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Is Fiscal or Monetary Policy More Effective on Economic Growth? an Empirical Evidence in The Case of Ethiopia

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Abstract

To achieve high and sustainable economic growth, full employment and stable prices, countries are using macroeconomic policies called; the fiscal and the monetary policies. Regarding the effectiveness of these theories, there are two different arguments; monetarists and Keynesian. The Keynesians argue that relative to the monetary policies, fiscal policies are more effective in influencing the economy especially during the liquidity trap. However, monetarists argue that money supply is the most significant driver of economic growth by influencing the households demand for goods, firms production and hence economic growth. Hence, monetarists believe that monetary policy is more effective than fiscal policy. Having the above contradicting ideas, using the Johansen cointegration approach, this study examined whether the fiscal or the monetary policy is more effective on the economic growth of Ethiopia for the period running from 1981 to 2008. The study shows that both fiscal and monetary policies have significantly increased the economic growth of Ethiopia. However, relative to the monetary policies, the fiscal policies are more effective. Finally, the study recommends that policy makers should focus on both policies to enhance the Ethiopian economy.

Keywords: Fiscal and Monetary Policies; Economic Growth; Johansen Cointegration; Ethiopia.

Introduction

Any nation follows a macroeconomic policy to achieve full employment, stabilise the price level, achieve economic growth, and stabilise the balance between payment and exchange rate. To do so, countries use the two complement macroeconomic tools; fiscal and monetary policies. Besides, the fiscal policy uses different instruments; taxes, expenditure, public debt and country's budget to make the economy healthy. However, monetary policy instruments are open market operations, the discount rate and the reserve requirement.

There are contradicting arguments from monetarists and Keynesians on the impact of these macroeconomic policies on the economy. Monetarism is an economic theory which argues that the money supply is the most significant driver of economic growth. When the money supply increases, the households' demand for goods and firms increases. To satisfy the existing demand, factories produce more which create new job opportunities and increase the income of the households. Hence, monetarists believe that monetary policy is more effective than fiscal policy (Khosravi & Karimi, 2010). Even though stimulus spending adds to the money supply, it results in a deficit, an external debt and a rise in the interest rate. Monetarists believe that central banks are more influential relative to the government in controlling the money supply. However, the Keynesian economists believe that the economy is best controlled by operating the demand for goods and services. They do believe that monetary policies take an enormous amount of time for the economic market to adjust. Generally, Keynesians believe in consumption, government expenditures and net exports to change the state of the economy (Lioudis, 2019).

Keeping the above contradicting arguments in mind, currently, issues related to the relative effectiveness of macroeconomic policies gained a great interest from researchers and decision-makers in both developing and developed countries but rarely in Ethiopia. Although there are studies regarding the impact or effect of monetary or fiscal policies on economic growth of Ethiopia, only one by Owoye & Olugbenga (1994) using VAR model is known to study the empirical research on the relative effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies on economic growth in the case of selected African countries (including Ethiopia). However, it has a time and methodological gap. Similarly, there is only one study in the case of Ethiopia by Teweldebrehan (2010) using unrestricted vector autoregressions (VARs) framework. Similar to Owoye & Olugbenga (1994), it has the methodological limitation. Further, the researcher suggested that "further studies on this issue are required to make concrete policy recommendations as a single study based recommendation may not be appropriate" (Owoye & Olugbenga (1994), pp. 86). Therefore, this study was conducted to fill the above gaps.

Also, there has been contradicting empirical evidence on the relative effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies on economic growth in a different part of the world (see empirical literature review part). Hence, based on the above contradicting theories, empirical findings, lack of recent and advanced methodologies and the presence of only one empirical finding in the case of Ethiopia which has doubtful findings, especially on the impact of fiscal policy, along with methodological limitation, the relative effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies on the Ethiopian economy was conducted to partially fill methodological gap and to confirm the previous study in the case of Ethiopia using Johansen Cointegration Approach for the time ranging from 1981 to 2008.

