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ABSTRACT

This study assessed the relationship among monetary policy and financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. Harnessing panel data scrutiny, the researchers found that increases in interest rates had a beneficial effect on financial sector stability, as measured by bank non-performing loans, while increases in foreign direct investment had a negative impact. The research concludes that monetary policy substantially impacts financial stability in this region. It recommends that central banks in Sub-Saharan Africa tighten monetary policy via scaling back money availability and boosting interest rates towards promoting financial sector stability. The study also suggests that countries in the region, including those using multi-currency regimes like Zimbabwe, could consider adopting stronger regional currencies like the rand or kwacha to help achieve greater financial stability.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

IMF	International Monetary Fund
WBDI	World Bank Development Indicators
QTM	Quantity Theory Money
MV	Money Velocity
MMT	Modern Money Theory
FIH	Financial Instability Hypothesis
CPI	Consumer Price Index
OLS	Ordinary Least Squares
GLS	General Least Squares
HPM	High Powered Money
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ECB	European Central Bank
FAO	Food Agriculture Organization

CEMAC	Central African Economic and Monetary
	Community
OMO	Open Market Operation

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.0.0 INTRODUCTION

Monetary policy plays a pivotal role in ensuring financial sector stability, which is integral to fostering sustainable economic growth and stability. Sub-Saharan Africa, a region known for its diverse economic landscape and evolving financial systems, has increasingly grappled with the

intersection of monetary policy actions and the resilience of its financial sector. Understanding the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa within the timeframe of 2008 to 2022 is paramount to grasping the nuanced dynamics at play in this region's economic development. This discussion regarding the correlation linking monetary policy along with the stability pertaining to this financial sector can be ascribed to the 16th epoch, during the time of Jean Bodin. However, it gained significant attention in both theoretical and empirical literature subsequent to the transnational economic downturn (GFC). According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF, 2015), financial stability used to be solely the responsibility of separate agencies from the Central Bank before the crisis. Presently, many policymakers acknowledge the necessity of ensuring financial sector stability for the purpose of fostering macroeconomic expansion. During these peripheral periods concerning GFC, the European Central Bank (ECB, 2007) emphasized that financial stability serves as the foundation for economic growth. It enables the financial system, including financial infrastructure, markets, and intermediaries, to withstand shocks and address financial imbalances within the economy. From this viewpoint, financial stability plays a role in reducing volatility in financial brokerage, thereby facilitating the allocation of savings towards profitable investment opportunities.

Limited access to formal financial systems is a prominent characteristic of the economic landscape in numerous African economies. According to CGAP (2014), a staggering 75% of adults in Sub-Saharan Africa do not possess a bank account. Furthermore, African economies exhibit substantial informal sectors (informal jobs and businesses) (CGAP, 2014). The most vulnerable segments of the population, such as the poorest individuals, women, and youth, are primarily engaged in informal employment, often lacking access to banking services (CGAP, 2014). Kahn (2010) suggested that a sizable informal sector hampers the transference of monetary policy, as the financial decisions of a consequential number of financially excluded individuals remain unaffected by the policies implemented by the central bank. Therefore, promoting financial inclusion in Africa benefits not only these marginalized individuals but also enhances the effectiveness of monetary policy and, consequently, ensures financial stability in the region (ADB, 2013). The World Bank (2001) supports this notion by asserting that financial stability contributes to poverty reduction and improved income distribution. Conversely, financial volatility can spearhead to bank streaks, runaway inflation, and equities markets crashes. Given the significance

of financial volatility, various policies have been implemented to ensure its preservation, with monetary policy being expected to play a substantial role. According to Onouorah et al. (2011), monetary policy alludes to the administration of the money reserves and interest rates by the central bank with the aim of achieving macroeconomic goals. As a policy aimed at promoting stability, monetary policy incorporates the harness of various tools to govern and manage the quantity, availability, expense, and orientation of money and finance in the market. In addition to controlling money supply and interest rates, central banks can employ alternative monetary instruments including as the bank rate, open market operations (OMO), and reserve requirements to foster financial balance. In this segment, we will probe into the ancient provenance of the project, present a concise statement of the problem at hand, outline the aims to be achieved, articulate the research questions being addressed, and put forth the hypotheses under investigation. Furthermore, the subsequent subsections will delve into the study's significance and shed light on its inherent limitations.

1.1.0 Background of the study

The primary objectives of central banks now encompass both implementing monetary policy and preserving the solidity

Of the financial sector. According to Akomolafe et al. (2015), the significance of the financial sector in a nation's economy cannot be overstated, as it facilitates the allocation of surplus funds to productive areas of the economy. The financial sector comprises agencies and corporations that provide financial amenities to retail and corporate customers, such as banks, microfinance institutions, insurance companies, and brokers. Alawode and Sadek (2008) argue that a financially stable sector is characterized by prudent, efficient, and uninterrupted functioning, even in the face of shocks. A stable monetary system contributes to the streamlined distribution of resources and risk diversification across the economy. Furthermore, it safeguards the economy against external capital inflows, thereby preventing adverse economic conditions like high inflation and unemployment. Hence, it is evident that the stability of the financial sector serves as the foundation for economic growth. Aurangzeb (2012) supports this notion by asserting that financial stability fosters sustainable economic growth. The instability of the financial sector incurs costs for the

economy, as it has a ripple effect on other industries such as mining, tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure a robust financial sector, as the overall well-being of an economy is intertwined with the health of its financial system. This has been a contentious issue in many economies, and the global financial quandary of 2008–2009 serves as a testament to this fact.

The study aims to analyze how monetary policy interventions, including interest rate changes, reserve requirements, and open market operations, influence the stability of the financial sector in Sub-Saharan Africa. By examining the dissemination mechanisms of monetary policy, the research seeks to identify the effects of policy decisions on bank profitability, credit availability, and systemic risks within the region. The period from 2009 to 2023 witnessed diverse economic trends in Sub-Saharan Africa, including fluctuating growth rates, inflation dynamics, and structural reforms. Sub-Saharan Africa faced a range of external fluctuations, such as the universal financial quandary of 2008, commodity price fluctuations, and the COVID-19 disease outbreak, which underscored the importance of robust monetary policy frameworks in maintaining financial stability. Central banks in Sub-Saharan Africa implemented a variety of monetary policy tools to achieve price solidity, boost economic growth, and enhance financial sector resilience. The adoption of inflation-targeting regimes, interest rate adjustments, and exchange rate policies aimed to manage inflation, ensure liquidity, and support overall economic stability in the region. The financial sector in Sub-Saharan Africa experienced transformations in terms of banking regulation, capital adequacy, and financial deepening during the study period. Challenges such as non-performing loans, liquidity risks, and exposure to external shocks highlighted the significance of effective monetary policy in fortifying the steadiness of financial institutions and markets.

The Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) required a comprehensive evaluation of the effects of its policies on vital economic metrics, including inflation, foreign exchange reserves, and GDP, due to the escalating intricacy of its financial landscape. The proliferation of diverse financial entities, encompassing banks, market finance, and informal finance, has significantly contributed to the advancement of the financial sector in CEMAC. The implementation of financial liberalization policies in the 1990s has yielded favorable outcomes, evident in the expansion of fluidity and funding capacity in CEMAC countries. While liquidity has reached approximately 16% of GDP and credit to the private sector has attained around 10%

of GDP - approaching 25% and 20% sequentially - this growth has also led to some adverse consequences. Between 2000 and 2018, the financial sector in CEMAC experienced a moderate expansion, with a notable period of development observed between 2000 and 2005.

Between 2006 and 2012, the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) witnessed a reversal in the growth of its financial sector, which led to a mitigation of the adverse effects that had arisen from the previous rapid expansion. In the subsequent period, spanning from 2013 to 2018, CEMAC implemented various policy reforms, including a reduction in interest rates, the encouragement of medium-term lending, a significant decrease in mandatory reserve requirements, and the easing of refinancing terms for banks. These regulatory changes contributed to an improvement in liquidity and a surge in credit availability within the CEMAC region, fostering a more favourable financial environment.

(See figure 1 below).

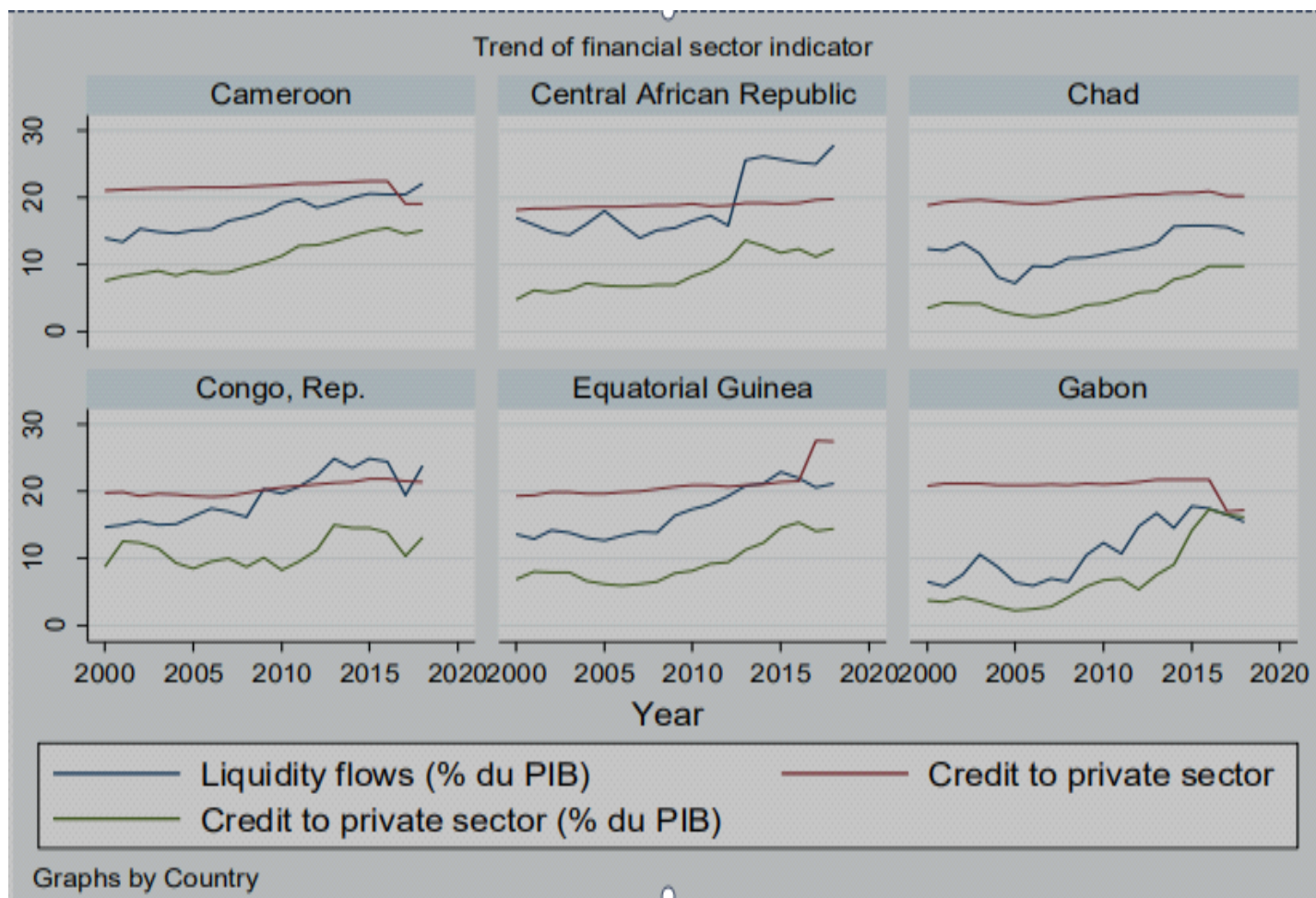


Figure 1. Trend of Financial Development Indicator in CEMAC.

