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Abbreviations

ATM - Average Time to Maturity
ATR - Average Time to Re-fixing

BoG - Bank of Ghana

CAP - Coronavirus Alleviation Programme

CNY - Chinese Yuan Renminbi
 CPI - Consumer Price Index
 ECFs - Export Credit Facilities

EUR - Euro

FX - Foreign Exchange
GBP - Great Britain Pound
GDP - Gross Domestic Product

GHC - Ghana Cedi

GIR - Gross International Reserves

GoG - Government of Ghana

ICM - International Capital MarketIMF - International Monetary Fund

JPY - Japanese Yen KRW - Korean Won KWD - Kuwaiti Dinar

MoF - Ministry of Finance

MPC - Monetary Policy CommitteePPEs - Personal Protective Equipment

RCF - Rapid Credit Facility

SAR - Saudi Riyal

SMEs - Small and Medium Scale Enterprises

ST - Short-Term

TDMD - Treasury and Debt Management Division

USD - United States Dollar VRA - Volta River Authority

1. Introduction

This annual debt bulletin is published in fulfilment of the requirements of Section 71 of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921), which mandates the Public Debt Office to publish, at least half-yearly, statistics on the public debt. This bulletin shows government's commitment to ensuring transparency in its debt management operations. The bulletin gives a comprehensive overview of the public debt and all activities and transactions that have impacted the public debt portfolio in 2020.

2. Economic Developments

Global Economic Developments

Global economic activities were largely disrupted in the first two quarters of 2020 as the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic heightened market uncertainties leading to severe market dislocations in both the equity and debt markets. Governments all over adopted various forms of restrictive measures – lockdowns, social distancing etc. – as part of efforts to curb the rapid spread of the virus. These measures dampened global demand and supply for non-essential goods and services and upended global growth.

In June 2020, the IMF revised the global growth projection down by 1.9 percentage points to 4.9 percent¹ due to the anticipated slower recovery from the pandemic. By the third quarter 2020, however, there was a rebound in economic activities as countries eased restrictions, with China recording a favourable increase in export volumes. The rebound in activities was shortlived with the surge in the new strain of the COVID-19 virus by the fourth quarter of 2020.

In January 2021, the IMF estimated global economic growth in 2020 to contract by 3.5 percent². They further noted that the path of recovery was dependent on each country's medical interventions to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Domestic Economic Developments

The economy contracted by 1.1 percent (Year-on-Year) in the third quarter, owing to the global pandemic. This followed a contraction of 3.2 percent in the second quarter and a growth of 4.9 percent in the first quarter. The average GDP growth rate recorded by the end of the third quarter in 2020 was 0.2 percent. To moderate the adverse impact of the pandemic, governent, as well as the Bank of Ghana (BoG), rolled out various fiscal and monetary policy measures.

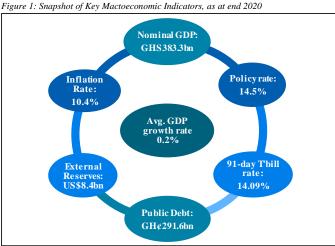
A major fiscal response to the pandemic was the rollout of the Coronavirus Alleviation Programme (CAP) by the government. Under the program, the government pledged about GHC10.6 million to: support Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs), provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs),

¹ https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2020/06/24/WEOUpdateJune2020

² World Economic Outlook Update, January 2021: Policy Support and Vaccines Expected to Lift Activity (imf.org)

and general support to the Health sector. Additionally, government planned to cut spending, mainly on capital investments, by GHC1.1 billion. Government further granted other reliefs on water and electricity tariffs to consumers. To fund the CAP, government accessed funding from various sources: Stabilization Fund (GHC1.2 billion); IMF Rapid Credit Facility (GHC5.8 billion); World Bank (GHC2.58 billion); AfDB (GHC0.39 billion) and BOG (GHC10 billion).