Literature Review

This section provides the literature which is relevant to the topic, specifically, the schools of thought on fiscal and monetary policies and structure of fiscal and monetary policies in Ethiopia. Besides, it has an empirical literature.

Schools of Thought on The Effectiveness of Fiscal and Monetary Policies

The Classical or Extreme Monetarists: According to classical economists, the LM curve is vertical. Under this model, the elasticity of demand for money is zero due to the unchanged demand for money when there is a change in the interest rate (Rebmann & Levacic, 1982). Considering the classical assumption of the labour market's real wage adjustment, regardless the interest rate level, the demand for money is equal to the supply at some level of income when the demand for money is a function of income (Teweldebrehan, 2010). According Hillier to (1997),expansionary/contractionary fiscal policies affect only the push up/down of the interest rate without affecting the income level. However, an increase/decrease in the money supply shifts the LM curve to the right/left, which increases/ decreases the level of income due to the fall/rise of interest rate which increases/decreases the level of private investment (Hiller, 1997).

The Kevnesian Economics: Unlike the monetarist, the Keynesians argue that relative to the monetary policies, fiscal policies are more effective in influencing the economy especially during the liquidity trap; a condition of low-interest rates and high saving rates, making monetary policy ineffective which can be represented by horizontal LM curve in the IS-LM model. When the interest rate is low, individuals expect that it will rise and hence no one will hold the bond fearing capital loss in the future. Hence, an increase in the money supply does not lead to buy bonds by individuals (Teweldebrehan, 2010). In Keynes's words, 'liquidity preference may become virtually absolute in the sense that almost everyone prefers cash to holding a debt which yields a low rate of interest (Rebmann & Levacic, 1982).

The neoclassical Economists: In addition to the relative effectiveness of the fiscal and monetary policy, the feasibility of the Keynesian macroeconomic policies is a big debate between the Keynesians and the neoclassical economists. The neoclassical economists criticise the Keynesians on the basis of the lags between changes in one variable which result in changes in another and that makesboth of them long and very imperfectly known. Given the complexities and uncertainties surrounding this study of how the economy works, the government is most unlikelyable to fine-tune the economy (Hillier, 1997). Further, Keynesians assume that the existence of government policy does not modify the behaviour of individual agents to alter the coefficients (parameters) of the structural equations constituting the model. According to this critique, macroeconomic models should incorporate rationally formed expectations of economic agents with future values of variables (Rebmann & Levacic, 1982). Expectations are rational when they are formed by using the model of the economy which is thought to explain its workings, The application of the rational expectations hypothesis to macroeconomics has been an essential development in the last few years. Models incorporating entirely rational expectations have been developed to show that both fiscal and monetary policies will have no impact on the variables at all if the government's policy reaction to economic events is forecasted by the private sector (Rebmann & Levacic, 1982). Therefore, neoclassicals believe that: (a) fiscal policy is less important than monetary policy (b) due to insufficient knowledge of the dynamics of the economy, the implementation of both discretionary fiscal and monetary policies cannot succeed. (c) due to the rational expectations of the private sector, both fiscal and monetary policies have a limited impact on the real wage (Teweldebrehan, 2010).

Structure of Fiscal and Monetary Policies in Ethiopia

The federal government budget of Ethiopia is categorized in two parts (public revenue with grant and expenditure and net lending).