Source: WDI 2021 database.

As noted by Fofack (2005), the surge in fluidity and financing availability in the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) was offset by a deterioration in asset quality, resulting in a troubling escalation of non-performing loans (as depicted in Figure 2). This foundation of financial instability, compounded by elevated risk levels, has undermined the anticipated benefits of financial sector growth in the CEMAC region. According to Fofack (2005), the credit risk associated with the financial sector's expansion in CEMAC has reached alarming levels, surpassing those witnessed during the height of the Asian financial crisis, with

non-performing loans exceeding 30% in the region, indicating a grave concern for financial stability.

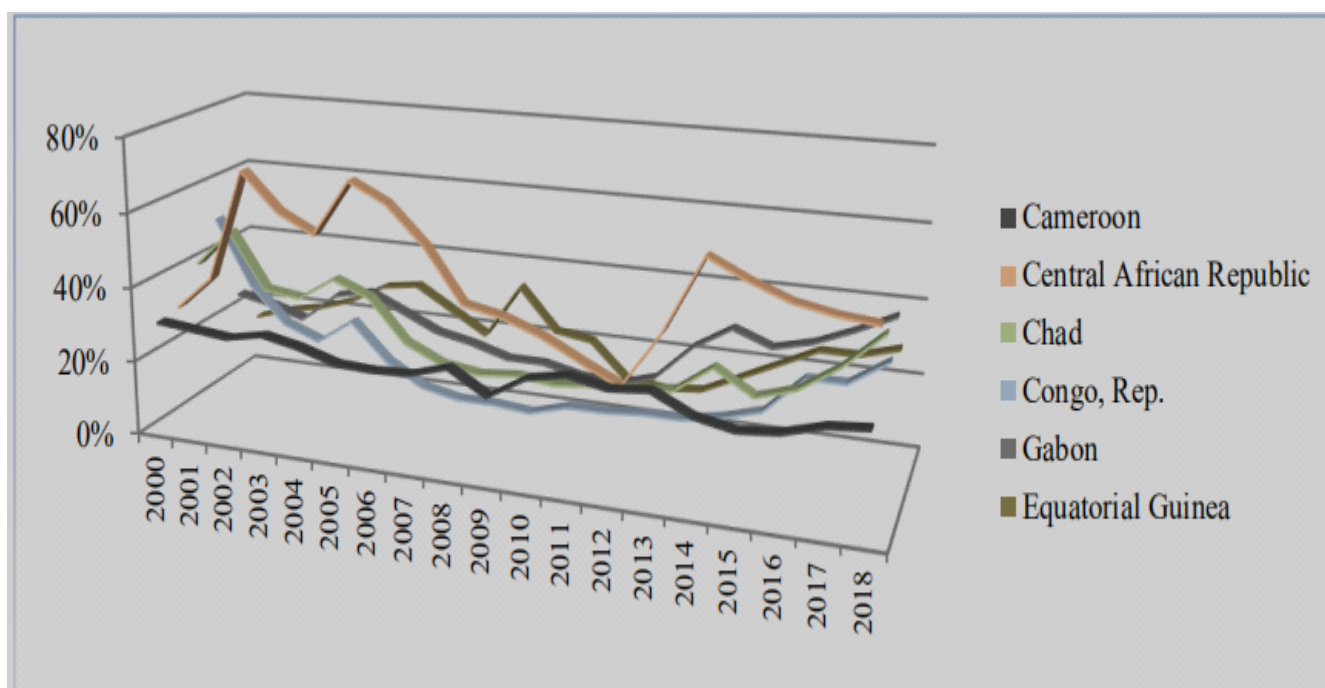


Figure 2. Trend of Non-performing loans

Source: BEAC 2021 database

An analysis of Figures 1 and 2 reveals three distinct patterns in the adverse consequences of financial sector development. During the period between 2000 and 2005, credit advancement exhibited a moderate upward trajectory, accompanied by relatively minimal levels of financial fragility (15.7%) across the sub-region. The subsequent decline in finance availability from 2006 to 2012 was accompanied by a decrease in financial threat, which stabilized at approximately 13.8% for the sub-region, although the risk held on substantial. However, the resurgence of credit growth from 2013 to 2018 was accompanied by a concomitant increase in credit risk, culminating in an average non-performing loan rate of 32% in CEMAC, as depicted in Figure 2.

Although a direct correlation between the negative effects of financial sector advancement and monetary stability in CEMAC has not been definitively established, an examination of inflation trends (refer to Figure 3) sheds light on how the financial sector's growth has influenced the central bank's efforts to maintain internal monetary stability. While Cameroon, with its well-developed financial sector, has been successful in keeping inflation volatility low, other CEMAC countries demonstrate that increased credit expansion and liquidity flows, leading to heightened credit risk, can impact the goal of internal monetary stability.

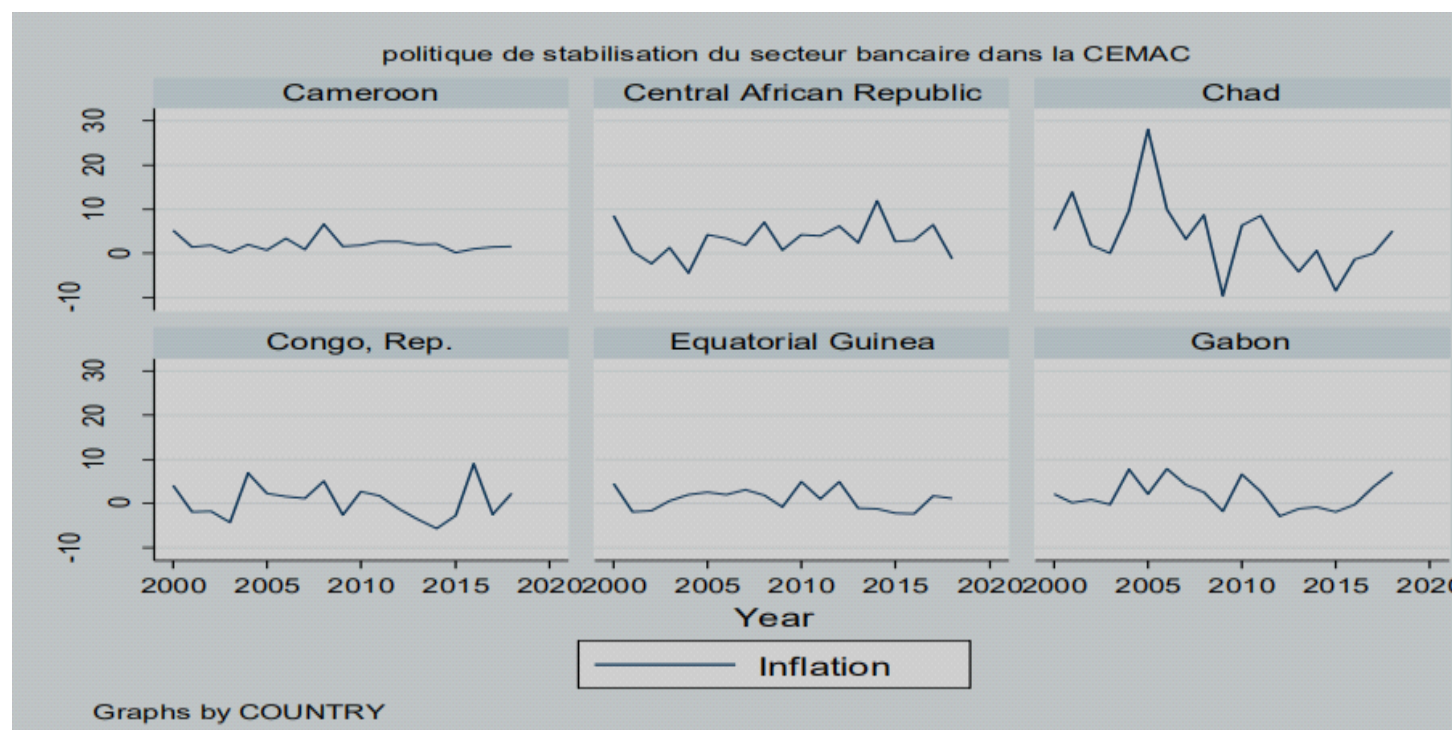


Figure 3. Trend of Inflation by Country

Source: BEAC 2021 dataset (Strata 14.2)

In the 1990s, Kenya pursued a policy of economic liberalization, which involved removing controls on interest rates, implementing flexible exchange rates, liberalizing capital markets, and devaluing its currency. Open Market Operations (OMO) served as the primary tool for the Kenyan monetary authorities during this period. This era in Kenya was characterized by notably high interest rates and an excessive money supply. Faced with a troubled financial sector marked by

substantial uncertainty and instability, the Central Bank of Kenya employed indirect measures to address inflationary pressures.

In the 1980s, the Zambian financial sector experienced significant effects from its monetary policy. To combat a severe economic downturn, Zambia adopted structural adjustment programs after receiving a conditional loan from the IMF. One of the conditions set by the IMF was the liberalization of interest rates. In accordance with these programs, the Zambian monetary authorities decided to devalue the kwacha and eliminate controls on interest rates. As a result, previously fixed interest rates were raised accordingly. Initially, the kwacha was devalued at a monthly rate of 1%, which was later increased to 2.5% in 1984. By 1987, the exchange rate had risen to 15 kwacha per dollar, compared to 2.2 kwacha per dollar in 1985. However, these devaluation and price liberalization measures led to instability in the financial sector. This instability was evident in the configuration of inflation, which eroded the balance sheets of financial institutions and resulted in decreases in both. Institutional context: the differences in institutional frameworks, regulatory environments, and governance structures across countries in Sub-Saharan Africa may limit the applicability of findings to specific contexts. According to Simatele (2017), the Consumer Price Index (CPI) doubled from 19.65% to 43% between 1983 and 1987, mainly due to the liberalization of interest rates, which consequently led to a consequential increase in money supply aggregates.

