GOVERNMENTAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS FINANCING AND GUARANTEES

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GOVERNMENT ROLES

TRADITIONALLY

- Adam Smith [1]: the GOV has a residual role:
 - lacktriangle maintaining order ightarrow defense, army, justice and education
 - producing specific economic goods , such as infrastructure
- Neoclassical [2] thought reduces the role of GOV to a minimum and simplifies the economic foundations of GOV intervention.
- Keynesian [3] economists justify government intervention through public policies that aim to achieve full employment and price stability.
- Karl Marx [4]: the role of GOV should be to facilitate the transition from capitalism to socialism and ultimately to communism → Involvement in everything!
- Financing public goods... Many opinions

No nation ever grew more prosperous by taxing its citizens

beyond their capacity to pay — Margaret Thatcher

ECONOMIC MISSIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

THREE MAIN ECONOMIC MISSIONS

Three main economic missions for any government [5]:

- Internal Balance: Full employment and price stability
- External Balance: Current account not in big deficit and not in big surplus
- Adequate Exchange Rate: Monetary and Exchange Rate inter-dependency between countries

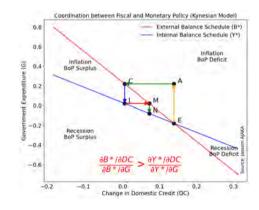
EQUILIBRIUM EXCHANGE RATE

COMPLICATED PROCESS

Internal-External Balance at a Given Exchange Rate [6]

- B* line is the foreign-balance schedule
- 2 Y* line is the internal-balance schedule
- **3** Intersection → Optimal ExR

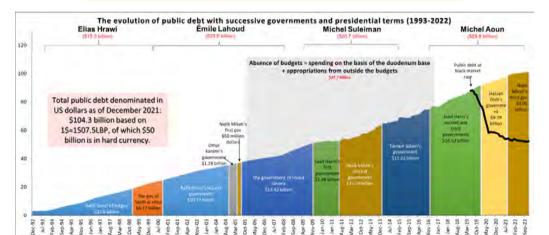
The difference in the absolute values of the slopes of the B* and Y* schedules, or $\frac{\partial B*/\partial DC}{\partial B*/\partial G} > \frac{\partial Y*/\partial DC}{\partial Y*/\partial G} \text{ reflects the comparative advantage of DC over G in influencing the balance of payments, or the comparative advantage of G over DC in affecting income.}$



THE LEBANESE LANDSCAPE

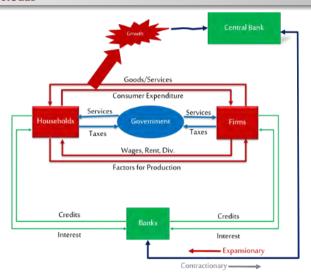
LACK OF DUTIES

Public spending + Debt service = Taxes + New debt issues



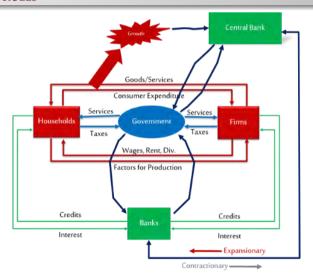
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VIOLATION OF MARKET RULES



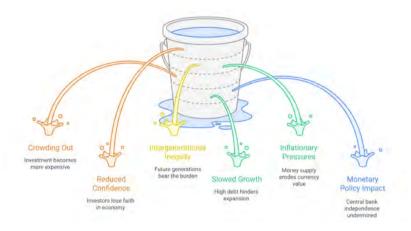
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FISCAL DEFICITS

THE TIP OF ECONOMIC INSTABILITY



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MECHANISMS FOR FINANCING THE BANKING SECTOR

KEY MECHANISMS

Capital Markets

Diversifies funding sources through securities

Central Bank Funding

Provides liquidity through discount windows and facilities

International Financial Institutions

Supports development projects and financial stability

Government Guarantees

Encourages credit extension by sharing risk

STATE PARTICIPATION IN BANK RECAPITALIZATION

AN INDISPENSABLE TOOL DURING TURBULENT TIMES

Recapitalization Programs

Injects capital to restore solvency and promote lending, but may face criticism.