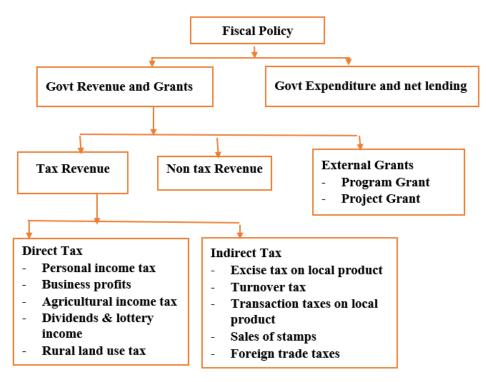


Fig. 1: Fiscal Policy Structure of Ethiopia

Source: Authors' construction based on MoFED database

According to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) of Ethiopia, there are three different sources of revenue. The first and the primary source of revenue is tax revenue (with a share of 84 % out of the total revenue with grant). The other source of revenue is non-tax revenue (with a share of 8.2 % out of the total revenue with grant). External grants are also one of the sources of revenue in Ethiopia even though its share is small (6.9 %) relative to other sources. Tax revenue in Ethiopia is divided into direct and indirect taxes. The direct taxes average share is 33 % from 2002 to 2012. Besides, the indirect taxes (67 %) have the lion's share relative to the direct taxes as a source of tax revenue (Daba, 2014).

In Ethiopia, the principal objective of the monetary policy is to maintain price and exchange rate stability and support the rapid and sustainable economic growth of the country. Achieving price stability is a proxy for macroeconomic stability, which is vital for private sectors' decisions in terms of investment, consumption, saving, international trade, reduction of unemployment and enhancing economic growth. Further, to be competitive in the international market, maintaining exchange rate stability is also a principal policy objective of NBE (NBE, 2009).

Currently, NBE is employing various monetary policy instruments. The policy instruments are similar in most cases to those in other economies elsewhere. These monetary policy instruments are Open Market Operation (OMO), standing central bank credit facility, reserve requirements, setting floor deposit rates, direct inter-bank

borrowing or lending mechanism, credit control and moral suasion (NBE, 2001 & 2009).

Empirical Literature

Andersen & Jordan (1968), using OLS estimation technique for the case of the USA applying the quarterly data from 1952:Q1-1968:Q2, found that monetary policy is more effective (in terms of certainty and quickness) in determining the economic growth of the USA. Similarly, using the OLS estimation techniques for six industrialised countries, Batten & Hafer (1983) found that monetary policy is more effective on the economic growth of those countries.

Likewise, Chawdhury (1986b) found that monetary policy variables growth rate have a more significant and long-lasting impact on the real income of Korea than fiscal policies. However, Chawdhury (1986a) found the opposite result for the case of Bangladesh using the same estimation technique for the time between 1972-1989. Surprisingly, Chowdhury (1988) found a mixed result for the case of six European countries using OLS estimation techniques and quarterly data from 1966:Q1-1984:Q4. His finding implies that monetary policies are useful for Denmark, Norway and Sweden. However, fiscal policies are active Belgium and Netherland inconclusive for the case of Austria.

Kretzmer (1992) examined monetary versus fiscal policy and found new evidence on an old debate of the USA using the VAR model for the time from 1950:Q2-1979:Q4 and from 1962:Q2-1991: Q4. The study confirms that monetary policy is more effective than fiscal policy in determining the economy.

Owoye & Olugbenga (1994), using the VAR model, found a mixed result for ten African countries. Relative to fiscal policy, monetary policy is more useful for Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria and South Africa. However, the reverse is true for Burundi, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia. However, Olaloye & Ikhide 1995) found against Owoye & Olugbenga (1994) for Nigeria even though they used a different methodology and time scope.

Similarly, Jayaraman (2002) found that fiscal policies are mostly effective for promoting the economic growth of four South Pacific Island countries (Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu). However, both fiscal and monetary policies have no impact on the economic growth for Samoa.

Using cointegration and error correction modelling techniques, Ajisafe & Folorunso (2002) found that the Nigerian economy is more profoundly affected by monetary policy than fiscal policies. A similar result was obtained by Ali et al. (2008) for four South Asian countries (Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh), Rahman (2009) for Bangladesh, and Adefeso & Mobolaji (2010) for Nigeria even though they used different methodologies (ARDL, VAR and Error correction respectively) and different time frames.