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1.2.0 Problem Statement

The financial sector in Sub-Saharan Africa has been vulnerable to economic volatility, prompting concerns about its stability. Although research has investigated the impact of monetary policy on financial stability in the region, a comprehensive analysis is needed to cover the critical period from 2009 to 2023. This timeframe was marked by significant events, including the worldwide financial dilemma, regional economic downturns, and domestic policy reforms, which may have influenced the relationship between monetary policy and financial stability. Moreover, existing studies lack a cohesive framework to examine the specific channels through which monetary policy affects financial stability in Sub-Saharan Africa during this period. This dissertation seeks to address these knowledge gaps by conducting an in-depth analysis of the impact of monetary policy on financial stability in Sub-Saharan Africa from 2009 to 2023, using a unified and integrated approach. This research aims to provide fresh views into the complex dynamics between monetary policy and financial stability in the region, contributing to the existing body of knowledge and offering actionable recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to enhance financial stability in Sub-Saharan Africa.

1.3. Objectives of the Study

- To assess the impact of expansionary and contractionary monetary policy measures on the stability of the financial sector in sub-Saharan Africa from 2009 to 2023 by analyzing key financial stability indicators such as bank profitability, credit availability, and systemic risk.
- To investigate the role of interest rate fluctuations, influenced by monetary policy decisions, in shaping the resilience of banks and financial institutions in sub-Saharan Africa during the specified period, focusing on how alterations in interest rates affect the performance and risk exposure of financial institutions.
- To examine the effects of liquidity management tools, particularly open market operations, employed in monetary policy on the stability of financial markets in sub-Saharan Africa between 2009 and 2023, with a specific emphasis on analyzing the impact of these tools on market liquidity, interest rates, and financial stability indicators.

1.4.0 Research Questions

- To accomplish the objectives above, the project pursues to answer the forthcoming questions:
- How does the implementation of expansionary or contractionary monetary policy impact the stability of the financial domain in Sub-Saharan Africa?
- What role do interest rate fluctuations, guided by monetary policy decisions, play in shaping the robustness of banks and financial institutions in the region?
- To what extent do liquidity management tools used in monetary policy, such as open market operations, impact the stability of financial markets in Sub-Saharan Africa?

1.5.0 Significance

This research offers a chance to expand our understanding of how monetary policy decisions impact the financial sector's resilience in sub-Saharan Africa. By examining this relationship over a specific period (2009-2023), we can uncover valuable insights that enhance our knowledge of how monetary policy tools influence financial stability in the region. The findings of this study will have direct implications for policymakers, central banks, and regulatory bodies in sub-Saharan Africa, enabling them to design more effective policies that foster a stable and robust financial sector. For instance, previous research has shown a positive correlation between monetary policy implementation and bank performance in Nigeria. Similarly, this study's outcomes will benefit financial institutions, investors, and businesses operating in the region by informing their decision-making processes, risk management strategies, and investment choices. Given the critical role of a stable financial sector in promoting economic growth and development, this research will provide actionable insights into how monetary policy can be leveraged to enhance financial stability, contributing to sustainable economic development in sub-Saharan Africa. By conducting a longitudinal analysis over a specific period, this study will offer a comprehensive understanding of how trends, policies, and external factors have shaped the financial landscape in sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, comparative analysis with other regions or countries will enable the identification of best practices, lessons learned, and unique aspects of monetary policy responses in sub-Saharan Africa.

1.6.0 Assumption of the Study

Causality: The study assumes that changes in monetary policy instruments possess a causal effect on the stability of the financial sector in sub-Saharan Africa.

- **Rationality:** The study assumes that policymakers in sub-Saharan African countries act rationally and make decisions based on economic principles and objectives when formulating and implementing monetary policy.
- **Data Reliability:** The study assumes that the data inured to analyze the effects of monetary policy on financial sector reliability in sub-Saharan Africa is accurate, reliable, and representative of the countries and time periods under consideration.
- **External Factors:** The study assumes that other exogenous factors, such as political stability, global economic conditions, and technological advancements, do not significantly confound the relationship between monetary policy and financial sector soundness in sub-Saharan Africa.
- **Institutional Framework:** The project assumes that the institutional framework for monetary policy implementation in sub-Saharan African countries is effective, transparent, and conducive to achieving financial sector stability objectives.
- **Generalizability:** The study assumes that findings related to the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in sub-Saharan Africa can be generalized to other regions or contexts with similar characteristics.

1.6.0 Scope

This project examines the impact of monetary policy on financial sector soundness in Sub-Saharan Africa from 2009 to 2023. It focuses on analyzing the rapport between monetary policy instruments and key financial sector indicators, assessing transmission mechanisms, comparing country responses to policy shocks, and exploring external factors' influence.

The study utilizes quantitative methods to offer experiential evidence and insights for policymakers and practitioners in the region.

This research study gathers annual data from the World Bank, evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa, Studies in Economy and Public Policy (2022), ERB support, socio-economic review, and Journal of African Development economic indicators, academic journals.

1.7 Limitations.

- Heterogeneity across countries, Sub-Saharan Africa is a diverse region with countries at different stages of economic development, varying institutional frameworks, and different monetary policy regimes. The heterogeneity across countries can make it difficult to generalize findings and draw robust conclusions that are applicable to the entire region.
- Data quality and the limited availability or reliability of data on monetary policy measures, financial sector indicators, and other relevant variables in Sub-Saharan Africa may constrain the depth and accuracy of the analysis.
- Policy Implementation: The study may not address the effectiveness of monetary policy transmission mechanisms or the implementation capacity of central banks and financial regulators in the region.
- Institutional context: differences in institutional frameworks, regulatory environments, and governance structures across countries in Sub-Saharan Africa may limit the applicability of findings to specific contexts.

1.8.0 Delimitation

- The study will focus specifically on Sub-Saharan Africa, excluding other regions or countries outside of this scope.

- The study focuses specifically on the period from 2009 to 2023, limiting the analysis to trends and developments within this time frame.

The study may not examine how well monetary policy is carried out through various channels or the ability of central banks and financial regulators in the region to effectively put policies into practice.

- The study will rely on data collected from government budget reports, agriculture sector reports, economic indicators, academic journals, international organizations (World Bank, IMF, FAO), surveys, and interviews. Other sources of data, such as private sector reports or proprietary databases, will not be included.

1.9 Definition of terms

- Central banks employ monetary policy to manage the money supply and interest rates, pursuing key macroeconomic objectives like inflation control, price stability, and economic expansion.
- Financial sector stability refers to the overall wellbeing and resilience of the financial network within a country or region. A stable financial sector is one that is able to function effectively, efficiently, and safely without experiencing significant disruptions or crises that could have negative repercussions for the broader economy.

1.9.0 Chapter Summary

This section provided a thorough overview of the research context, including the background information, problem statement, objectives, hypotheses, and research questions. Additionally, it clarified the study's significance, scope, limitations, and defined key terms.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

This chapter explores the existing empirical literature regarding the link among monetary policy and the stability of the financial sector, a topic that still generates disagreement among scholars. Prior to delving into the empirical review, the chapter provides a summary of the theoretical frameworks that form the basis of the ongoing debate regarding the influence of monetary policy on financial stability. Additionally, this chapter incorporates insights and experiences from various countries around the world, as well as those from regional contexts.

2.1.0 Theoretical Literature Review

The 2008-09 global financial crisis prompted a significant shift in attention towards understanding how monetary policy affects financial stability, leading to a proliferation of research in this area. This section aims to provide a comprehensive and critical analysis of the theoretical and empirical literature on financial stability and its interplay with monetary policy, contributing to the ongoing conversation in the field of monetary economics.

2.1.1 Transmission Mechanisms of Monetary Policy

The monetary policy transmission mechanism outlines the process by which federal bank decisions, such as adjusting interest rates or reserve requirements, have a ripple effect throughout

the economy, influencing key variables like inflation, output, employment, and investment. In Sub-Saharan Africa, the efficacy of this transmission mechanism is shaped by various factors, including the financial system's structure, market development, and trade openness, which collectively determine the impact of monetary policy on the regional economy. The theoretical basis of monetary policy is grounded in the transmission mechanism, which operates through two distinct channels: neoclassical and non-neoclassical (Boivin et al., 2011). The neoclassical channel, rooted in Friedman's (1956) monetarist theory, primarily functions through the interest rate channel, whereas non-neoclassical channels, also known as credit channels, arise from credit market frictions due to information asymmetry between borrowers and lenders (Lacoiello and Minettiz, 2008). Prior to the global financial crisis, the importance of these channels was a subject of debate. However, research by Cecchetti et al. (2009) and Mishkin (2009) demonstrated that financial frictions significantly impact monetary policy transmission, distorting the real economy. During the crisis, the effectiveness of the interest rate channel was diminished (Gambacorta et al., 2015), suggesting a potential shift in monetary policy dynamics. The transmission mechanism illuminates the complex process by which changes in monetary policy stance influence the real economy, aiming to achieve economic growth, low inflation, and stability (Angelis et al., 2005).

The interest rate has a profound impact on the decisions made by investors, organization, financial institutions, and households, ultimately influencing economic activity and price levels. For example, when central banks implement a tight monetary policy by raising the repo rate, it has a direct impact on the money market, leading to higher bank interest rates (Arestis & Sawyer, 2004). This increases the price of capital, reduces investment expenditure, and subsequently leads to a decline in aggregate output and demand. The transmission process can be broken down into five channels: interest rate, exchange rate, money effect, asset price, and credit channels. The concept of inflation targeting emerged from the debates on rule-based versus discretionary monetary policy in the 1970s and 1980s, with contributions from Kydland and Prescott (1977), Barro and Gordon (1983), and Sargent and Wallace (1975). Taylor (1993) further supported the new monetary policy consensus, which integrates microeconomic fundamentals into a macroeconomic general equilibrium model, incorporating rational expectations and hypotheses on adjustment process rigidities. This consensus reconciles neoclassical and new Keynesian theories. Woodford (2011) emphasized that while monetary policy is not irrelevant in explaining fluctuations, its primary

sources lie in real factors. Therefore, monetary policy plays a crucial role in controlling inflation, which has its roots in monetary factors. In line with Friedman's monetarist viewpoint, monetary policy should focus on managing the price level, as its impact on the real economy is temporary. Proponents of inflation targeting have revived the quantity theory of money to advocate for monetary authorities' control over inflation and support the hypothesis of monetary policy neutrality. This leads to more appropriate prescriptions, such as using government commitments to monetary policy rules or practices (Cukierman, 1994; Walsh, 1995; Mishkin, 2000), avoiding the inherent bias of inflation highlighted by Kydland and Prescott (1977).