Equity Participation

Takes equity stakes in exchange for capital, facilitating restructuring.

International Case Studies

Learns from past experiences to inform current strategies



RBS Case



UK GOV

Total UK GOV investment in RBS was £45.8 billion, with public ownership peaking at 84%.

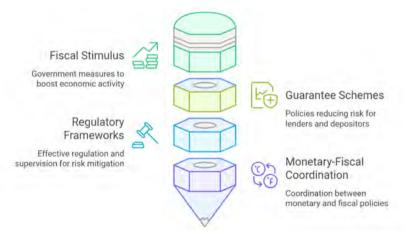


Bank pays dividend

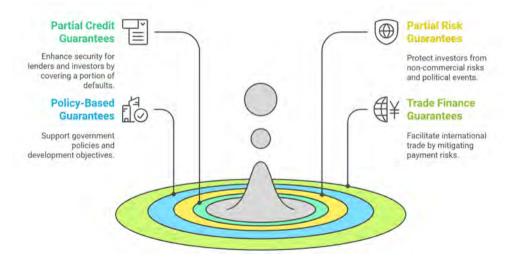
2018: The bank started to pay dividend.

ROLE OF FISCAL POLICIES IN RISK MITIGATION

FOUR TOOLS



Types of Guarantees



INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES

WORLD BANK AND THE ADB

Characteristic

World Bank Guarantees

ADB Guarantees

European Union Funding - Greek Piraeus Bank (2015)

Purpose

Development projects support Infrastructure development support

Bank capital shortfall coverage



Credit enhancement and risk mitigation

Enhances project creditworthiness

Capital injection via private and public funds

Focus

Infrastructure and financial sector stability

Private sector participation and finance efficiency

Initial private raise and HFSF injection

BENEFITS OF GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT

ALIGNMENT OF STRATEGIES



Enhanced Creditworthiness

Improves access to financing and attracts private capital

Risk Reduction

Mitigates risks for lenders and investors

▶ Economic Stability

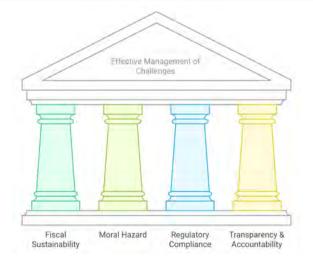
Supports key industries and prevents failures

Development Impact

Facilitates essential projects and promotes growth

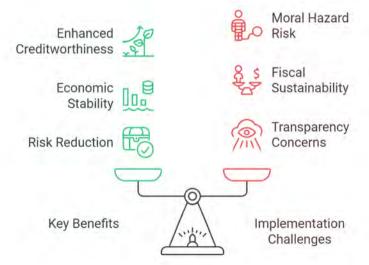
CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATIONS

FISCAL DISCIPLINE



BALANCED APPROACH

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS ARE INDISPENSABLE



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FINANCIAL SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR LEBANESE BANKS

RESTORING LEBANESE BANKING STABILITY



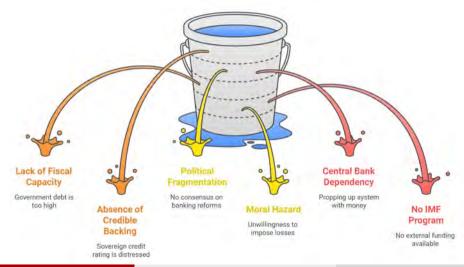
REDUCING LEBANON'S SOVEREIGN RISK PREMIUM

CUTTING LEBANON'S RISK PREMIUM: NO MAGIC, JUST REFORM



LEBANON GOVERNMENT RECAPITALIZATION PROGRAM?

SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE!



MONETARY-FISCAL COORDINATION

FULL SYNCHRONIZATION