The only known study of the case of Ethiopia is by Teweldebrehan (2010), using unrestricted vector autoregressions (VARs) for the time scope from 1971-2009. The study found that the monetary policy alone has a significantly positive impact on GDP growth in Ethiopia.

Likewise, Senbet (2011), Sanni et al. (2012) and Anna (2012) using Granger causality tests and VAR model, Error correction model, and cointegration and error correction approach respectively, found that the relatively monetary policy has a more powerful effect on the economic growth of the USA, Nigeria and Zimbabwe respectively.

Equally, Rakic & Radenovic (2013) and Havi & Enu (2014) investigated the relative effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies in the cases of Serbia and Ghana using the ordinary least squares estimation technique. They found that monetary policy is more effective in stimulating economic growth compared to fiscal policy. Whereas, Cyrus & Elias (2014) found that fiscal policy has a significant positive impact on real output growth of Kenya for the period between 1997-2010.

Finally, Hussain (2014) and Petrevski et al. (2016) got a mixed result for their studies using panel data for South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation and three South-

Eastern European countries using VAR modelrespectively. Hence, monetary policy has been more active on GDP than fiscal policy in the case of Pakistan, Sri Lankaand Bulgaria. However, the fiscal policy contributes more potent than the monetary policy for Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Croatia and Macedonia.

Data Sources, Model Specification, and Methodology of the Study

In this section, the source of data, the model specification and the methodology of the study are presented. All the data are from the World Bank database.

Data Type, Source, and Data Analysis

In this study, secondary data were used for time series data running from 1981 to 2008 and due to the lack of data, it was analyzed only until 2008.

Table 1: Definitions and Measurement

Variables	Definition			
LNGDP	Natural logarithm of real GDP measure as US\$			
LNHHC	Natural logarithm of household consumption expenditure measured as a percentage of GDP			
LNGFCF	Natural logarithm of gross fixed capital formation as a percentage of GDF			
LNGGCE	Natural logarithm of gross government consumption expenditure measured as a percentage of GDP.			
LNMS	Natural logarithm of broad money (M2) measured as a percentage of GDP			

Source: Authors' construction

Model Specification, Estimation Technique, and Methodology

To test the relative effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies on the Ethiopian economy, this study used the following model:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \varepsilon_t \tag{1}$$

Where Y_t is a real GDP at period t.

 X_t is a vector of explanatory variables included in the model at period t. ε_t is the error terms at period t.

Based on the theoretical and empirical studies so far, the variables in the vector X are identified. Even though there are many fiscal and monetary policies, the two main variables were concluded; government expenditure and broad money supply.,

household consumption expenditure was also concluded (to capture consumption) and gross fixed capital formation to capture capital accumulation. Therefore, *X is* written as:

$$X_t = F(HHC, GFCF, GGCE, MS) (2)$$

More specifically, the model used is:

$$GDP_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 HHC_t + \beta_2 GFCF_t + \beta_3 GGCE_t + \beta_4 MS_t + \varepsilon_t$$
(3)

To measure the elasticity, equation (5) was transformed into a natural logarithm

$$LNGDP_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 LNHHC_t + \beta_2 LNGFCF_t + \beta_3 LNGGCE_t + \beta_4 LNMS_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$(+) \qquad (+) \qquad (-/+)$$

Where, β_0 is an intercept term, and β_1 , β_2 , β_3 , and β_4 are the long-run coefficients that will be estimated. The signs in the parenthesis are the expected hypothesised signs of the variables.

This study used the Johansen cointegration approach to analyse the relative effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policies on the economic growth of Ethiopia. Before estimation, different tasks should be conducted. Hence, the primary step in the time series analysis is testing for the stationarity status of all variables (see Table 2). To avoid spurious results, all variables should be stationary at the level of first difference. For the selected cases (Johansen cointegration), all variables should be I (1). Following the unit root test, the lag length determination and cointegration test are also the other prerequisites before estimation.