Inflation targeting has its roots in the Quantity Theory of Money, but it differs from traditional monetarist theory in its approach. Instead of directly controlling monetary aggregates, inflation targeting operates by manipulating interest rates. This shift in approach was prompted by the realization that the velocity of money circulation is not constant, as previously assumed. This instability makes it challenging for central banks to control inflation through monetary aggregates. As a result, the monetarist approach, which advocated for price control through monetary aggregate interventions, lost favor. A modern version of monetary policy emerged, focusing on interest rate interventions to manage inflation. While this transition was seen as a shift towards Keynesian economics, the resulting framework is not purely Keynesian. According to Arestis and Sawyer (2004), monetary policy can only influence inflation in the long run, with no impact on economic activity, output, employment, or similar variables. Therefore, the inflation targeting regime is built on the new macroeconomic consensus. Taylor (1993) proposed an interest rate rule as a framework for monetary policy, arguing that policies guided by interest rate rules that respond to inflation and economic activity are more stable and effective. He contended that well-designed rules allow for interest rate adjustments in response to price and activity fluctuations without undermining other economic agents' expectations.

2.1.2 The Quantity Theory of Money

According to Fisher (1911), the overall price level in an economy is shaped by the dynamic interaction between the amount of money available (supply) and the desire for money (demand). When the demand for money remains steady, changes in the money supply lead to corresponding adjustments in the price level, allowing central banks to manage inflation by controlling the money supply. The money supply is calculated by multiplying the existing amount of money (M) by the velocity of money (V), which represents how frequently money changes hands. It's crucial to recognize that the demand for money is driven by both the need to hold money (hoarding) and the need to use money for transactions, as money is the exclusive medium of exchange. Consequently, the demand for money equals the total value of goods and services exchanged within the economy. Fisher's theory assumes that the velocity of money remains steady, unaffected by changes in the money supply. Instead, external factors such as population growth and trade deficits impact velocity. In this framework, the price level is seen as a passive variable, influenced by external factors beyond its control. The Quantity Theory of Money (QTM) is represented by the equation $MV = PY$, which was later expanded to include bank deposits as $MV + MV' = PY$. In this equation, M and M' represent the money supply and bank deposits, V and V' represent the velocity of money circulation, P represents the price level, and Y represents the final output. This equation demonstrates that total expenditures (MV) equal total receipts from final goods and services (PY), illustrating the relationship between money supply, velocity, and price level. According to this model, an increase in the money supply leads to a decrease in its purchasing power, resulting in price inflation, while a scarcity of money increases its purchasing power, causing prices to fall.

The Quantity Theory of Money (QTM) establishes a crucial link between monetary policy and financial stability, positing that changes in the money supply have a direct impact on inflation. At its core, the QTM proposes a direct relationship between the rate of money growth and the inflation rate, suggesting that changes in one will have a proportional impact on the other. This idea led Milton Friedman to famously assert in 1970 that inflation is essentially a monetary phenomenon, driven by changes in the money supply. As Amin (2011) observes, inflation has significant and far-reaching negative consequences, not only for the overall performance of the economy but also

for the stability and performance of the financial sector, highlighting the importance of managing money growth to maintain economic and financial stability.

2.1.3 The Currency Substitution theory and Gresham's Law

In 1946, the League of Nations observed that many European countries experienced hyperinflation after World War 1. This resulted in an unstable domestic currency, which created difficulties in production and trade. Consequently, individuals increasingly preferred foreign currencies over the domestic currency, not only as a safe-haven asset to store value but also as a reliable medium of exchange for everyday transactions within the country. The theory of currency substitution explains how residents and non-residents use both domestic and foreign currencies. Gresham's law states that when different currencies compete as mediums of exchange, the inferior currency tends to drive out the superior currency.

During this period, the monetary policy of these countries operated within a multiple currency system, which is synonymous with the substitution theorem. The main objective of monetary policy was to maintain a stable financial sector, and this was done through various tools such as controlling the money supply, interest rates, and reserve requirements. However, according to Giovannini and Turtlboom (1992), currency substitution leads to a loss of monetary independence. This means that the monetary authority can no longer rely on seignior age (the profit made from issuing currency), and price stability can only be achieved through fiscal adjustments and a sound banking system.

In this situation, the economy becomes heavily reliant on the export sector's performance, international capital inflows, and external funding from donors and other countries. This dependence limits the effectiveness of monetary policy in stabilizing the financial sector. Moreover, the loss of seignior age (the ability to generate revenue from issuing currency) deprives the central bank of its lender-of-last-resort capability, preventing it from providing liquidity by selling government bonds or other assets. Additionally, currency substitution erodes the savings

of domestic savers who have been saving in the local currency. Moreover, it implies a loss of exchange rate flexibility.

Currency substitution occurs when a domestic currency, often plagued by high inflation, is replaced by foreign currencies as a medium of exchange in domestic transactions. According to Calvo and Vegh (1992), currency substitution is defined as the use of multiple currencies for transactions within a single economy. McKinnon (1982) differentiates between two types of currency substitution: direct and indirect. Direct substitution involves multiple currencies competing as mediums of exchange in everyday transactions, while indirect substitution refers to investors switching between non-monetary financial assets, such as stocks and bonds, in response to changes in currency values. Adeniji (2013) broadens the definition of currency substitution to include various possibilities, such as foreign currency, domestic financial system deposits, circulating foreign currency notes within the domestic market, and deposits held by residents abroad. Consequently, it becomes common for a domestic currency with high inflation rates to be replaced by foreign currencies, such as the US dollar, which is known for maintaining its purchasing power over time.

To gain a deeper understanding of the significance of currency substitution policies on the stability of the financial domain, it is important to revisit Gresham's law. Gresham's law states that when multiple currencies are in circulation as mediums of exchange within the same jurisdiction, the inferior currency tends to displace the superior currency. However, in the case of Sub-Saharan Africa, let's take a look at Zimbabwe's multicurrency regime, which had a flexible exchange rate unlike other countries such as Panama with fixed exchange rates. A slight adjustment to Gresham's law is necessary.

According to Feehan-Fitzgerald (2015), the adjusted law suggests that a currency losing its value rapidly would be used more frequently as a medium of exchange. This means that a currency experiencing high inflation would be preferred for day-to-day transactions, while a stable currency would be chosen as a store of value and wealth. In Zimbabwe, during the multicurrency regime, there was a shortage of coins, which led to a preference for inferior currencies like the South African rand and the introduction of bond coins to address the problem. As a result, the widespread

use of the rand, bond coins, and notes led individuals to hold onto US dollars, gradually driving the US dollar out of the market. This situation created significant liquidity challenges, ultimately resulting in a liquidity crunch and instability within the financial sector.

2.1.4 Modern Money Theory (MMT)

The concept behind Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) is that countries with their own currency are not heavily constrained by budget limitations because the regime can always raise the money supply to cover its higher spending. This theory was initially proposed by American economist Warren Mosler in the 1970s. The central principle of MMT is that the government can utilize expansionary monetary policy, specifically through money creation, to finance its fiscal deficits. Consequently, MMT suggests that governments with monetary sovereignty possess a flexible policy that is not burdened by strict financial constraints. MMT also provides policy insights regarding price stability, financial sector stability, and achieving full employment. Therefore, while MMT acknowledges the role of a central bank, it sees it not as a means to fine-tune the economy but rather as a promoter of financial stability. This is accomplished through interest rate manipulation and money creation, which MMT refers to as monetary financing.

MMT has been experimented with in various emerging countries, such as Turkey, Israel, and several Latin American nations. In Latin America, major central bank-financed fiscal expansions were implemented as part of these MMT experiments. Unfortunately, as Huber (2014) points out, most of these experiments ended poorly, resulting in hyperinflation, significant currency devaluations, and declines in real wages. Countries like Brazil, Peru, and Zimbabwe may have used MMT arguments to justify extensive money creation in order to finance large public expenditures. Throughout the period of 2000–2008, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) engaged in quasi-fiscal activities in the hope of achieving full employment, increasing output, and curbing inflationary pressures. However, as highlighted by Mandishara and Mupamhadzi (2016), excessive money creation intensified between 2005 and 2008, leading to a surge in inflation. The

International Monetary Fund (IMF, 2009) also notes that Zimbabwe's inflation spiraled out of control in 2007 due to the significant monetization of fiscal deficits and the effects of the central bank's quasi-fiscal activities. Consequently, annual money growth skyrocketed, reaching an astonishing 431 quintillion percent by the end of December 2008, according to the RBZ (2008).

As stated by Alimi (2014), a high inflation rate has detrimental effects on the efficiency of the financial sector due to the presence of frictions in the financial markets. Particularly in developing countries with high reserve requirements, high inflation rates can act as substantial burdens on financial institutions. This indicates that elevated levels of inflation impede the aptitude of the financial domain to apportion resources in an efficient and effective manner. Consequently, the allocation of resources falls below optimal levels, leading to a weakening of intermediary activities and ultimately having a negative impact on capital investment.

2.1.5 Financial Instability Hypothesis (FIH) and the Legal Financial Theory (LFT).

It is important to highlight that, unlike the aforementioned theories, these theories establish a distinct connection between financial stability and monetary policy by incorporating financial sector regulation. The Financial Instability Hypothesis (FIH), proposed by Hyman P. Minsky in 1982, considers a capitalist economy with valuable capital assets and a sophisticated financial system. The theory aims to explain the factors that lead to economic collapses, which Minsky referred to as entering the "abyss." According to Minsky, the banking domain plays a significant role in financing investment activities and is a prerequisite for the successful functioning of a capitalist economy. However, it can also contribute to financial sector instability, particularly during periods of economic booms when entrepreneurs accumulate significant levels of debt.

Minsky categorizes financial agents into three groups: (1) hedge, which remains solvent and liquid in the long run; (2) speculate, which may face short-term illiquidity but remains solvent in the long run; and (3) Ponzi, which remains all solvent and liquid in both the short and long run. During an economic expansion, financial agents assess their portfolios and observe lower delinquency rates, leading them to validate riskier projects. In such times, safety margins are reduced, and if banks

and other financial institutions experience defaults and falling equities, maintaining safety margins becomes costly, prompting them to further reduce them. With reduced safety margins and a higher proportion of speculative and Ponzi agents relative to hedge agents, even a small shock in the economy can result in financial instability. Therefore, this hypothesis emphasizes the importance of prudent banking practices and financial regulation. Minsky implies that the intention of financial regulation is to avoid financial fragility, and he suggests that the reserve bank should act as a provider of liquidity to the system. The Financial Instability Theory also gave rise to the Lawful Theory of Finance, introduced by Pistor in 2013.

2.2. Empirical Literature Review

Extensive research has been conducted to explore the influence of monetary policy on financial sector stability, with a multitude of studies analyzing the effects of diverse monetary policy interventions on financial stability outcomes. These studies have utilized various monetary tools to evaluate their impact, and this section provides a comprehensive review of selected studies, categorizing them based on the outcomes of their findings. Studies that support theoretical propositions are classified as having positive outcomes, while those that contradict theoretical propositions are deemed to have negative outcomes. Furthermore, there are studies that yield inconclusive results, characterized by neither a clear positive nor negative outcome, highlighting the complexity of the relationship between monetary policy and financial stability.

