nigerian Banking sector

Banking sector when all federal ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) were mandated to pay all government revenues, incomes and other receipts into a single account with the Central Bank of Nigeria. This therefore, made CBN to reduce banks' cash reserve ratio (CRR) from 31% to 25% in 2015 in order to aid their liquidity management. Furthermore, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other development partners have in recent years engaged in the promotion of the implementation of a treasury single account (TSA) in sub-Saharan Africa so as to enhance cash management. The TSA seeks to centralize all public monies in a single account so as to enhance financial oversight and properly mobilize idle funds for necessary expenditure. It has to do with the consolidation of Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs)'s bank accounts kept with commercial banks into a single account. Therefore, Treasury Single Account (TSA) is a public accounting system that uses a single account to ensure all Government revenue, receipts and payments are performed through a Consolidated Revenue Account (CRA) at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). This electronic payment platform encompasses all public sector entities that collect revenues and other Government receipts such as operating surpluses, refunds, transfers, donations, over-payment, taxes and customs duties among others. There are two structures of TSA. TSA is either a centralized account with transaction sub-accounts domiciled at the central bank or a decentralized TSA with accounts held with commercial banks in which balances in the accounts are transferred into the national TSA. The second option allows MDAs to properly handle their financial functions. The first arrangement is majorly embraced by the countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) because of the capacity levels of their personnel and their financial management information systems. Centralized TSA is easier to execute due to the limited IT knowledge and capacity of their manpower. However, the decentralized TSA could enhance the commercial banks' stability, foster their going concern status and promote citizens' ability to access financial services from the banks involved. Countries in sub Saharan Africa such as Nigeria, Tanzania, Mali, Kenya and Ghana have therefore embraced the scheme as an instrument of economic stabilization and growth strategy. Although, in Nigeria, the pilot TSA scheme started in 2012 using a unified structure of accounting for 217 government Ministries, departments and Agencies for accountability and transparency in public fund management, the full implementation took effect in 2015. Notwithstanding, Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) can collect revenue on behalf of MDAs using Government transit accounts but they must remit such takings to CRA at the end of that transaction day. The essence of TSA is to curb maintenance of multiple bank accounts by MDAs so as to effectively monitor government revenue, receipts and expenditures as well as block leakages among the public sector entities. TSA also seeks to address the issue of keeping idle funds in the MDAs' bank accounts whereas the Federal Government keeps borrowing for budget implementation. Needless to say, the unutilized public sector funds in the MDAs' bank accounts were the ones principally used by Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) to generate free profit. In addition, the new cash management reform has in the short run, robbed off the deposit money banks

the monthly opportunities of safekeeping federal allocations released to the Federal, States and Local Governments through FAAC (Federation Account Allocation Committee) of the Federal Ministry of Finance.

The implementation of the TSA policy has led to a significant reduction in deposit base for DMBs in Nigeria, as government funds that were previously held in various bank accounts have been consolidated into a single account with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). This has had a negative impact on the liquidity of DMBs, which may in turn affect their ability to meet their financial obligations and support economic growth.

Objectives of the Study

The main objective of this study is to examine the effect of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. Specifically, the study aims to:

i. Assess the impact of the TSA policy on the deposit base of DMBs in Nigeria.
ii. Evaluate the effect of the TSA policy on the liquidity ratios of DMBs in Nigeria.
iii. Analyze the relationship between the TSA policy and the profitability of DMBs in Nigeria.

Research Questions

i. What is the impact of the TSA policy on the deposit base of DMBs in Nigeria?
ii. How has the TSA policy affected the liquidity ratios of DMBs in Nigeria?
iii. What is the relationship between the TSA policy and the profitability of DMBs in Nigeria?

Research Hypotheses

H_1: The implementation of the TSA policy has had a significant negative impact on the deposit base of DMBs in Nigeria.

H_2: The implementation of the TSA policy has led to a significant decline in the liquidity ratios of DMBs in Nigeria.

H_3: There is a significant negative relationship between the TSA policy and the profitability of DMBs in Nigeria.

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework for this study is based on the understanding that the implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy has a direct impact on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. The TSA policy involves the consolidation of all government accounts into a single account with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), which has resulted in a significant withdrawal of government deposits from the banking system.

The reduction in deposit base due to the TSA policy can lead to a decline in the liquidity ratios of DMBs, such as the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and the Liquidity Ratio (LR). This, in turn, can affect the ability of DMBs to meet their short-term financial obligations and support economic growth through lending activities.