Testing the existence of a long-run relationship among the variables included in the model is the last step before estimating the model (equation 6). The two main approaches in the cointegration test are the Engle-Granger two-step approach and the Johansen maximum likelihood estimation procedure. Hence, this study

used the latter due to the limitations of the Engle-Granger two-step approach. There are two test statistics for cointegration under the Johansen approach (for more details see Beyene & Kotosz, 2019). Finally, it is necessary to run diagnostic tests; serial correlation, heteroskedasticity, normality and stability tests to confirm the validity of the estimated results.

Results and Discussion

In this section, the unit root test using ADF, the lag length selection using all techniques, the cointegration test using trace statistics and maximum Eigen statistics, long-run and short-run dynamics using Johansen cointegration approach along with the theoretical and empirical support, and diagnostic tests are presented.

Unit Root Test and Lag Length Determination

This studychecked the stationary behaviour of all the variables included in the model using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) (see Table 2). Further, for the long-run and short-run estimation, all criteria determined two lag length for this model (see Table 3).

Table 2: Unit Root Test

Variables	ADF test sta	Order o		
	Level	First diff	integration	
LNGDP	1.70	-3.99***	I(1)	
LNHHC	-2.29	-6.991***	I(1)	
LNGFCF	-2.38	-8.47***	I(1)	
LNGGCE	-2.82*	-4.01***	I(1)	
LNMS	-2.05	-4.90***	I(1)	

Note *** Significant at 1% level * Significant at 10 % level All the values in the table are t-statistics,

Source: Authors' own construction from using EViews 10 result

Table 3: Lag Length Determination

Lag	LR	FPE	AIC	SC	HQ
0	NA	3.66e-09	-5.235828	-4.993886	-5.166158
1	150.1381	1.44e-11	-10.81965	-9.368005	-10.40163
2	47.89462*	5.13e-12*	-12.08955*	-9.428195*	11.32318*

Note: * Optimal lag length using LR, FPE, AIC, BIC, and HQ. Source: Authors' own construction from using EViews 10 result

Number of Cointegration Vectors

The trace statistics and the maximum Eigenvalues in table 4 and 5 are the tests to examine the existence of a long-run relationship among the variables. The trace test statistics indicate the presence of two

cointegration equations at the 5 percent level of significance. However, Maxeigenvalue test indicates one cointegrating equation at the 0.05 level. Therefore, a high association between explanatory and dependent variables can be concluded (see Table 4 and 5).

Table 4: Trace Statistics

Unrestricted Cointegration Rank Test (Trace)						
Hypothesized No. of E(s)	Eigenvalue	Trace Statistic	0.05 Critical Value	Prob.**		
None *	0.832142	99.01349	69.81889	0.0001		
At most 1 *	0.587961	52.61292	47.85613	0.0167		
At most 2	0.409569	29.56035	29.79707	0.0532		
At most 3*	0.334066	15.86087	15.49471	0.0440		
At most 4 *	0.184104	5.290191	3.841466	0.0214		

Note: Trace test indicates 2 cointegrating eqn(s) at the 0.05 level

Source: Authors' own construction using EViews 10 result

Table 5: Eigenvalue Statistics

Unrestricted Co-integration Rank Test (Maximum Eigenvalue)					
Hypothesized No. of E(s)	Eigenvalue	Max-Eigen Stats	0.05 Critical Value	Prob.**	
None *	0.832142	46.40057	33.87687	0.0010	
At most 1	0.587961	23.05257	27.58434	0.1712	
At most 2	0.409569	13.69948	21.13162	0.3902	
At most 3	0.334066	10.57068	14.26460	0.1771	
At most 4 *	0.184104	5.290191	3.841466	0.0214	

Max-eigenvalue test indicates 1 cointegrating eqn(s) at the 0.05 level

Source: Authors' own construction from using EViews 10 result

^{*} denotes rejection of the hypothesis at the 0.05 level

^{**}MacKinnon-Haug-Michelis (1999) p-values

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The Long-Run and Short-Run Estimation Results