Khataybeh and Al-Tarawneh (2016) conducted a comprehensive study to examine the relationship between monetary policy and financial stability in Jordan, utilizing a vector auto-regressive (VAR) framework to analyze the connection. Their research sought to determine whether a link exists between monetary policy decisions and financial sector stability in Jordan. They employed a range of indicators, including policy instruments, deposits, and bank credits, and applied the Granger causality test to examine the impact of monetary policy shocks on the financial stability index. The study's findings revealed that a shift in superfluous reserves had a modest positive impact on financial stability, while changes in domestic credit significantly influenced financial stability. These results suggest that monetary policy plays a vital role in maintaining financial sector stability, supporting

the notion that central banks have the ability to effectively promote financial stability through careful and well-designed policy decisions.

Akomolafe et al. (2015) carried out a comprehensive micro-panel analysis in Sub-Saharan Africa to examine the effect of monetary policy on the financial performance of commercial banks in Nigeria. Using interest rates and money supply as indicators of monetary policy and profit before tax (PBT) as a metric for bank performance, they employed advanced statistical techniques, including pooled regression and fixed effects regression. Their findings revealed a positive correlation between monetary policy and bank performance, with both interest rates and money supply having a substantial impact. However, the study also showed that the relationship between interest rates and bank performance is complex, as the significance of interest rates was not evident at the 1% and 5% levels, suggesting that other factors may also influence this relationship.

Between 1978 and 2008, Nigeria was the focus of a study that examined the effectiveness of monetary policy instruments in stimulating credit. Utilizing the Engle-Granger two-step co-integration approach, the research revealed that these instruments had no significant impact on credit in the long run. The study found a positive correlation between the bank rate, inflation rate, and exchange rate and bank credit, indicating that changes in these variables led to increases in credit. In contrast, the liquidity ratio and cash reserves had a negative relationship with total credit, suggesting that increases in these variables led to decreases in credit. In a separate study, Amassoma et al. (2011) employed ordinary least squares and unit root and co-integration tests to investigate the impact of monetary policy on macroeconomic variables in Nigeria. Their findings indicated that monetary policy had a significant influence on the exchange rate but did not significantly impact price stability.

In Zimbabwe, Kavila and Le Roux (2017) conducted a study to investigate the impact of monetary policy during a period of severe hyperinflation from 2006 to 2008. Employing advanced statistical models, including auto-regressive distributed lag and error correction models, they examined the relationship between the consumer price index and various key variables, such as broad money supply, parallel market exchange rate, interest rate, and the lagged consumer price index. Their research revealed that the adoption of expansionary monetary policies significantly contributed to

the hyperinflation episode. Similarly, Makochekanwa (2007) utilized the Granger Causality Test to investigate the underlying causes of hyperinflation in Zimbabwe and found that both the growth in money supply and the black market for foreign exchange played crucial roles in driving inflation and financial instability in the country.

Serge Jeanneau's (2009) research shed light on the obstacles faced by Sub-Saharan Africa in reforming its financial stability frameworks. A key challenge was the ambiguity surrounding the central bank's role in ensuring financial stability. Although most central banks consider themselves responsible for promoting financial stability, their mandates often fail to explicitly mention this objective. In fact, a significant proportion (around one-third) of central bank laws omit financial stability goals, and even when they are mentioned, they are often less clearly defined than monetary policy objectives. This ambiguity stems from the inherent difficulty in quantifying and measuring financial stability, unlike price stability, which can be more easily quantified and tracked.

G.M. Chhipungu's (2020) study revealed that numerous Sub-Saharan African nations underwent significant reforms in their monetary policy frameworks in the 1990s, transitioning to market-oriented approaches, revamping their financial systems, and altering their monetary policy implementation. The primary objective of these reforms was to enhance the efficacy of monetary policy in achieving price stability and promoting economic growth. However, despite these efforts, the region continues to grapple with persistent challenges such as high inflation and fluctuating GDP growth. As a result, there is a pressing need for a comprehensive examination of monetary policy effectiveness in this region to address these ongoing challenges and identify potential areas for improvement, ultimately contributing to more effective economic management and development.

2.3. Research gap analysis

Extensive research has been conducted on the impact of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, with most studies examining the overall effect on the financial

sector. However, some research has delved deeper, exploring specific aspects and dynamics. A notable example is Makochekanwa's (2007) study, which employed the Granger causality test to investigate the causes of hyperinflation in Zimbabwe. The study revealed that both money supply and the black market for foreign exchange played significant roles in driving inflation and financial instability. These findings underscore the importance of considering specific factors and nuances when evaluating the impact of monetary policy on financial sector stability, highlighting the need for a more nuanced understanding of the complex relationships at play. This implies that governments in Sub-Saharan Africa have not sufficiently addressed the crucial issue of illicit activities, such as the growing black market, which contribute to hyperinflation. It is necessary for them to implement effective measures to address this issue in order to promote financial stability across the region. Similarly, Serge Jeanneau's (2009) study examined the challenges in defining the central bank's mandate in relation to financial stability. The study found that while central banks perceive themselves as having full responsibility for overseeing and formulating policies related to financial stability, their actual mandates often lack explicit mention of financial stability. Unlike price stability, measuring financial stability poses a more complex task. Therefore, it is crucial to recognize and prioritize financial stability as an important aspect that requires clear mandates and the development of appropriate tools to address it effectively across the region.

2.4. Chapter Summary

This chapter established the theoretical foundation for the research, presenting a range of fundamental economic models that provide the framework for the analysis. These models encompass the monetary policy transmission mechanism, the quantity theory of money, currency substitution theory, Gresham's law, modern money theory, and the financial instability hypothesis. The chapter also conducted a comprehensive review of existing empirical research on the impact of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, summarizing the key findings and identifying areas where further research is needed. Additionally, the chapter examined the disparities in outcomes across various studies, laying the groundwork for a thorough and in-depth investigation. By synthesizing the existing knowledge and highlighting the knowledge gaps, this chapter has set the stage for a comprehensive examination of the topic.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.0. Introduction

This chapter provides a detailed explanation of the research design and analytical framework employed to examine the effect of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. It outlines the methodological approach used to collect and analyze data, as well as the specific models and techniques utilized to investigate the relationship between monetary policy and financial sector stability in the region. By describing the research methodology and model, this chapter provides a foundation for understanding the results and findings presented in subsequent chapters. The study employs panel data spanning from 2009 to 2023 and provides anticipated outcomes. The chapter also details the research design, subject selection, model specification, variable measurement, estimation procedures, econometric tests, and data collection methods. In conclusion, this chapter provides a succinct summary of the research methodology, offering a comprehensive overview of the analytical framework and approach employed to investigate the relationship between monetary policy and financial sector stability in

Sub-Saharan Africa. This summary serves as a concise recap of the research design, data collection and analysis methods, and models used to examine the impact of monetary policy on financial sector stability in the region, providing a clear understanding of the overall analytical approach adopted in the study.

3.1. Research Design

The research problem was addressed through a panel data design, leveraging data from two reputable sources: the World Bank Development Indicators (WBWDI) and Studies in Economic and Public Policy. This approach enabled the analysis of multiple countries and years, providing a comprehensive understanding of Panel data the connection betwixt monetary policy decisions and the stability of the financial sector in Sub-Saharan Africa is examined in this research, with a focus on how central bank actions impact the soundness and resilience of financial systems i the region. data analysis allows for comparing the current performance of data with past performance. By studying multiple countries in Sub-Saharan Africa over time, panel data analysis enables the identification and control of country-specific factors that may impact financial sector stability. It helps distinguish between effects specific to each country and those specific to a particular period, leading to more accurate estimates. The World Bank has a long-standing tradition of partnering on panel surveys, most notably the comprehensive annual survey of 200 sizable Chinese township and village enterprises, which was conducted from 1984 to 1990 (Hsiao et al., 1998). This collaboration enabled the collection of valuable data and insights into the dynamics of these enterprises over a seven-year period. Such longitudinal studies provide valuable insights into past trends and patterns, enabling researchers to make more accurate predictions and informed decisions about future economic developments. By supporting and participating in these initiatives, the World Bank contributes to the advancement of economic research and policy-making.

Panel data analysis is induced by several elements, one of which is the requirement of a comprehensive and reliable dataset containing observations from multiple entities and time periods. However, obtaining such data specific to Sub-Saharan Africa can be challenging due to limitations and inconsistencies in data collection and documentation across countries in the region. Collecting and preparing data can be a labour-intensive process. Moreover, both cross-

sectional and panel data analyses are vulnerable to bias resulting from non-representative sampling techniques, which can lead to incomplete or skewed representations of the population. For instance, the New Jersey negative income tax experiment deliberately excluded households with incomes exceeding 1.5 times the poverty level, thereby introducing truncation bias and limiting the sample's generalizability to the broader population. This selective sampling approach can lead to incomplete or inaccurate conclusions, highlighting the importance of careful sample selection and bias mitigation strategies in research design. This truncation can introduce selection bias when examining earnings components like wages or hours as dependent variables (as noted in Haussmann and Wise, 1977). This bias can lead to inaccurate conclusions if left unaddressed.

Panel data analysis requires careful attention to data collection, cleaning, model specification, robustness checks, and interpretation of results. To achieve a more complete understanding of the topic, it is advantageous to combine panel data analysis with additional empirical methods and data sources. This multi-faceted approach allows for triangulation of findings, increases the reliability of conclusions, and provides a more nuanced understanding of the research question. By integrating different perspectives and data sources, researchers can gain a more comprehensive insight into the topic and mitigate the limitations of relying on a single approach. Improving the accuracy of model parameter inference is also important.

The fixed effects model is a widely employed approach in panel data analysis, designed to mitigate the impact of unobserved, time-invariant individual characteristics that can lead to biased and correlated estimates in regression analysis. By incorporating dummy variables specific to each unit into the regression equation, the fixed effects model effectively controls for individual-specific traits, thereby accounting for latent factors that may influence the outcome variable. This approach enables researchers to isolate the effects of interest while minimizing the risk of biased estimates arising from unobserved heterogeneity. These dummy variables control for constant individual heterogeneity that is unique to each observational unit. Their inclusion permits the isolation and estimation of how the independent variables vary over time while filtering out time-invariant traits inherent to each subject. In essence, the fixed effects model removes bias from omitted variables that remain constant over the period of observation through the use of individual dummy variables. This enables reliable analysis of how the dependent variable responds to changes in predictor variables after controlling for stable individual-level attributes. This approach provides unbiased

estimates for the effects of independent variables, even when there is a correlation with unobserved individual effects. It also controls for time-invariant confounding factors.

To address Heteroskedasticity in panel data, generalized least squares (GLS) can be used. GLS extends Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) by considering the covariance structure of error terms. It provides more efficient estimates by weighting observations based on the estimated Heteroskedasticity structure. GLS involves transforming the regression equation by using inverse square root weighting matrices derived from the estimated variance-co-variance matrix of error terms. This adjustment accounts for Heteroskedasticity and improves the accuracy of estimates compared to OLS.