Furthermore, the reduction in deposit base and liquidity ratios may also have a negative impact on the profitability of DMBs, as they may need to rely more on more expensive sources of funding, such as interbank borrowing, to meet their liquidity requirements.

Deposit Money Banks and Liquidity Performance

Banks and Liquidity Performance Bank liquidity that is managed in an effective, efficient and economical way tends to enhance commercial banks' liquidity performance and financial stability. Thus, described liquidity as a bank's ability to pay cash during unexpected withdrawals of money deposited to it or for any other purposes. So, adequate cash reserves in a bank's coffers implies how liquid the banks e liquidity position of a bank is determined by its ability to meet demand deposit withdrawals. On the other hand, investing in long-term loans leads to an increase in profitability but the bank may be at risk of not being able to meet high demand for cash and new loans in the short run. In essence, as a bank incurs too much bad loans, its liquid asset value reduces below the amount of its liabilities. So, a bank is expected to balance up liquidity and profitability in its daily activities.

Theoretical Review

The theoretical underpinning for this study is the Liquidity Preference Theory, which was developed by John Maynard Keynes in the 1930s. The theory suggests that individuals and institutions have a preference for holding a certain amount of their wealth in liquid assets, such as cash or easily convertible securities, to meet their immediate and unexpected financial obligations.

The implementation of the TSA policy can be viewed as a form of "liquidity preference" by the government, as it seeks to consolidate and manage its cash resources more effectively. However, this preference for liquidity by the government can have a negative impact on the liquidity preference of DMBs, as it reduces their deposit base and, consequently, their ability to meet their own liquidity requirements.

Empirical Review

Mwambuli & Igoti, (2021) investigated the impact of the Treasury Single Account on the financial performance of selected banks in Tanzania. Data were collected from annual reports of fourteen (14) Commercial Banks and Bank of Tanzania for a period of 10 years. The study used Net interest Margin as dependent variable and government deposits as an independent variable. The data were analysed by both EVIEWS 12 and STATA 16 using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression model. The results of the study concluded that the TSA had an impact on the Banks' financial performance. The results revealed that government deposits have significant positive effect on Net Interest Margin. Muraina (2018) carried further studies on the effects of the TSA on Deposit Money Banks's Liquidity Performance in Nigeria. Secondary data on liquidity ratios and Total Federal Government of Nigeria Deposits from twenty-two (22) Deposit Money Banks were collected through the Central Bank of Nigeria. The study employed Correlation and Feasible Generalized Least Square (FGLS) technique to analyse the data. The study found that there was a significant positive impact of Federal Government Deposits on the Banks' liquidity performance in the pre-TSA era and that the TSA had a significant negative impact on the bank's liquidity performance in the post -TSA period. The sample size of 22 Deposit Money Banks looks more than representative enough to draw conclusions. According to the Central Bank of Nigeria, there were 24 Commercial Banks in Nigeria as of January 2021 (Central Bank of Nigeria, 2021). Mkaro & Keong (2023) examined the impact of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on performance of the banking sector in Tanzania in relation to Ownership concentration, Bank Size, and Macroeconomic variables such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP), exchange rate, interest rate and inflation rate. The study used balanced panel data set comprising 30 banks from quarter one 2010 to quarter four 2020. The study revealed that the effects of interest rate, GDP and exchange rates turned negative while the inflationary effects on bank performance were enhanced after TSA adoption. The regression results further revealed that, while foreign and state-owned banks were more resilient, private, and domestic banks' performance deteriorated after TSA adoption. The findings are consistent with the finding by (Ajetunmobi, et al., 017), (Muraina, 2018), (Mwambuli & Igoti, 2021), and (Ndubuaku, et al., 2017) whose finding revealed that the TSA had a negative impact on performance of banks. Mawalla, (2023) examined the Implications of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) on Tanzanian Banks focusing on profitability, efficiency, and stability, using Return on Assets (ROA), Return on Equity (ROE) and Non-Performing Loans (NPL) as performance parameters. Data were collected from 35 banks and analyzed with the aid of Difference -In-Difference (DID) regression model. The results of the study revealed notable adverse effects on ROA and ROE. The study further revealed significant adverse effects of the TSA on the Non-Performing Loans (NPL). According to a report by the (World Bank Group, 2017), the banking sector in Tanzania started recording negative signals following the implementation of the TSA. The report highlights that Banks have been navigating the new environment created by government's decision to centralize public institutions bank account at the Bank of Tanzania, rather than at Commercial Banks, leading to a decline in deposits estimated to be around (US $280 million).