On the monetary front, the Bank of Ghana's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left the policy rate unchanged at 14.5 percent following a 150 basis points rate cut in March 2020, from 16 percent. Inflation, on the other hand, trended upwards, with the inflation rate increasing by 250 basis points from 7.9 percent in 2019 to 10.4 percent by the end of December 2020. In line with the decline in the policy rates, the 91-day treasury bill rate fell by 61 basis points to 14.09 percent, compared to 2019. The Bank of Ghana launched an Asset Purchase Programme in the second quarter of 2020, purchasing GHC5.5 billion Government of Ghana 10-year COVID bonds.³ In the third quarter 2020, BoG further purchased GHC4.5 billion,



Source: Ministry of Finance/ BOG/GSS

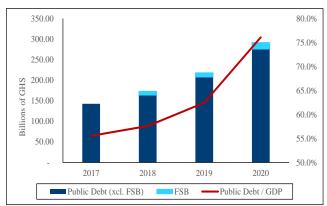
bringing the total amount of the 10-Year COVID bonds purchased under its Asset Purchase Programme to GHC10 billion. Figure 1 gives a snapshot of key macroeconomic indicators.

3. Highlights of Public Debt

Gross public debt, as at the end of December 2020, stood at GHC291.63 billion (US\$50.83 billion), representing 76.1 percent of GDP and an increase of 33.6% compared to the stock in 2019. The public debt as at end 2020 comprised of external debt of GHC141.80 billion (US\$24.7 billion); 37.0 percent of GDP, and domestic debt of GHC149.83 billion (US\$26.1 billion); 39.1 percent of GDP. The total stock of debt issued in support of the Financial Sector clean up stood at GHC16.3 billion (US\$2.8 billion) as at end December 2020. Accordingly, the public debt excluding the Financial Sector Bailout was GHC275.33 billion (US\$48.0 billion), representing 71.8 percent of GDP. Figure 2 and 3 shows the classification of the public debt stock by source and the Debt to GDP levels of the portfolio.

³ https://www.bog.gov.gh/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/MPC-Press-Release-15th-May-2020-2.pdf

Figure 2: Classification of Public Debt Stock by Source (Provisional)





Source: Ministry of Finance

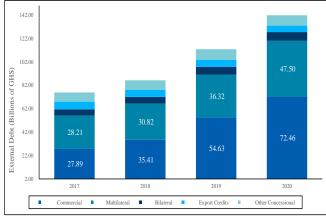
The total public debt-to-GDP ratio increased from 62.4 percent in 2019 to 76.1 percent by the end of December, 2020, representing a 13.6 percentage points increase. From Figure 3, it can be observed that the share of domestic debt has increased steadily from 2017, surpassing the share of external debt as at end December 2020. The shares of external and domestic debt relative to the GDP, as at end December 2020, were 37.0 percent and 39.1 percent, respectively. The increase in the rate of debt accumulation in 2020 was largely attributed to: (i) the uptake in government's borrowing to support various relief programmes rolled out by government in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (ii) depreciation of the Ghana Cedi against major international trading currencies, especially the United States Dollar (3.9%).

4. Review of External Debt Portfolio

The stock of external debt as at end December 2020 stood at GHC141.8 billion (US\$24.7 billion) representing 37.0 percent of GDP and an increase of 25.8 percent compared to 2019. However, from 2017 to 2020, the share of the external debt relative to the public debt portfolio has declined from 55.5% to 48.6%.

An overview of the creditor classification shows that the share of commercial debt to the external debt portfolio has increased significantly over the period mainly because of the increase in Eurobonds. The share of commercial debt increased from 36.8 percent in

Figure 4: External Dect Stock by Creditor (Provisonal)



Source: Ministry of Finance

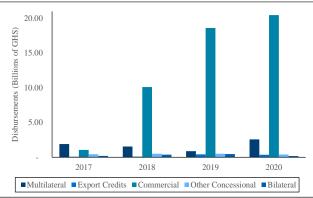
2017 to 51.1 percent by 2020. The share of multilateral debt however declined from 37.2% in 2017 to 33.5% by 2020.

In 2020, government signed 59 new loans with a total commitment value of US\$4.06 billion in addition to a US\$3.0 billion Eurobond isssued in February 2020.

External Debt Disbursement

Total disbursements for 2020 was GHC29.7 billion (US\$5.18 billion), compared to GHC20.83 billion (US\$3.76 billion) disbursed in 2019. From 2017 to 2020, disbursements increased significantly due to the increase in Eurobond issuances. In 2020, however, the increase in disbursements was also on account of funding received from the IMF in support of the CAP. Disbursements from other concessional sources, however, have fallen since 2017 as well as disbursements from bilateral sources.