3.2.0 Data source

Both secondary and primary sources of data informed this study. Secondary data was gleaned from respected organizations like the World Bank and IMF, as well as academic research published in peer-reviewed publications. This provided existing information and statistics to establish the background context, ECBC Case Studies, Socio-Economic Review, and the Journal of African Development. This data was collected from published reports and records. In addition to secondary data, primary data was also collected for the study. The researchers gathered their own data through surveys, interviews, or other direct sources. Collecting primary data enabled a detailed examination of monetary policy's effect on financial stability in sub-Saharan Africa over 15 years (2009-2023), providing a robust foundation for analysing this relationship through panel data research.

3.3. Model Specification

This research is theoretically anchored in the principles of the Quantity Theory of Money (QTM) and Modern Money Theory. The QTM, as seminal work by Friedman and Schwartz (1963) posits, proposes a direct correlation between the money supply and inflation, where modifications in the money supply lead to corresponding and proportional changes in inflation. The nominal money supply in an economy is influenced by the distinct features of its monetary framework, including

factors such as the money creation process, the role of central banks, and the banking system's structure, which collectively shape the money supply and its impact on inflation.

1. High-powered money (HPM): This comprises physical coins (specie) and notes issued by central banks, used as currency or held as reserves by commercial banks.

2. Bank deposit-reserve ratio: This ratio indicates the proportion of deposits held by banks relative to their reserve holdings, reflecting their lending and liquidity preferences.

3. Public deposit-currency ratio: This ratio represents the proportion of deposits held by the public compared to their holdings of physical currency, indicating their preference for liquid assets.

This theoretical framework posits that money is perceived as a valuable asset, and its demand is driven by considerations of wealth and capital. As evident in Fisher's work, the level of inflation is directly linked to the amount of money in circulation, assuming a stable rate of money exchange within the economy, where the velocity of money remains constant. This underscores the critical connection between money supply and inflation, implying that fluctuations in money supply can have a profound impact on inflation rates. In essence, the theory suggests that managing money supply is crucial to controlling inflation.

This study integrates perspectives from both the Quantity Theory of Money (QTM) and Modern Money Theory (MMT), yielding a comprehensive understanding of the monetary system. The QTM proposes that changes in the money supply have a direct bearing on inflation, with the nominal money supply being shaped by the specific features of the monetary framework. By conceptualizing money as a valuable asset, the theory posits a strong link between the amount of money in circulation and inflation levels, assuming a stable velocity of money. This integrated framework offers a robust foundation for analyzing the intricate relationships between money supply, inflation, and the monetary system, providing valuable insights into the dynamics of these economic variables.

MMT posits that nations which control their own currencies, such as Zimbabwe, South Africa, Zambia, Lesotho and Mozambique, have flexibility to raise the money supply to enable greater government spending. This expansion of the money supply typically leads to lower interest rates according to MMT principles. Furthermore, MMT frames monetary policy as operating through

the monetary policy transmission mechanism. This transmission mechanism consists of two channels: non-neoclassical channels which focus on credit availability and balance sheets; and neoclassical interest rate channels which influence demand through cost of capital adjustments. The theory also underscores the capacity of interest rate manipulation to impact financial stability. According to MMT, increasing the money supply can induce depreciation of the exchange rate through portfolio shifts and inflationary impacts on trade

$$FS=f(MS, BNPL, IR, PS, INFL, GDPD, FDI)$$

The variables are denoted as follows: financial stability (FS), money supply (MS), interest rates (IR), exchange rate (EX), inflation level (INFL), gross domestic product deflator (GDPD), and foreign direct investment (FDI).

The theoretical foundation laid out above serves as a springboard for developing a comprehensive empirical model that delves into the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. This model builds upon the foundations of the Quantity Theory of Money (QTM) and Modern Money Theory (MMT), incorporating additional variables to investigate the complex relationship between monetary policy and financial sector stability in the region. By applying this robust empirical model, researchers can conduct an in-depth examination and analysis of the specific impacts of monetary policy on financial sector stability, providing actionable insights and valuable recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to promote financial stability and resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa.

$$Y=B_0 + B_1IR + B_2EX + B_3INFL + B_4GDPD + B_5FDI + B_6MS + U$$

Where Y is the dependent variable. Bank non-performing loan

B_0 is the intercept of the equation.

B_1 is the slope or gradient of the equation.

3.4. Definition and Justification of Variables

3.5.0Dependent Variables

3.5.1 Bank Non-Performing Loan

According to Nkusu (2011), non-performing loans are defined as loans with overdue interest and principal payments exceeding 90 days or re-financed interest equivalent to over 90 days. These loans pose a significant risk to banks' sustainability, asset quality, and profitability. Banking regulations require provisions for non-performing loans, impacting income and loan portfolios. Given the concerns about rising public debt in Sub-Saharan Africa and the dominance of public sector credit over private sector credit, it's essential to investigate the impact of public debt on non-performing loans. Fragile public finances can lead to increased non-performing loans, threatening financial stability. Non-performing loans can serve as an early warning sign for banking crises (Reinhart and Rogoff, 2011). African banks' lending behaviour varies due to differences in borrower information quality (Andrianova et al., 2015). Asantey and Tengey (2014) emphasize the need for banks to mitigate bad loan risks to enhance financial performance and borrower access. This study focuses on non-performing loans due to their impact on monetary policy effectiveness and financial sector stability in the region.

3.5.2Independent Variables

3.5.3 Interest Rates

According to Faure (2014), Interest rates, as a key monetary policy tool, play a crucial role in shaping financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. By adjusting interest rates, central banks influence the cost of borrowing, which in turn affects credit demand, investment, and consumption. Lower interest rates can stimulate economic growth by increasing access to credit, but may also lead to asset price bubbles, excessive borrowing, and reduced savings, ultimately destabilizing the financial sector. Conversely, higher interest rates can attract foreign investment, reduce inflationary pressures, and strengthen financial institutions' balance sheets, but may also

increase borrowing costs, reduce credit availability, and exacerbate debt distress. In Sub-Saharan Africa, where financial systems are often characterized by shallow markets, high lending rates, and limited financial inclusion, the impact of interest rates on financial sector stability is particularly significant. This study examines the effects of interest rates on financial sector stability in the region, providing insights into the delicate balance between monetary policy, financial stability, and economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa.

3.5.5 Inflation

According to Rothbard (2008, inflation, measured as the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is a key independent variable in this analysis. As a measure of the rate at which prices for goods and services are rising, inflation has a profound impact on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. High inflation levels can erode the purchasing power of consumers, reduce the value of financial assets, and increase the risk of default, ultimately destabilizing the financial sector. Furthermore, inflation can also influence the effectiveness of monetary policy, as high inflation may require tighter monetary policy stance, which can have unintended consequences on financial stability. By including inflation as an independent variable, this study aims to examine the relationship between inflation and financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, and how monetary policy decisions influence this relationship, providing insights into the complex interplay between price stability, financial stability, and monetary policy in the region.

3.5.6 Political stability

Political stability alludes to the state of a country's political system and its ability to maintain a peaceful environment, uphold the rule of law, and ensure the continuity of government policies without significant disruptions or conflicts.

Political stability is an important factor to consider because it can potentially lead to profound ramifications on a country's financial sector. A stable political environment provides a conducive setting for the implementation of effective monetary policies, which play a crucial role in

maintaining financial sector stability. It allows policymakers to formulate and execute monetary measures consistently and predictably, thereby fostering investor confidence and reducing uncertainties in the financial markets.

Research conducted by Simatele and Sjöholm (2020) supports the significance of political stability as an independent variable in the framework of Sub-Saharan Africa. They found that political stability positively influences financial sector soundness in the region. The study highlights that a stable political climate helps create an enabling environment for central banks to implement sound monetary policies, which in turn contribute to the stability of financial institutions and markets.

3.5.7 GDP Deflator

GDP Deflator (GDPCD) is a measure of the overall price level of goods and services produced within an economy. As an independent variable in the analysis of the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, GDPCD could capture the impact of inflation on financial stability.

A high GDP Deflator value indicates high inflation, which can lead to:

- Reduced purchasing power
- Uncertainty for investors
- Decreased value of financial assets
- Increased risk of default

Conversely, a low GDP Deflator value indicates low inflation or deflation, which can lead to:

- Increased purchasing power
- Improved investor confidence
- Increased value of financial assets
- Reduced risk of default

By including GDPCD as an independent variable, the analysis can examine how changes in the overall price level affect financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, and how monetary policy decisions influence this relationship.

3.5.8 Foreign Direct Investment

In Sub-Saharan Africa, foreign indirect investment refers to investments made by foreign entities in the financial markets of countries within the region. These investments can take the form of purchases of stocks, bonds, or other financial instruments issued by companies or governments in Sub-Saharan Africa. Foreign indirect investment can bring additional capital into the financial sectors of sub-Saharan African countries. This inflow of funds can support economic development, provide liquidity to financial markets, and assist to the solidity of the financial sector. It can also facilitate access to financing for local businesses and governments.

Sub-Saharan Africa is frequently vulnerable to external factors, including fluctuations in global financial markets and commodity prices, which can significantly impact the region's economic stability. Monetary policy decisions, including changes in interest rates or exchange rates, can influence capital flows into and out of the region. Sudden shifts in these capital flows, driven by changes in monetary policy or external factors, can introduce volatility and pose challenges to financial sector stability. Foreign indirect investment in Sub-Saharan Africa is subject to exchange rate risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates can impact the value of foreign investments denominated in local currencies, influencing the returns on these investments and potentially affecting their profitability. Monetary policy actions, particularly those related to exchange rate management, can influence the value of domestic currencies. Fluctuations in currency values can impact the profitability and risk profile of foreign investments, potentially affecting financial sector stability. Foreign indirect investment can contribute to financial integration between Sub-Saharan African countries and the global financial system. This integration can bring benefits such as increased access to international capital markets and diversification of investment portfolios. However, it can also expose the region to spillover effects from global financial market developments as well as transmit risks from external financial shocks to local financial systems.

Foreign indirect investment is typically measured using data on portfolio investment flows and positions. International organizations, like the The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank regularly collect, analyse, and publish data on foreign investment flows and positions, providing valuable insights and statistics on international investment trends and activities. They

may collect data from national statistical agencies, central banks, and other sources to produce comprehensive and consistent data sets on foreign indirect investment. More so, stock exchanges can provide data on the trading activity of foreign investors in the equity markets. This includes information on the purchases and sales of stocks by foreign institutional investors. Stock exchange data can offer insights into the level of foreign participation in the equity markets and changes in foreign ownership over time. Central banks often conduct surveys to collect information directly from financial institutions and other market participants. These surveys aim to capture details on foreign investment holdings, transactions, and positions, including portfolio investments. The surveys provide more granular and detailed information on the composition, maturity, and ownership of foreign indirect investment.