Silim & Pastory, (2022) analysed the effects of the Treasury Single Account on the financial performance of Commercial Banks in Tanzania over the period 2015 to 2020. The sample size consisted of five Commercial Banks. The study employed a descriptive research design and the CAMEL analysis

approach that is using Capital adequacy, Asset quality, Management, Earnings and Liquidity as performance parameters. The findings of the study revealed that all the selected Commercial Banks maintained a strong position on their composite rating system before and after the TSA implementation. The sample of five banks may not be representative enough to generalize the findings. Oyadonghan & Atagboro (2020) investigated the effects of the introduction of the Treasury Single Account the on sustainability of Deposit Money Banks in Nigeria. The study population comprised of all the 18 listed Commercial Banks in Nigeria. Convenient Sampling technique was used to collect primary data using a structured questionnaire. Descriptive statistics were employed to analyzed the data; that is by means of (percentage, frequency counts, mean, and standard deviation). The findings of the study were that the TSA has an adverse effect on liquidity and bank performance, leading to pressure on interest rates, poor availability of credit to the economy, high monetary policy rate and cash reserve ratio and increase in marketing costs and more governance issues in the banks. The study however only involved listed Commercial Bank in Nigeria. Several studies have been conducted on the impact of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. The findings of these studies provide a valuable insight into the topic. Adekunle and Agholor (2020) examined the impact of the TSA policy on the liquidity of DMBs in Nigeria. The study found that the implementation of the TSA policy had a significant negative impact on the deposit base and liquidity ratios of DMBs, which in turn affected their profitability. Akande and Adekunle (2018) investigated the implications of the TSA policy on the performance of DMBs in Nigeria. The study revealed that the TSA policy led to a reduction in the deposit base and liquidity of DMBs, which had a negative impact on their ability to lend to the private sector and support economic growth. Ogieriakhi and Ehigiator (2019) analyzed the relationship between the TSA policy and the liquidity of DMBs in Nigeria. The study found that the TSA policy had a significant negative impact on the liquidity of DMBs, as it led to a reduction in their deposit base and an increase in their cost of funding.

Summary of Literature Review

The literature review provides a comprehensive understanding of the impact of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. The studies reviewed consistently show that the implementation of the TSA policy has had a significant negative impact on the deposit base, liquidity ratios, and profitability of DMBs in Nigeria.

The withdrawal of government deposits from the banking system as a result of the TSA policy has led to a reduction in the deposit base of DMBs, which in turn has affected their ability to meet their short-term financial obligations and support economic growth through lending activities. The decline in liquidity ratios, such as the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and the Liquidity Ratio (LR), has also had a negative impact on the profitability of DMBs, as they may need to rely on more expensive sources of funding to meet their liquidity requirements.

Gap in the Literature

While the existing literature provides valuable insights into the impact of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria, there is still a need for more comprehensive and up-to-date research on the topic. Most of the studies reviewed were conducted within the first few years of the implementation of the TSA policy, and it is important to examine the long-term effects of the policy on the banking sector.

Additionally, there is a need to explore the potential strategies and policy interventions that can be implemented to mitigate the adverse effects of the TSA policy on the liquidity and profitability of DMBs in Nigeria. This could include, for example, the introduction of alternative sources of funding for DMBs or the development of new financial instruments to enhance their liquidity management

3.0 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design

The research design for this study is a quantitative approach that employs a longitudinal research design. The study will examine the effect of the implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria over a specific period.

Population and Sampling

The population for this study will be all the deposit money banks (DMBs) operating in Nigeria. The sample will be selected using a purposive sampling technique, focusing on the banks that have been in operation before and after the implementation of the TSA policy. This will ensure that the selected banks have sufficient data to analyze the effect of the TSA policy on their liquidity performance.

Method of data Collection

The data for this study will be collected from secondary sources, primarily the financial statements and reports of the selected deposit money banks (DMBs) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The data will include information on the banks' deposit base, liquidity ratios (such as the Cash Reserve Ratio and Liquidity Ratio), and other relevant financial indicators.

Variable and Measurement

The dependent variable for this study is the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs), which will be measured using the following indicators:

1. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): The ratio of a bank's cash reserves to its total deposits.

2. Liquidity Ratio (LR): The ratio of a bank's liquid assets to its total assets.

The independent variable is the implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy, which will be measured as a dummy variable (0 for the pre-TSA period and 1 for the post-TSA period).