Figure 5: External Debt Disbursement

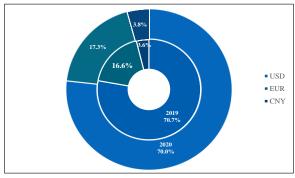


Source: Ministry of Finance

Currency Composition of External Debt

The share of USD-denominated debt (70.0%) remained dominant in the external debt portfolio, followed by EUR-denominated debt (17.3%) and CNY-denominated debt (3.8%) as at end December 2020⁴.

Figure 6: Currency Composition of External Debt

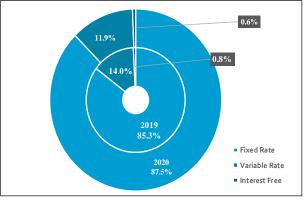


Source: Ministry of Finance

Interest Rate Structure of External Debt

The interest rate on the external debt portfolio is largely fixed. Total fixed-rate debt and variable rate debt constitute 87.5 percent and 11.9 percent of external debt, respectively. Interest-free debt consists of subsidized loans from some bilateral creditors and its share continues to dwindle in the external debt portfolio as fewer of such loans have been sourced in recent years. Interest-free loans account for 0.6 percent of total external debt as at end-December 2020.

Figure 7: Interest Rate Structure of External Debt



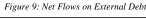
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⁴ The SDR has been decomposed and added to their respective components.

External Debt Service

Total external debt service payments for 2020 was GHC14.55 billion. This comprises principal repayments of GHC8.57 billion and interest payment and other charges of GHC5.98 billion. The total debt service in 2020 shows an increase of 26.2 percent compared to 2019 and 99 percent compared to 2017.

Figure 8:External Debt Service



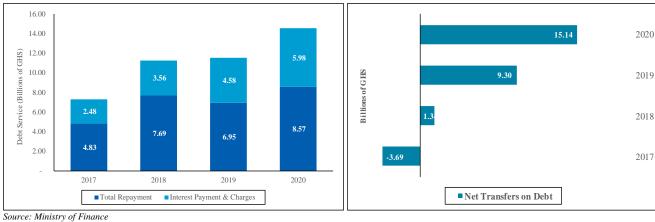


Figure 9 shows the net outflows on external debt from 2017 to 2020. It can be observed that with the exception of 2017 where there was a net outflow of GHC3.69 billion, the succeeding years have recorded net inflows on the external debt. The net inflow recorded in 2020 was GHC15.14 billion.

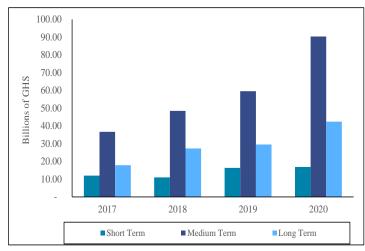
5. Review of Domestic Debt Portfolio

The stock of domestic debt as at end-December 2020 stood at GHC149.83 billion (US\$26.1 billion)

representing 39.1 percent of GDP and an increase of 42 percent from the 2019 position. Excluding the financial sector bailout, the domestic debt was GHC133.54 billion (US\$23.3 billion). The increase in the domestic debt portfolio was mainly on account of the GHC10 billion COVID-19 bond issued to support the government's CAP.

The proportion of medium-term debt remained dominant in the domestic debt portfolio. In 2020, medium-term debt accounted for 60.3 percent of the domestic debt portfolio compared to 56.4 percent in 2019. This was mainly because a significant portion of the financial sector

Figure 10: Domestic Debt Stock



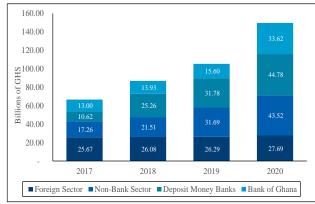
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bailout⁵ bonds which were previously in long-term instruments, were restructured into 3-year and 5-year bonds. The share of the short-term instruments, however, declined by 4.2 percentage points to 11.3% by end 2020. The long-term and standard loans recorded a percentage share of 28.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively.

