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Highlights of the 2022 Budget and the Opportunities it holds for Nigerian Businesses



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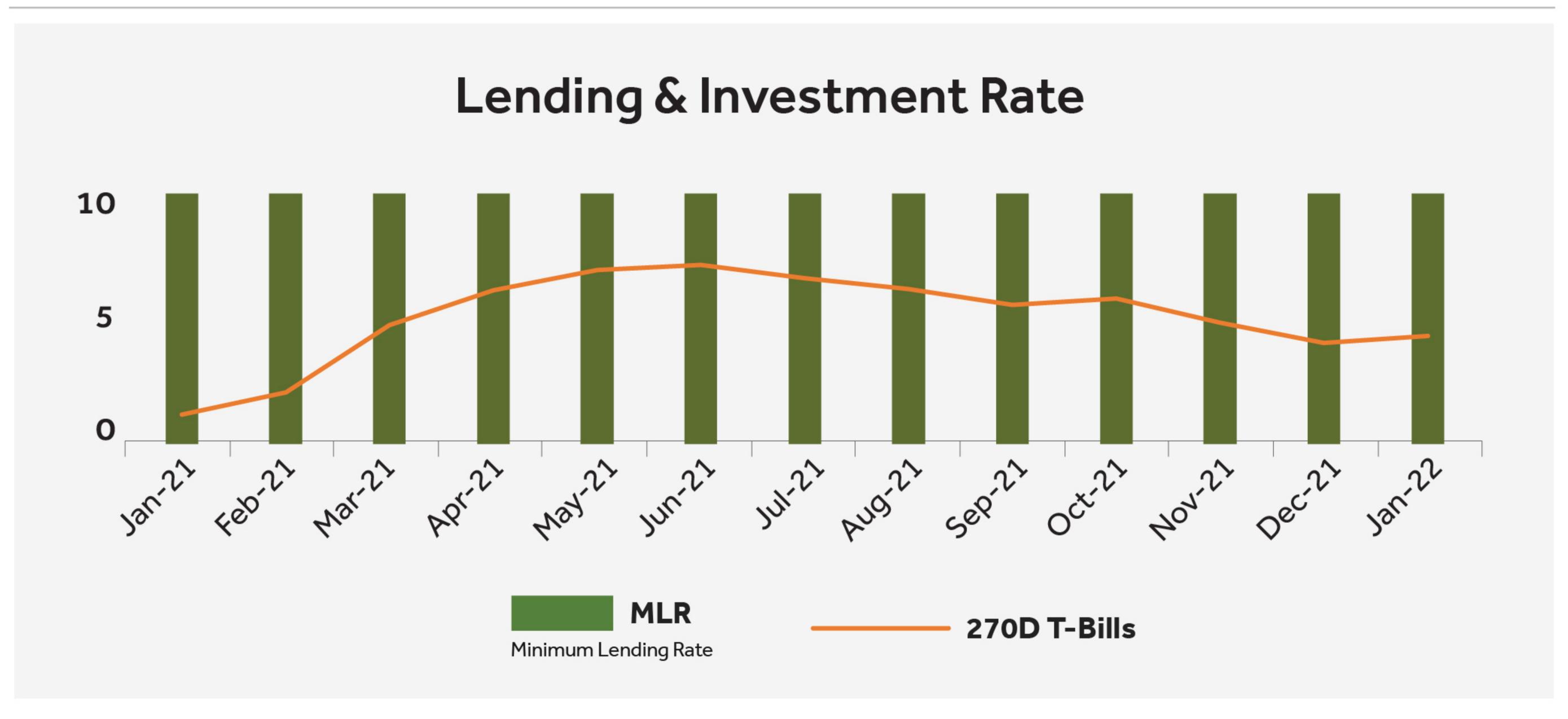
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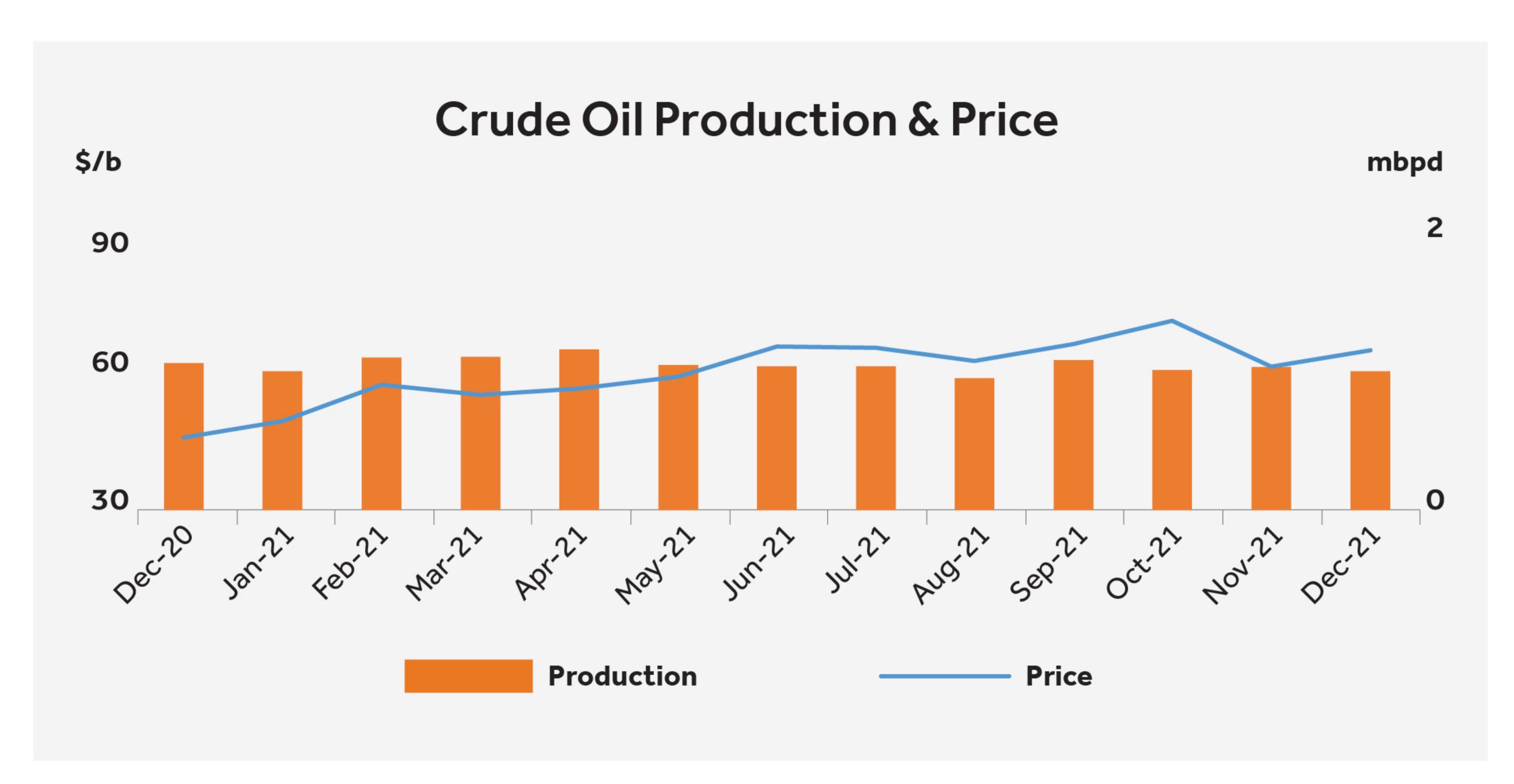