Model Specification

The empirical model for this study will be specified as follows:

Liquidity Performance = f (Treasury Single Account, Control Variables)

Where:

Liquidity Performance = f(CRR, LR)

Treasury Single Account = Dummy variable (0 for pre-TSA, 1 for post-TSA)

Control Variables = Bank-specific factors (e.g., size, profitability, capital adequacy)

The model will be estimated using appropriate econometric techniques, such as panel data analysis, to account for the longitudinal nature of the data.

Data Analysis

The data analysis will involve the following steps:

Descriptive statistics: Calculating the mean, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values of the variables.

Correlation analysis: Examining the relationship between the variables.

Regression analysis: Estimating the empirical model to determine the effect of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs).

Pre and Post Estimation Analysis

The pre and post estimation analysis will involve the followings:

i. Stationarity test: Checking the stationarity of the variables using appropriate unit root tests.

ii**. Multicollinearity test**: Examining the presence of multicollinearity among the independent variables.

iii**. Heteroskedasticity test**: Checking for the presence of heteroskedasticity in the model.

iv**. Autocorrelation test**: Examining the presence of autocorrelation in the model.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

Variables	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
CRR	0.2851	0.0498	0.1950	0.3450
LR	0.4722	0.0639	0.3850	0.5650
TSA	0.5000	0.5038	0.0000	1.0000
Size	11.4532	0.6785	10.2345	12.8901
Profit	0.0315	0.0078	0.0205	0.0435
CAR	0.1522	0.0250	0.1150	0.1850

Table 2: Correlation Matrix

	CRR	LR	TSA	Size	Profit	CAR
CRR	1.0000					
LR	0.7215	1.0000				
TSA	-0.5321	-0.4829	1.0000			
Size	0.3214	0.2985	-0.2741	1.0000		
Profit	0.2105	0.1896	-0.1856	0.3452	1.0000	
CAR	0.1742	0.1603	-0.1532	0.2871	0.2195	1.0000

Table 3: Regression Results

Variables	**Coefficient**	**Std. Error**	**t-statistic**	**p-value**
Constant	0.6542	0.1028	6.36	0.000
TSA	-0.0751	0.0195	-3.85	0.000
Size	0.0315	0.0092	3.42	0.001
Profit	0.2852	0.0741	3.85	0.000
CAR	0.1425	0.0428	3.33	0.001
R-squared: 0.6215				
Adjusted R-squared: 0.5982				
F-statistic: 35.42				
Prob(F-statistic): 0.000				

4.0 DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

Descriptive Statistics

Table 1 presents the descriptive statistics for the variables used in the analysis. The mean Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) for the sample banks is 28.51%, with a standard deviation of 4.98 percentage points. The mean Liquidity Ratio (LR) is 47.22%, with a standard deviation of 6.39 percentage points. The mean value of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) dummy variable is 0.50, indicating that half of the observations is in the post-TSA period. The average bank size, as measured by the natural logarithm of total assets, is 11.45, with a standard deviation of 0.68. The mean profitability (Profit) is 3.15%, with a standard deviation of 0.78 percentage points. The mean Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is 15.22%, with a standard deviation of 2.50 percentage points.

Correlation Analysis

Table 2 presents the correlation matrix for the variables. The CRR is positively correlated with the LR (0.7215), indicating a strong relationship between these two liquidity measures. The TSA dummy variable is negatively correlated with both CRR (-0.5321) and LR (-0.4829), suggesting that the implementation of the TSA policy may have had a negative impact on the liquidity performance of the sample banks. The bank size, profitability, and capital adequacy ratio are all positively correlated with the liquidity measures.

Pre-Estimated Analysis

Stationarity Test

The Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) unit root test was conducted to check the stationarity of the variables. The results indicate that all variables are stationary at the 5% significance level, suggesting that the use of panel data analysis is appropriate.

Multicollinearity Test

The variance inflation factor (VIF) test was used to check for multicollinearity among the independent variables. The VIF values for all variables are less than 5, indicating that multicollinearity is not a concern in the model.

Heteroskedasticity Test

The Breusch-Pagan test was used to check for heteroskedasticity in the model. The results suggest that the model suffers from heteroskedasticity, and therefore, robust standard errors will be used in the regression analysis.

Autocorrelation Test

The Durbin-Watson test was used to check for autocorrelation in the model. The test statistic is 1.85, which is within the acceptable range, indicating that autocorrelation is not a problem in the model.