Holders of Domestic Debt

As at the end of 2020, the domestic debt was largely held by the banking sector (52.3%); this comprises the Bank of Ghana (22.4%) and Deposit Money Banks (29.9%). There was an increase in the Bank of Ghana's holdings in 2020 by 115%, relative to 2019, owing to the 10-year domestic bonds purchased under its Asset Purchasing Programme. The Non-Bank sector share (comprising individuals and firms & institutions) remained relatively unchanged at 29.0 percent. The share of the Foreign Sector (Non-resident holdings) declined by 6.4 percentage points to 18.5 percent. Standard loans accounted for 0.1 percent and are also held by the Deposit Money Banks.

 $Figure\ 11:\ Holders\ of\ Domestic\ Debt$



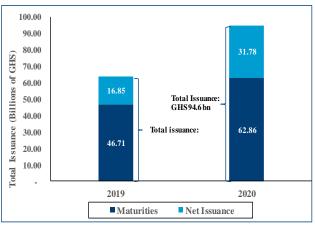
Source: Ministry of Finance

Domestic Issuances and Redemptions

Total issuances in 2020 show a 48.9 percent increase from issuances in 2019. This compares with a 34.6 percent increase in maturities for the same period.

Total domestic securities issued in 2020 was GHC94.64 billion against maturities of GHC62.86 billion. This gives a net issuance of GHC31.78 billion. For the period under review, there were new issuances / reopens of some medium-term securities, notably the 5-year, 15-year and 20-year bonds.

Figure 12: Domestic Issuances and Redemptions

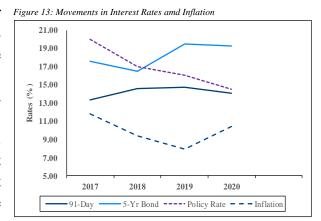


Source: Ministry of Finance

⁵ These were non-marketable instruments converted into various medium-term bonds

Domestic Interest Ratesand Inflation

Domestic rates inched down in 2020, except for inflation which increased by 2.5 percentage points compared to the 2019 rate of 7.9 percent. The policy rate fell from 16 percent in 2019 to 14.5 percent in 2020 while the 91-day treasury bill and the 5-year bond recorded marginal declines of 0.61 0.25 percentage points, respectively. Accordingly, the real interest rates on government securities declined sharply from 6.80 percent recorded in 2019 to 4.19 percent by end 2020. The weighted average interbank interest rates also fell by 1.8 percent and 5.64 percent compared to 2019 and 2017 respectively.



Source: Ministry of Finance

Yield Curve

The shorter end of the yield curve at primary issuance shifted downwards in 2020, reflecting the decline in interest rates on the primary market for the period. There was, however, a kink in the longer end of the curve.

On the secondary market however, the yield curve shifted upward in 2020 except for a kink in the 7-year and 20-year bonds.

Figure 15: Yield Curve on Primary Market

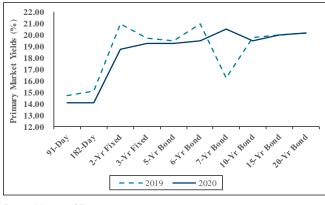
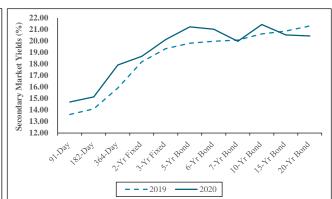


Figure 14: Yield Curve on Secondary Market



Source: Ministry of Finance

6. Liability Management Operations

In 2020, government committed US\$1.0 billion out of the proceeds of the Eurobond issued in February for its liability management operations. In line with this, government conducted a tender offer to buyback US\$0.52 billion of its 2023 bonds outstanding on the international capital market. The remaining amount of US\$0.48 billion was used for liability management operations on some bonds on the domestic debt market. Additionally, government further conducted passive liability management on maturing domestic debt of about US\$0.17 billion.

7. Government On-lending Operations

The total stock of onlent loans outstanding as at end December 2020 was GH $\mathbb{C}8.79$ billion, comprising loans onlent to about fourteen (14) SOEs. For the period under review, the government received a total of GH $\mathbb{C}0.04$ billion, being debt service payment from Volta River Authority (VRA) for on-lent facilities falling due.