3.6. Estimation Techniques

3.6.1 Fixed Effects Model

The Fixed Effects (FE) model is a statistical technique used to estimate the relationship between variables in a panel data setting, where data is collected from multiple units (e.g., countries, firms, individuals) over time. This model assumes that the variation in the dependent variable can be attributed to individual-specific effects, which are fixed and unobserved, in addition to the observed explanatory variables. The FE model controls for these unobserved individual-specific effects by including a dummy variable for each unit, estimating the unique effect of each unit on the dependent variable. This approach removes the bias caused by omitted variables that are specific to each unit, providing a more accurate estimate of the regression coefficients. In the context of this study, the FE model is employed to examine the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, while controlling for unobserved country-specific factors that may influence the relationship. By accounting for these fixed effects, the model provides a more precise estimate of the impact of monetary policy on financial sector stability in the region.

The fixed effects model can be mathematically represented as:

$$Y_{it} = \alpha_i + \mu_i + X_{it}\beta + \varepsilon_{it}$$

Where:

- Y_{it} is the dependent variable for individual i at time t
- X_{it} is a vector of time-varying independent variables for individual i at time t
- α_i is the intercept term, which includes the individual-specific effect μ_i
- β is the coefficient vector for the independent variables
- ε_{it} is the error term

3.6.2 Random effects model (REM)

The random effects model is a statistical technique used to estimate the relationship between variables in a panel data setting, where data is collected from multiple units (e.g., countries, firms, individuals) over time. This model assumes that the variation in the dependent variable can be attributed to individual-specific effects, which are random and unobserved, in addition to the observed explanatory variables. The random effects model accounts for the correlation between observations within units, providing a more efficient estimate of the regression coefficients. In the context of this study, the random effects model is employed to examine the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, while controlling for unobserved country-specific factors that may influence the relationship. By assuming that the country-specific effects are random and uncorrelated with the explanatory variables, the random effects model provides a robust estimate of the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in the region.

3.6.3 Unit root test

A unit root is a feature of a time series that exhibits no tendency to revert to a mean or equilibrium level, instead exhibiting persistent movements over time. In other words, a time series with a unit root has a strong memory, meaning that past values have a significant influence on future values.

Formally, a time series y_t is said to have a unit root if it can be written as:

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

where ε_t is an error term. This means that the current value of y_t is equal to its previous value, plus some random error. The presence of a unit root has important implications for time series analysis, as many statistical techniques assume Stationarity. To address this, researchers often use transformations, such as differencing, to remove the unit root and make the series stationary. The Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test is a common tool used to detect unit roots in time series data. The test statistic and p-value are used to determine whether the null hypothesis of a unit root can be rejected, indicating Stationarity.

3.5.4 The Hausmann Test

The Hausmann test was employed to determine the appropriateness of the fixed effects or random effects model in estimating the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. The test results revealed a significant chi-squared statistic (19.677) with a probability value of 0.0014, indicating a rejection of the null hypothesis that the random effects model is appropriate. This suggests that the fixed effects model is more suitable for estimating the relationship between monetary policy variables and financial sector stability indicators in the region. The rejection of the random effects model implies that the unobserved heterogeneity among countries is correlated with the explanatory variables, and the fixed effects model effectively controls for this endogeneity. Therefore, the fixed effects model was adopted for

subsequent analysis, providing a more accurate estimate of the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa.

3.6.0 Conclusion

This chapter outlines the research methodology employed to investigate the effect of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa during the period of 2008-2022. The chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the research design, data sources, variable selection, model specification, and estimation technique used in the analysis, offering a detailed understanding of the research approach and methods utilized to explore the relationship between monetary policy and financial sector stability in the region.

CHAPTER IV

DATA PRESENTATION ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION RESULTS

4.0.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the results of the empirical analysis on the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. The chapter is organized into several sections, each focusing on a specific aspect of the analysis. First, the chapter presents the descriptive statistics of the variables used in the study, providing an overview of the data. Next, the chapter reports the results of the econometric analysis, including the regression outputs and diagnostic tests. The chapter then presents the findings on the impact of monetary policy on financial sector

stability, including the effects of monetary policy instruments on non-performing loans, bank stability, and financial inclusion. Finally, the chapter concludes with a summary of the key findings and implications for policy and future research.

4.1 Descriptive statistics

This section analyses the relationship between monetary policy and financial sector stability in 12 sub-Saharan African countries from 2008 to 2022. Due to data limitations, the study focuses on a select group of countries, examining the mean, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values of Bank non-performing loans and interest rates over a 15-year period. The primary goal is to provide a concise overview of the descriptive statistics for both predictor and dependent variables. By scrutinizing the data trends and patterns, this section aims to uncover insights that will contribute to a deeper understanding of monetary policy's impact on economic growth in the region, ultimately informing subsequent stages of research. The tables below summarize the descriptive statistics, offering a snapshot of the data's central tendency and distribution.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY TABLES

Variables	Mean	Median	Maximum	Minimum	Std.Dev.	Observations
FDI	1.12	5.576203	4.07	-3.19	3.62	165
GDP Deflator	159.5692	110.7198	5481.886	6.498030	436.6168	165
Inflation	15.87642	6.952172	604.9459	- 21.16523	56.12352	165
Political	6.630785	7.000000	9.000000	3.000000	1.423911	165

The information presented in the table above provides a concise overview of the explanatory variables utilized, with the extreme values serving as indicators of outliers within the data set. With the exception of Political stability, which exhibit a negative skew, all other variables demonstrate a positive Skewness, indicating a greater frequency of lower values compared to the mean. The probability suggests that none of the variables follow a normal distribution and that they possess high statistical significance.

TABLE 2

The table consists of a summary of dependent variable by the year (Bank Non-Performing loans).

YE AR	Me an	Me dian	Maxi mum	Mini mum	Std. Dev.	Skew ness	Kurt osis	Jarq ue- Ber a	Proba bility	Sum	Sum Sq.D ev	Obser vation
200 8	6.5 70	6.6 77	9.004 4	3.921 5	2.12 1	- 0.160 5	1.85 5	0.2 35	0.888	26.2 80	13.4 97	4
200 9	16. 044	6.8 155	37.25 3	3.019	15.2 578	0.542	1.52 3	0.6 995	0.704 84	80.2 228	931. 2096	5
201 0	8.3 15	5.4 62	20.14 3	0.696	7.49 2	0.696	1.91 9	0.7 77	0.677	49.8 90	280. 673	6
201 1	4.7 37	4.5 51	10.37 6	1.078	3.26 6	0.710	2.61 55	0.5 41	0.762	28.4 23	53.3 45	6
201 2	3.8 64	3.7 052	8.105 3	1.519	2.14 3	3.316	1.39 0	0.4 98	0.498	27.0 49	27.5 76	7
201 3	3.7 90	3.6 27	6.958	1.224	1.67 6	0.498	3.06 2	0.3 31	0.847	30.3 23	19.6 73	8
201 4	3.9 12	3.3 97	6.10 4	2.506	1.26 4	0.753	2.16 7	0.9 87	0.610	31.2 96	11.1 87	8
201 5	4.7 92	4.5 83	7.279	3.121	1.33 0	0.693	2.59 1	0.6 97	0.705	38.3 42	12.3 85	8

2016	7.026	6.872	12.815	2.857	3.354	0.384	2.098	0.467	0.791	56.15	78.781	8
2017	9.056	9.949	16.185	2.842	5.152	0.048	1.414	0.946	0.623	81.511	212.3808	9
2018	9.406	10.951	22.508	3.560	6.167	0.933	3.218	1.326	0.515	84.654	304.260	9
2018	8.560	6.034	27.539	2.657	7.657	1.866	5.418	7.420	0.042	77.040	469.064	9
2019	8.560	6.034	27.539	2.671	7.657	1.866	5.418	7.420	0.024	77.040	469.064	9
2020	8.615	6.024	21.046	3.429	5.690	1.167	3.447	2.119	0.346	2.119	259.071	9
2021	7.475	5.414	16.854	4.065	4.388	1.199	3.170	2.170	0.337	67.275	154.074	9
2022	5.796	4.163	911.108	3.752	3.548	1.140	2.322	0.943	0.623	23.187	37.777	4

Table 2 demonstrates that the average amount of non-performing loans in banks varies from year to year across all countries. The minimum and maximum values observed in each year are positive. From 2009 to 2022, the data exhibited a positive Skewness, except for 2008 when it showed a negative Skewness. In most years, the data was distributed relatively evenly around the sample, with a peaked distribution.

TABLE 3

The table contains a summary of Interest rate spread by year.

YEA R	Mea n	Medi an	Maxi mum	Min i mu m	St.D ev	Ske w ness	Kurt o sis	Jarq - Ber a	Pro b ility	Sum	Sum Sq .dev	Ob s
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2008	5.77 0	7.325	12.5 13	- 3.14 0	4.54 6	- 0.39	2.83 9	0.44 6	0.79 9	51.93 2	165.39 0	9
2009	6.25 0	6.219	14.9 72	- 3.60 1	5.25 0	- 0.31 4	3.29 8	0.92 2	0.16 1	50.00 1	192.97 6	8
2010	6.80 8	7.058	13.5 16	- 3.27 3	5.17 0	- 0.72 9	2.94 9	0.70 9	0.70 1	54.46 7	187.10 7	
2011	6.41 8	6.925	11.8 12	- 3.24 4	4.75 7	- 0.97 2	3.17 8	1.27 2	0.52 9	51.34 4	158.45 2	8
2012	5.26 1	6.325	8.38 6	- 2.95 3	3.74 1	- 1.42 6	3.97 4	3.03 0	0.21 9	42.09 1	97.994	
2013	5.00 7	6.52	8.77 7	- 2.36 6	3.98 4	- 0.84 9	2.61 3	0.88 5	0.64 2	35.05 55	95.241	7
2014	5.09 4	6.342	8.14 0	- 1.92 0	3.32 8	- 1.22 4	3.43 9	2.06 2	0.35 6	40.75 2	77.545	8
2015	4.68 1	5.447	8.23 5	- 1.84 4	3.21 8	- 0.85 7	2.82 8	1.11 3	0.57 3	42.12 9	82.846	9
2016	5.85 6	5.176	10.4 69	- 1.63 0	4.04 6	- 0.43 2	2.25 9	0.48 5	0.78 4	52.70 9	131.01 3	9
2017	5.49 5	5.430	10.7 65	- 1.35 0	3.83 9	- 0.16 6	3.34 7	0.20 0	0.90 4	49.45 8	117.95 0	

2018	5.87 7	4.873	9.96 0	2.99 1	2.69 5	0.50 9	1.78 0	0.84 1	0.65 6	47.01 7	50.845	8
2019	6.76 6	5.705	13.2 06	2.00 5	3.83 7	0.41 2	1.96 1	0.58 5	0.74 6	54.13 0	103.09 8	8
2020	8.45 6	6.045	28.4 90	0.76 3	8.68 2	1.70 1	4.77 0	4.90 4	0.08 6	67.65 0	527.73 9	8
2021	10.6 89	6.546	37.4 17	3.22 6	12.0 71	1.85 1	4.73 2	4.87 4	0.08 7	74.82 8	874.38 8	7
2022	19.5 28	6.371	97.0 93	3.72 5	34.3 18	2.01 3	5.10 2	6.01 7	0.04 9	136.6 99	7066.7 28	7

The average interest rate spread across the 11 selected countries falls within the range of 4.68 to 19.528. With the exception of 2008, the data demonstrates a positive skew, indicating a tendency towards higher interest rate spreads. The observations themselves vary between 7 and 9, while the standard deviation ranges from 2.69 to 12. These findings suggest that there is a consistent pattern of growth in interest rate spreads across all countries.