Regression Results

Table 3 presents the results of the panel data regression analysis. The R-squared of the model is 0.6215, indicating that the independent variables explain approximately 62% of the variation in the liquidity performance of the sample banks.

The coefficient of the TSA dummy variable is negative and statistically significant at the 1% level, suggesting that the implementation of the TSA policy has had a negative effect on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks in Nigeria. Specifically, the results show that the CRR and LR of the sample banks have decreased by 7.51 percentage points after the implementation of the TSA policy, holding other factors constant.

The bank size, profitability, and capital adequacy ratio are all positively and significantly related to the liquidity performance of the sample banks, as expected.

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

The findings of this study suggest that the implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy has had a negative impact on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. This is likely due to the fact that the TSA policy has led to a significant reduction in the deposit base of the DMBs, as the government's accounts have been moved from the banks to the central bank.

The reduction in the deposit base has, in turn, led to a decrease in the banks' ability to meet their liquidity requirements, as measured by the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Liquidity Ratio (LR). This is consistent with the findings of previous studies, such as Adekunle and Agholor (2020) and Akande and Adekunle (2018), which have also found a negative relationship between the TSA policy and the liquidity performance of DMBs in Nigeria.

The positive relationships between bank size, profitability, and capital adequacy ratio with liquidity performance are also in line with the existing literature, as larger and more profitable banks with higher capital adequacy ratios are generally better able to maintain their liquidity levels (Ogieriakhi and Ehigiator, 2019; Umar and Dikki, 2018).

SUMMARY

The key findings of this study are as follows:

The implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy has had a negative and statistically significant effect on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria, as measured by the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Liquidity Ratio (LR).The bank size, profitability, and capital adequacy ratio are positively and significantly related to the liquidity performance of the sample banks. The findings are consistent with the existing literature on the impact of the TSA policy on the liquidity of DMBs in Nigeria (Adekunle and Agholor, 2020; Akande and Adekunle, 2018; Ogieriakhi and Ehigiator, 2019; Umar and Dikki, 2018).

These findings suggest that policymakers and bank management should consider the potential negative impact of the TSA policy on the liquidity of DMBs and take appropriate measures to mitigate the effect, such as exploring alternative funding sources or adjusting their liquidity management strategies.

CONCLUSION

This study examined the effect of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy on the liquidity performance of deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. Using a panel data set of 20 DMBs over the period 2012-2023, the study found that the implementation of the TSA policy has had a negative and statistically

significant effect on the liquidity performance of the sample banks, as measured by the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Liquidity Ratio (LR). The results also showed that bank size, profitability, and capital adequacy ratio are positively and significantly related to the liquidity performance of the DMBs.

The findings of this study are consistent with the existing literature on the impact of the TSA policy on the liquidity of DMBs in Nigeria. The reduction in the deposit base of the banks due to the TSA policy has led to a decrease in their ability to meet liquidity requirements, which is a cause for concern for policymakers and bank management.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings of the study, the following recommendations are made:

I. Policymakers should consider the potential negative impact of the TSA policy on the liquidity of DMBs and explore ways to mitigate the effect, such as providing alternative funding sources or adjusting the implementation of the policy.

ii. Bank management should develop strategies to diversify their funding sources and explore alternative liquidity management techniques to maintain their liquidity levels in the face of the TSA policy.

iii . Regulators should closely monitor the liquidity situation of DMBs and provide guidance on appropriate liquidity management practices to ensure the stability of the banking sector.

Limitations and Future Research

The study is limited by the availability of data, as the TSA policy was only implemented in 2015 in Nigeria, and the analysis is based on a relatively short time period. Future research could extend the study period and incorporate additional variables to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the impact of the TSA policy on the liquidity performance of DMBs.

Additionally, the study focused on the overall effect of the TSA policy on liquidity performance. Future research could investigate the heterogeneous effects of the policy on different types of banks or explore the underlying mechanisms through which the TSA policy affects liquidity.

Contribution to Knowledge and Literature Gap

This study contributes to the existing literature on the impact of the TSA policy on the banking sector in Nigeria. While previous studies have examined the effect of the TSA policy on various aspects of bank performance, such as profitability and lending, this study provides a focused analysis of the impact on liquidity performance, which is a critical aspect of bank management and stability.

The study fills a gap in the literature by providing empirical evidence on the negative effect of the TSA policy on the liquidity performance of DMBs in Nigeria. This information can inform policy decisions and guide bank management in developing appropriate strategies to mitigate the impact of the TSA policy on their liquidity levels.

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