8. Appendices

Table 1: Public Debt Dynamics

	2017	% of debt	2018	% of debt	2019	% of debt	2020	% of debt
Total Public Debt (GH¢ millions)	142,546.63		173,102.24		218,228.94		291,630.72	
External Debt	75,777.56	53.2%	86,202.51	49.8%	112,747.72	51.7%	141,796.83	`
Domestic Debt	66,769.08	46.8%	86,899.73	50.2%	105,481.22	48.3%	149,833.89	51.4%
o/w FSB	-	0.0%	9,581.15	5.5%	10,698.09	4.9%	16,295.85	5.6%
Public Debt / GDP	55.5%		57.6%		62.4%		76.1%	
External Debt/GDP	29.5%		28.7%		32.3%		37.0%	
Domestic Debt/GDP	26.0%		28.9%		30.2%		39.1%	
Rate of Debt Accumulation (annual)			21.4%		26.1%		33.6%	

Table 2: Classification of External Debt Stock by Creditor Category

(GHS' millions)	2017	%	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%
Total External Debt	75,777.56		86,202.51		112,747.72		141,796.83	
Multilateral	28,210.64	37.2%	30,817.36	35.7%	36,321.21	32.2%	47,504.14	33.5%
Bilateral	5,345.09	7.1%	5,809.99	6.7%	6,803.30	6.0%	7,443.06	5.2%
Export Credits	6,453.39	8.5%	5,958.37	6.9%	5,812.04	5.2%	5,542.74	3.9%
Other Concessional	7,873.76	10.4%	8,203.71	9.5%	9,180.95	8.1%	8,844.68	6.2%
Commercial	27,894.68	36.8%	35,413.08	41.1%	54,630.22	48.5%	72,462.21	51.1%
Eurobonds	16,252.82	21.4%	27,581.58	32.0%	42,633.44	37.8%	58,604.99	41.3%

Table 3: Monthly Disbursements

Amounts in GHS' millions	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Disbursements	3,615.56	12,603.94	20,832.91	29,697.60
Multilateral	1,895.57	1,534.78	870.33	8,310.78
Export Credits	64.37	87.12	410.66	355.93
Commercial	1,047.59	10,105.24	18,603.00	20,461.19
Other Concessional	423.67	508.10	494.61	392.77
Bilateral	184.37	368.71	454.31	176.92

Table 4: Currency Composition of External Debt

	2017	2018	2019	2020
USD	64.7%	67.2%	70.7%	70.0%
EUR	20.3%	18.6%	16.6%	17.3%
GBP	2.3%	2.2%	2.0%	2.2%
YEN	2.1%	2.0%	1.9%	2.1%
CNY	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%
Others	6.1%	5.7%	5.3%	4.5%

Table 5: Interest Structure of External Debt

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fixed Rate	79.6%	82.1%	85.3%	87.5%
Variable Rate	19.2%	16.9%	14.0%	11.9%
Interest Free	1.2%	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%

Table 6: Net Flow of External Debt

Amounts in GHS' millions	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Disbursement	3,615.56	12,603.94	20,832.91	29,697.60
Total Repayment	4,829.50	7,694.95	6,954.57	8,571.07
Net flow on Debt	- 1,213.93	4,908.99	13,878.34	21,126.53
Interest Payment & Charges	2,476.68	3,564.24	4,581.75	5,981.98
Net Transfers on Debt	- 3,690.61	1,344.76	9,296.60	15,144.54

Table 7: Classification of Domestic Debt Stock by Original Tenor

(GHS' millions)	2017	%	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%
Total Domestic Debt	66,769.08		86,899.73		105,481.22		149,833.90	
Short Term	11,996.82	18.0%	11,031.93	12.7%	16,340.98	15.5%	16,861.02	11.3%
Medium Term	36,697.84	55.0%	48,429.82	55.7%	59,520.55	56.4%	90,375.60	60.3%
Long Term	17,846.51	26.7%	27,313.27	31.4%	29,496.81	28.0%	42,375.64	28.3%
Standard Loans	227.91	0.3%	124.71	0.1%	122.90	0.1%	221.63	0.1%