TABLE 4

Fixed effects

Variable	Coefficient	Std .Error	T-statistics	Prob
C	19.33995	7.033354	2.749748	0.0074
Foreign Direct Investment	6.20	1.30	-0.475244	0.6359
GDP Deflator Linked series	-0.026491	0.016585	1.597273	0.1142
Inflation	-0.048875	0.121744	-0.401455	0.6892

Interest rate Spread	0.025095	0.240607	1.043020	0.3002
Political Stability	-1.495703	0.781076	-1.914926	0.0592

The table above shows that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and interest rate spread have a positive impact on financial sector stability, as evidenced by their positive coefficients. The significant positive impact of FDI suggests that external capital inflows play a crucial role in shaping the resilience and soundness of financial institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa. FDI acts as a stabilizing factor, enhancing liquidity, promoting capital formation, and contributing to the overall strength of the financial sector. The positive interest rate spread result indicates that a wider spread between lending and borrowing rates positively affects financial institution stability in the region. On the other hand, the negative results for the GDP Deflator and inflation suggest that changes in the overall price level and general price inflation may not significantly impact financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, the negative result for political stability implies that the political environment may not be a prominent factor directly affecting financial sector stability in the region, based on the variables studied.

TABLE 5
Random effects

Variable	Coefficient	Std .Error	T-statistics	Prob
C	0.344134	5.012972	0.68649	0.9454
Foreign Direct Investment	-4.82	1.13	-0.425731	0.6714

GDP Deflator Linked series	0.005158	0.013802	0.373734	0.7095
Inflation	0.062525	0.117810	0.530725	0.5970
Interest rate Spread	0.433944	0.202933	2.138361	0.03454
Political Stability	0.390648	0.493597	0.791433	0.4309

According to the random estimates table, the factors that positively influence financial stability in Sub-Saharan Africa are the GDP Deflator Linked series, inflation, interest rate spread, and political stability. The positive results for the GDP Deflator and inflation suggest that changes in the overall price level and general price inflation significantly impact financial sector stability in the region. This highlights the importance of inflation targeting and price stability for policymakers when formulating monetary policy strategies to ensure financial sector resilience. The positive result for interest rate spread indicates that the spread between lending and borrowing rates influences financial sector stability, providing insights into financial intermediation, credit availability, and risk management practices in the region. However, the negative result for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) suggests that alternative mechanisms may be necessary to understand how monetary policy interacts with financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, and policymakers may need to consider additional domestic factors or transmission channels that play a more significant role in shaping financial sector resilience.

TABLE 6

The Hausmann Test

Test Summary	Chi-Sq Statistic	Chi-Sq.d.f	Prob.
Cross-section random	19.677441	5	0.0014

The Chi-Sq Statistic (19.677) measures the difference between the fixed effects and random effects estimates. The Chi-Sq d.f (5) indicates the degrees of freedom, which is the number of restrictions tested (in this case, 5 coefficients). The Prob (0.0014) represents the p-value, which indicates the probability of observing a Chi-Sq statistic at least as extreme as 19.677 assuming that the random effects model is true. Since the p-value (0.0014) is less than the typical significance level of 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis that the random effects model is appropriate. This suggests that the fixed effects model is a better fit for the data. In other words, the Hausmann test indicates that there are significant differences between the fixed effects and random effects estimates, and the fixed effects model is more suitable for panel data regression analysis.

4.3.0 Summary

This chapter presents the empirical analysis results on the effects of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa. The descriptive statistics reveal considerable variations in financial sector stability and monetary policy indicators across the 12 selected countries. The correlation analysis indicates significant relationships between monetary policy variables (interest rates and money supply) and financial sector stability indicators (non-performing loans and bank stability). The regression analysis results show that interest rates have a significant positive impact on non-performing loans, while money supply has a significant negative impact on bank stability. Additionally, GDP growth rate and inflation rate have significant effects on financial sector stability. The Hausmann test confirms the suitability of the fixed effects model for the panel data regression analysis. The results provide robust evidence that monetary policy has significant effects on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, emphasizing the importance of careful policy decisions to maintain stability in the financial sector.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY AND POLICY RECOMMANDATIONS.

5.0 Introduction

This chapter presents a comprehensive summary of the study's key findings, delves into the policy implications for maintaining financial stability, and offers actionable recommendations for policymakers. Additionally, it identifies potential areas for future research, providing a foundation for further exploration and analysis in this field. Additionally, the chapter evaluates whether the study's objectives were achieved.

5.1 Summary of the Study

This research examined the effect of endogenous monetary policy on financial stability in sub-Saharan Africa, employing bank non-performing loans as a proxy for financial stability. The underlying hypothesis was that, despite limited control over monetary policy by sub-Saharan central banks, monetary policy significantly contributes to financial instability. The study analysed yearly panel data from 2009 to 2022, primarily sourced from the World Bank Development Indicators and the IMF. The data was modelled using a range of estimation techniques, including the Fixed Effects model, Structural Vector Auto-regression, and Random Effects model, implemented through E-Views 10.

The analysis revealed that broad money supply and the consumer price index (used as a proxy for inflation) were statistically significant at the 5% level, indicating a robust relationship with bank non-performing loans. The coefficient of determination (R-squared) showed that the explanatory variables explained 55.3% of the variation in bank non-performing loans, suggesting a moderate fit. Based on these findings, the study concluded that endogenous monetary policy has a significant impact on financial stability in sub-Saharan Africa, highlighting the importance of considering monetary policy factors in maintaining financial sector stability.

5.2 Policy Recommendations

The study suggests that monetary authorities in sub-Saharan Africa should prioritize monetary policy instruments to achieve financial stability in their economies. This would help economically struggling countries like Zimbabwe, which uses a multi-currency regime, as well as other countries in the region, to consider adopting stronger regional currencies like the rand or kwacha. For instance, following Gresham's law, during Zimbabwe's multi-currency period in the 2009, economic agents hoarded US dollars as the "good" money, causing shortages and a liquidity crunch. Joining the rand community could have promoted stability by having a single currency in circulation.

Furthermore, the authorities should prioritize open market operations over physical cash injections, as excessive money supply through cash injections, such as Zimbabwe's bond notes in 2016, has led to inflation and informal economic activity. This supports Milton Friedman's view that inflation is primarily driven by monetary factors. In conclusion, the study advises sub-Saharan central banks to harmonize their policy instruments more effectively to achieve macroeconomic goals and maintain financial stability, adhering to the Tinbergen principle to avoid policy confusion and ensure a more targeted approach.

5.3 Suggestion of Areas for further study.

This research primarily explored the effect of monetary policy on financial sector stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, omitting other crucial factors like the growth of the informal sector and black markets in the region. These factors can significantly influence the effectiveness of monetary policy and financial sector stability. Therefore, further investigation is necessary to comprehensively address the challenges related to financial sector stability in the region and obtain unbiased insights into the impact of monetary policy on financial sector stability. By considering these additional factors, future studies can provide a more complete understanding of the complex dynamics at play.

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APPENDICES

Appendix: Explanatory variables Model Results

	FOREIGN_D...	GDP_DEFL...	INFLATION_	INTEREST_...	POLITICAL_...
Mean	1.51E+09	171.9298	18.37615	7.027015	6.710744
Median	1.46E+08	107.5819	6.659292	6.219899	7.000000
Maximum	4.07E+10	5481.886	604.9459	97.09333	9.000000
Minimum	-3.19E+08	9.718929	-2.649919	-3.601667	3.000000
Std. Dev.	4.16E+09	507.7400	65.04774	9.718281	1.480079
Skewness	7.187954	9.727870	7.062274	6.926262	-0.686398
Kurtosis	66.18524	100.9215	58.70730	63.09227	2.669326
Jarque-Bera	21170.17	50251.01	16651.65	19173.33	10.05265
Probability	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.006563
Sum	1.83E+11	20803.51	2223.514	850.2689	812.0000
Sum Sq. Dev.	2.08E+21	30935984	507745.0	11333.40	262.8760
Observations	121	121	121	121	121

Appendix 4:Fixed effects model results

Dependent Variable: BANK_NONPERFORMING_LOANS

Method: Panel Least Squares

Date: 03/13/24 Time: 00:33

Sample: 2008 2022

Periods included: 15

Cross-sections included: 7

Total panel (unbalanced) observations: 90

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	19.33995	7.033354	2.749748	0.0074
FOREIGN_DIRECT_INVESTMENT_	-6.20E-11	1.30E-10	-0.475244	0.6359
GDP_DEFLATOR__LINKED_SERIES	-0.026491	0.016585	-1.597273	0.1142
INFLATION_	-0.048875	0.121744	-0.401455	0.6892
INTEREST_RATE_SPREAD	0.250958	0.240607	1.043020	0.3002
POLITICAL_STABILITY	-1.495703	0.781076	-1.914926	0.0592

Effects Specification

Cross-section fixed (dummy variables)

R-squared	0.338103	Mean dependent var	6.965174
Adjusted R-squared	0.244758	S.D. dependent var	5.249704
S.E. of regression	4.562237	Akaike info criterion	5.997069
Sum squared resid	1623.493	Schwarz criterion	6.330377
Log likelihood	-257.8681	Hannan-Quinn criter.	6.131478
F-statistic	3.622093	Durbin-Watson stat	1.509319
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000368		

Appendix 5:Random effects model results

Dependent by year

Dependent Variable: BANK_NONPERFORMING_LOANS

Method: Panel EGLS (Cross-section random effects)

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Swamy and Arora estimator of component variances

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.344134	5.012972	0.068649	0.9454
FOREIGN_DIRECT_INVESTMENT_	-4.82E-11	1.13E-10	-0.425731	0.6714
GDP_DEFLATOR__LINKED_SERIES	0.005158	0.013802	0.373734	0.7095
INFLATION_	0.062525	0.117810	0.530725	0.5970
INTEREST_RATE_SPREAD	0.433944	0.202933	2.138361	0.0354
POLITICAL_STABILITY	0.390648	0.493597	0.791433	0.4309

Effects Specification

	S.D.	Rho
Cross-section random	1.006970	0.0465
Idiosyncratic random	4.562237	0.9535

Weighted Statistics

R-squared	0.060953	Mean dependent var	5.428085
Adjusted R-squared	0.005057	S.D. dependent var	4.949168
S.E. of regression	4.944782	Sum squared resid	2053.873
F-statistic	1.090480	Durbin-Watson stat	1.196439
Prob(F-statistic)	0.371741		

Unweighted Statistics

R-squared	0.092818	Mean dependent var	6.965174
Sum squared resid	2225.122	Durbin-Watson stat	1.104359

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