From Table 4 and 5, both trace test statistics and the Max-eigenvalue test confirmed the

existence of a long-run equilibrium relationship between the variables used in this model. The Johansen long-run equation arranged to have a GDP on the left-hand side, is:

$$LNGDP = 6.24 + 2.67LNHHC + 0.82LNGFCF + 0.41LNGGCE + 0.39LNMS$$

$$(9.5^{***}) \qquad (15.6^{***}) \qquad (7.69^{***}) \qquad (11.2^{***}))$$

*** Significant at 1% level

The t-values of the estimated coefficients are presented in the parenthesis and all of them are significant. All the independent variables are positively and significantly affecting the Ethiopian economy. The rise in the household consumption level and capital accumulation by one percent results in increasing the GDP of Ethiopia by 2.67 and 0.82%, respectively. This result shows that the household consumption level of Ethiopia contributes the major part of the GDP. This is also consistent with the theoretical aspect of the aggregate demand function. Besides, capital formation is the second major contributor to the Ethiopian economy.

When it comes to the target variables, the one percent rise in the government expenditure leads to 0.41% increment in the GDP of Ethiopia. Similarly, the one percent increment in the broad money increases the GDP of Ethiopia by 0.39%. The difference between the coefficient of the fiscal and monetary policies is almost insignificant. Generally, this study can conclude that both fiscal and monetary

policies equally contribute to the economy of Ethiopia (likeWaud, 1974 & Jawaid et al. 2010). Besides, this result is consistent with that of (Chowdhury, 1986a; Chowdhury, 1988; Owoye & Olugbenga, 1994; Olaloye & Ikhide, 1995; Jayaraman, 2002 and Cyrus & Elias, 2014). Specifically, this study supports the positive impact of monetary policies on the economic growth; however, it does not support the insignificant impact of the fiscal policy in the study of Teweldebrehan (2010) in the case of Ethiopia.

The short-run equation relates the difference of the dependent variables with the difference of the independent variables and the error term in the lagged periods. Since all results of lag length determination say that the lag length is two. As a result, the short-run estimation has two periods of the lagged difference term for all the variables of the model, which capture the short-run change in the corresponding level. However, the error correction term (ECM) capture the long-run impact.

Table 6: Short-run Estimation Result of D(LNGDP)

Variable	Coefficient	t- statistic	Prob.
D(LNGDP(-1))	0.203695	1.06743	0.3052
D(LNGDP(-2))	-0.288717	-1.72741	0.1078
D(LNHHC(-1))	-2.572376	-4.22104	0.0010***
D(LNHHC(-2))	-0.607004	-1.034112	0.3199
D(LNGFCF(-1))	-0.694801	-4.110953	0.0012***
D(LNGFCF(-2))	-0.157180	-1.052161	0.3119
D(LNGGCF(-1))	-0.328929	-3.911836	0.0018***
D(LNGGCF(-2))	-0.154766	-1.302856	0.2152
D(LNMS(-1))	-0.539643	-3.477048	0.0041***
D(LNMS(-2))	-0.291996	-1.761396	0.1017
С	0.097618	4.649225	0.0005***

ECM(-1) -0.730831	-4.917622	0.0003***
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*** Significant at 1% level

Source: Authors' own construction from using EViews 10 result

In the model, the explanatory variables included together explain around 84% of the systematic variation in GDP during the studied period. The F-value of 6.16 is significant at 1% level of significance. Besides, the Durbin-Watson result (2.02) shows the absence of serial correlation of the residuals in the system. Further, a one-year lag difference in household consumption expenditure, gross fixed capital formation, government expenditure and the broad money supply are negatively and significantly affecting the economy of Ethiopia.