Table 8: Classification of Domestic Debt by Holders

(GHS' millions)	2017	%	2018	%	2019	0/0	2020	%
Total Domestic Debt	66,769.08		86,899.73		105,481.20		149,833.88	
Banking System	23,619.32	35.4%	39,192.07	45.1%	47,380.37	44.9%	78,404.69	52.3%
Bank of Ghana	13,002.64	19.5%	13,933.31	16.0%	15,598.75	14.8%	33,621.90	22.4%
Deposit Money Banks	10,616.68	15.9%	25,258.75	29.1%	31,781.63	30.1%	44,782.79	29.9%
Non-Bank Sector	17,256.23	25.8%	21,506.77	24.7%	31,685.67	30.0%	43,520.37	29.0%
SSNIT	1,402.56	2.1%	795.56	0.9%	313.12	0.3%	661.38	0.4%
Insurance Companies	340.48	0.5%	462.37	0.5%	581.84	0.6%	858.17	0.6%
NPRA	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Other Holders	15,513.19	23.2%	20,248.84	23.3%	30,790.70	29.2%	42,000.82	28.0%
Foreign Sector	25,665.61	38.4%	26,076.18	30.0%	26,292.26	24.9%	27,687.18	18.5%
Other Standard Loans	227.91	0.3%	124.71	0.1%	122.90	0.1%	221.63	0.1%

Table 9: Issuances and Redemptions of Domestic Securities

		2019		2020		
GHS' millions	Issuance	Maturities	Net Issuance	Issuance	Maturities	Net Issuance
91-Day	26,702.35	25,131.59	1,570.77	35,333.80	32,456.50	2,877.30
182-Day	6,384.46	6,026.68	357.78	5,791.85	5,777.96	13.89
364-Day	6,344.89	1,922.78	4,422.11	4,618.37	6,989.48	- 2,371.10
2-Yr Fixed	9,669.08	8,807.13	861.95	11,518.15	7,602.71	3,915.44
3-Yr Fixed	5,646.82	3,847.53	1,799.30	19,614.57	5,201.43	14,413.14
3-Year Dollar	891.00	-	891.00			
5-Yr Bond	3,747.29	-	3,747.29	8,445.20	1,753.53	6,691.67
6-Yr Bond	1,780.73	-	1,780.73	1,072.59	924.33	148.26
7-Yr Bond	1,638.35	-	1,638.35	3,119.28	1,387.61	1,731.67
10-Yr Bond	ı	-	-	3,936.65	=	3,936.65
15-Yr Bond	595.12	-	595.12	1,015.65	156.33	859.32
20-Yr Bond	162.13	-	162.13	176.47	=	176.47
Non-Mrkt	-	976.52	- 976.52	_	614.72	- 614.72
Total	63,562.23	46,712.23	16,850.01	94,642.59	62,864.60	31,777.99

Table 10: Domestic Rates

Rates (%)	2017	2018	2019	2020
91-Day	13.35	14.59	14.70	14.09
182-Day	13.88	15.03	15.15	14.12
364-Day			17.90	17.00
1-Yr Fixed	15.00	15.50		
2-Yr Fixed	17.50	19.50	20.95	18.75
3-Yr Fixed	18.50	19.50	19.70	19.25
5-Yr Bond	17.60	16.50	19.50	19.25
6-Yr Bond			21.00	19.50
7-Yr Bond	19.75	16.25	16.25	20.50
10-Yr Bond	19.00	17.50	19.80	19.50
15-Yr Bond	19.75	19.75	20.00	20.00
20-Yr Bond			20.20	20.20
Policy Rate	20.00	17.00	16.00	14.50
Inflation	11.80	9.40	7.90	10.40
Inter-Bank Rate	19.20	16.12	15.36	13.56

Table 11: Interest Rates on Government Securities @ Primary Issuance

Rates (%)	2017	2018	2019	2020
91-Day	13.35	14.59	14.70	14.09
182-Day	13.88	15.03	15.15	14.12
2-Yr Fixed	18.50	19.50	20.95	18.75
3-Yr Fixed	17.60	19.50	19.70	19.25
5-Yr Bond	19.75	16.50	19.50	19.25
6-Yr Bond	19.00	16.25	21.00	19.50
7-Yr Bond	19.75	17.50	16.25	20.50
10-Yr Bond	20.00	19.75	19.80	19.50
15-Yr Bond	11.80	17.00	20.00	20.00
20-Yr Bond		9.40	20.20	20.20

