

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Economic Reforms:
Our journey thus far and the road
ahead

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Outline

1. Key reforms and programmes

2. Mitigating the cost of reforms

3. Reforms starting to bear fruit

4. Going forward

1. Key reforms and programmes

Monetary policy

- Merged foreign Exchange windows
- Addressed significant backlog of unmet foreign exchange obligations
- Ensuring that banks have adequate capital to back their foreign currency obligations.
- Raised the MPR

Fiscal policy

- Continued drive to attract FPIs by adjusting pricing of government securities to match indicated FY 24 inflation levels by the CBN
- Cleared ₦7 trillion in Ways and Means debts
- Oil and Gas: Introduction of fiscal incentives for non-associated gas, midstream and deepwater development
- 50% daily sweep of IGR collected by MDAs and GOEs to boost cash receipts and retention

Agriculture

- Releasing 42,000 metric tonnes of assorted food commodities (free of charge)
- Additional 60,000MT purchased from Mega Rice Millers and released
- Supporting dry-season farming with the cultivation of an additional of 400,000 hectares.
- Wet-season farming via National Agricultural Growth Scheme (NAGS)

2. Downside risks of reform being mitigated for individuals....

Minimum wage increase

- ₦70k per month
- Backdated to July, in most cases
- Enabling law has been passed

Consumer credit scheme

- N3.5Bn disbursed to 11,000 beneficiaries in 5 days
- To target 80 million Nigerians

Direct benefit transfers

- 20 million people reached thus far
- Registration of BVN/NIN being ramped up

Student loan initiative

- Interest free loans for higher education
- Enabling students to gain access to further education

2. And for businesses

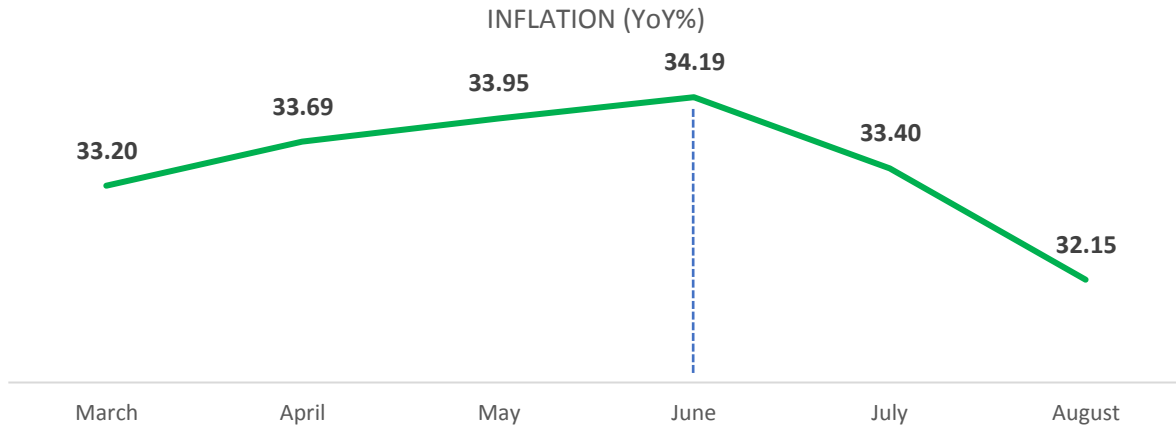
₦50Bn Presidential
Conditional Grant
Scheme

₦75Bn MSME
Fund

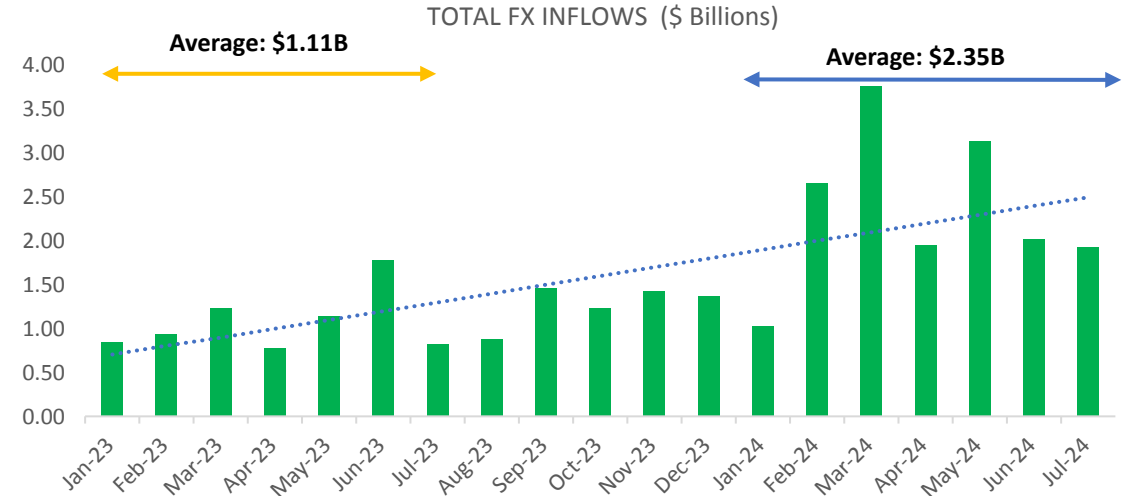
₦25Bn FGN
Manufacturing
Sector Fund

3. The reforms have started to bear fruit

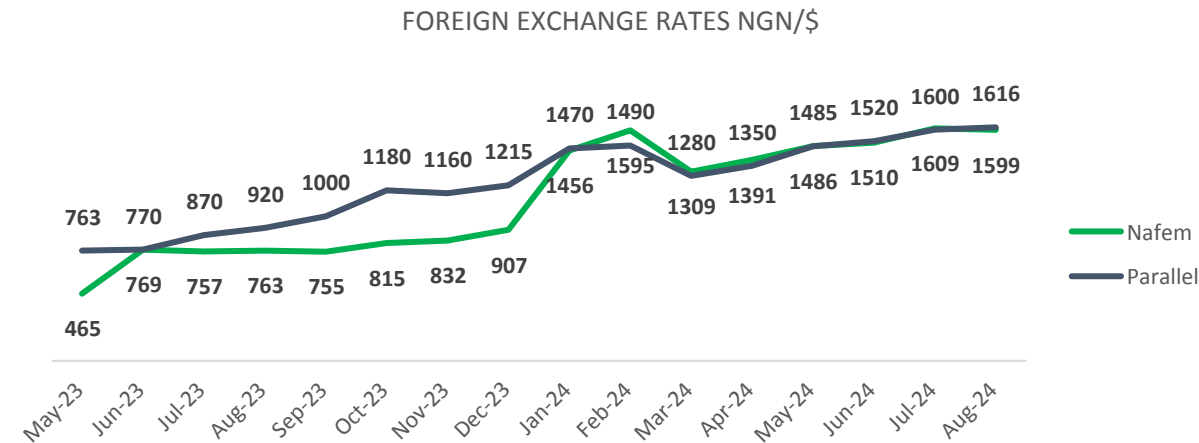
✓ Inflation moderating



✓ Increasing foreign exchange liquidity



✓ Currency is less volatile - *Electronic FX Matching System announced*



✓ Significant deals in the Oil and Gas Sector

5. Going forward, the focus will be on key pillars

Agriculture

Energy

Healthcare



Social Protection

**Business
Support**

Infrastructure

5. We will also prioritise the need for stability in the economy

Monetary stability

- Exchange rate stability
- Reduced inflation

Fiscal stability

- Reducing government deficit
- Growing government revenues
- High impact spending

Thank You