One of the possible reasons is that the Ethiopian government has been using these expenditures excessively which led to increased taxes and/or borrowing to finance the government expenditures and this may affect the Ethiopian economy adversely. Also, in the short run, the money supply results in an inflationary pressure and hence, all the household consumption, private investment and the economy will reduce.

The error correction term (ECM (-1)) coefficient is negative and significant as expected, which imply that there is a reasonable adjustment process towards the long-run steady state. This guarantees that although the actual GDP may temporarily deviate from its long-run equilibrium value, it would gradually converge to its equilibrium. The coefficient of the error correction term of -0.73 shows that about 73% of the deviation of the actual GDP from its equilibrium value is eliminated every year, hence, the full adjustment would require more than one year.

Finally, the diagnostic tests such as the normality, serial-correlation, heteroskedasticity and stability tests have been conducted. Hence, the estimated residuals did not provide any significant evidence of non-normality, serial-correlation, heteroskedasticity or non-stability condition in the error term (see Annex1).

Conclusion

This study aimed at examining the relative effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policies on the Ethiopian economy using the time series data from 1981 to 2008 using the Johansen cointegration approach. This framework does not allow the analysis of the reverse effects. It focused only on the policies' impacts on the economic performance. The study showed that both monetary and fiscal policies affect the Ethiopian economy positively significantly. However, relative to monetary policies, the fiscal policies are more important even though their impact is not much higher compared to that of the monetary policy. Finally, it recommends that even though fiscal policy is good for the economy of Ethiopia, it will have a budgetary deficit, inflation and indebtedness. Even though there are different options of revenue (tax) to finance state expenditure, the tax bases in Ethiopia are limited to enhance the revenue and to finance for public expenditures. Also, theoretically, government expenditure leads to demand-pull inflation. Further, relative to fiscal policy, monetary policy is useful in achieving other objectives of the National Bank such as maintenance of price stability, equilibrium in the balance of payment, attainment of full employment and stability in the exchange rate. Therefore, it is better to focus on both policies equally to achieve macroeconomic goals.

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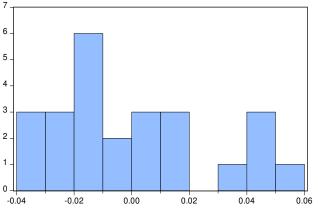
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Annex 1: Diagnostic Tests



Series: Residuals Sample 1984 2008 Observations 25 Mean -3.63e-16 Median -0.005952 Maximum 0.058095 Minimum -0.039761 Std. Dev. 0.028932 Skewness 0.491535 Kurtosis 2.136504 Jarque-Bera 1.783388 0.409961 Probability

Fig. 2: Normality test

Table 7: Autocorrelation test

Breusch-Godfrey Serial Corre			
F-statistic	0.9237		
Obs*R-squared	0.358167	Prob. Chi-Square(2)	0.8360

Table 8: Heteroskedasticity test

Heteroskedasticity Test: Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey					
F-statistic 0.671420 Prob. F(15,9) 0.7621					
Obs*R-squared	13.20217	Prob. Chi-Square(15)	0.5867		
Scaled explained SS 2.028583 Prob. Chi-Square(15) 1.0000					

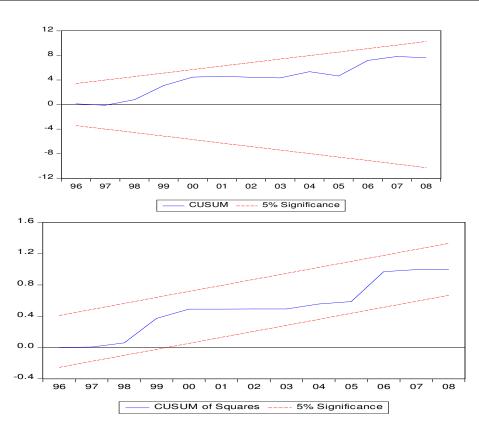


Fig. 3: Stability test