Figure 16: Government On-lending Facilities

Name of Institution	Loan Amount (US\$)	Total Disbursed (US\$)	Undisbursbed Amount (US\$)	Total Principal (US\$)	Total Interest (US\$)	Total Debt Service (US\$)	Disbursed outstanding debt (US\$)
VRA	131,435,883.76	128,633,430.43	2,802,453.33	74,805,230.64	22,437,570.46	97,242,801.09	53,828,199.79
ECG	337,700,896.62	308,201,320.87	29,499,575.75	85,733,136.73	50,212,345.89	135,945,482.62	222,468,184.14
GWCL	991,167,780.75	991,167,780.75	-	264,216,588.96	100,306,046.92	364,522,635.88	726,951,191.79
GRIDCo	90,162,000.00	88,391,545.85	1,770,454.15	-	2,260,266.18	2,260,266.18	88,391,545.85
GACL	100,000,000.00	100,000,000.00	-	-	-	1	100,000,000.00
KMA	172,512,500.00	172,512,500.00	-	-	-	-	172,512,500.00
MMTL	23,589,730.00	23,589,730.00	-	16,849,807.15	1	16,849,807.15	6,739,922.85
TOR	67,700,000.00	51,001,866.09	16,698,133.91	20,400,744.00	3,598,648.15	23,999,392.15	30,601,122.09
MOH/GHS	21,313,625.86	21,313,625.86	-	6,051,969.90	182,005.05	6,233,974.95	15,261,655.96
STC	16,305,719.90	16,305,719.90	-	7,337,573.97	2,555,921.61	9,893,495.58	8,968,145.93
Novotel	6,079,997.15	6,079,997.15	-	4,649,409.58	2,554,939.91	7,204,349.49	1,430,587.56
ADB	74,559,456.35	74,559,456.35	-	-	-	-	74,559,456.35
CCMA	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	-	6,000,000.00	2,262,800.00	8,262,800.00	24,000,000.00
UMaT	7,840,723.00	7,840,723.00	-	1,960,175.75	352,832.54	2,313,008.29	5,880,547.25
TOTAL	2,070,368,313.38	2,019,597,696.24	50,770,617.14	488,004,636.68	186,723,376.71	674,728,013.39	1,531,593,059.56

9. Glossary

Average Time to Maturity The average time to maturity measures the weighted average time to maturity of all

the principal payments in the portfolio.

Bonds Debt securities that give holders an unconditional right to fixed income or

contractually determined payments on a specified date or dates.

Bilateral Debt Debt contracted from other sovereign countries.

Concessional loans Loans that are extended on terms substantially generous than loans contracted on

the open market.

Contingent Liability A contingency that will result in a liability if it occurs.

Coupon The annual interest rate paid on a bond expressed as a percentage of the face value.

Debt Service Debt payments in respect of both principal and interest and other charges.

Disbursement The transfer of the committed loan amount from the lender to the borrower, once

contractual conditions are fulfilled.

Domestic Debt issued on the domestic market.

External Debt Debt owed to a non-resident individual or institution.

Gross Domestic Product The market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a

given period. The GDP is determined using data for production, expenditures, or

income and is presented in current or constant prices.

Interest Payment The amount paid periodically over a period to a lender as compensation for the use

of the lender's capital.

Interest Rate An interest rate is the cost or price of borrowing or the gain from lending, normally

expressed as an annual percentage.

Maturity The remaining time until the expiration or the repayment of an instrument.

Medium-Term Debt Debt with a maturities ranging from 2 to 10 years.

Multilateral Debt Debt contracted from multilateral institutions such as World Bank, IMF and

development banks such as the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Principal Repayment Payment made towards reducing disbursed outstanding debt.

Public Debt The total public (external and domestic) debt obligations of a country.

Refinancing Risk

The risk associated with a borrower not being able to borrow to repay existing debt.

Short-Term Debt Debt with a maturity of one year or less.

Yield Curve A graph that shows the relationship between yield and maturity computed across

all government securities (or other securities).