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Macroeconomic Updates

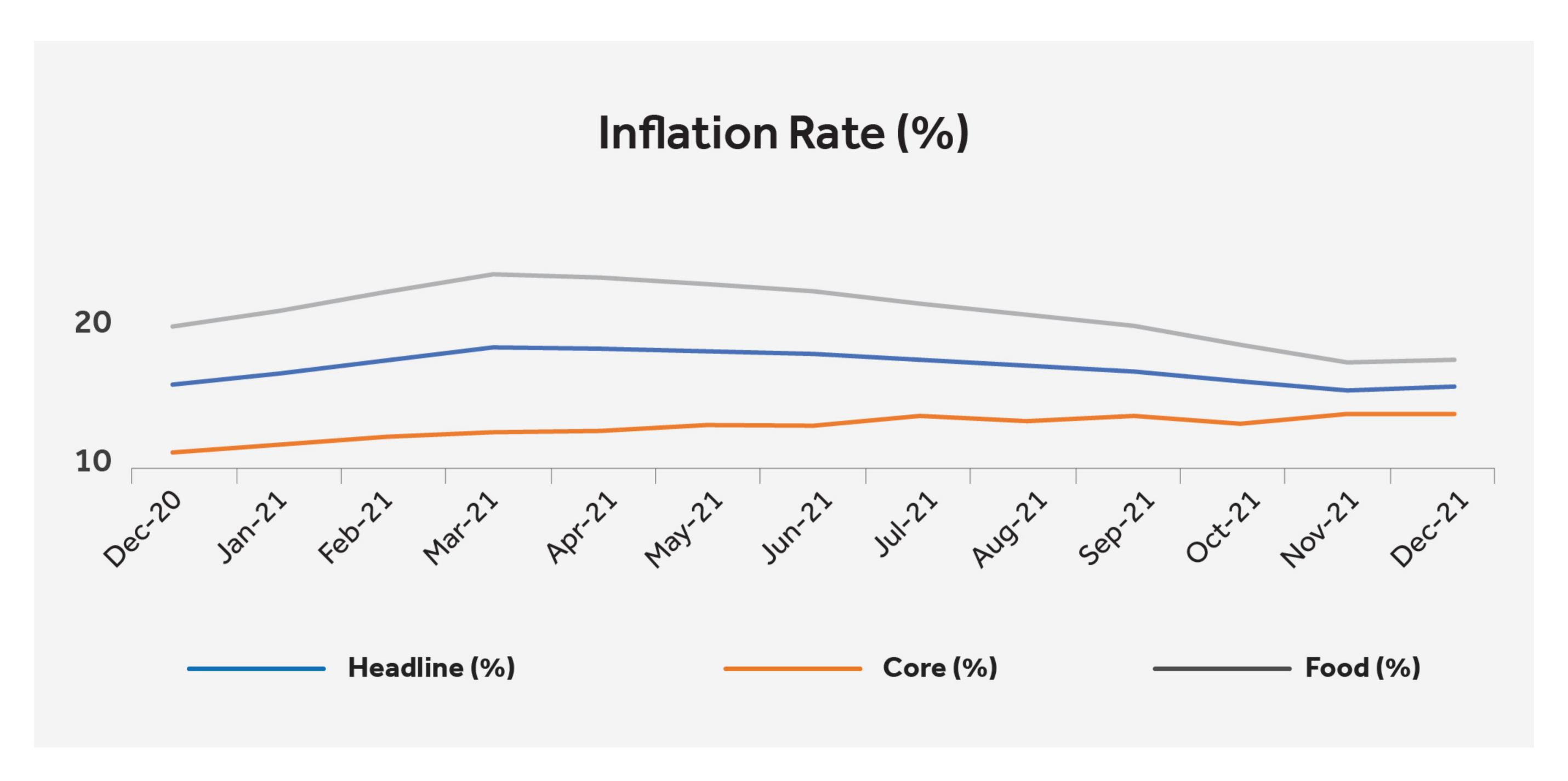


- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) met in January 2022 and left the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) and other parameters unchanged.
- The MPR was maintained at 11.5% with the aim of ensuring that previous policy measures penetrate the economy thus driving sustainable recovery, and ultimately slow down inflation
- The 270-day Treasury Bills (T-Bills) rose slightly in January 2022 to 4.96% from 4.64% posted in the previous month.

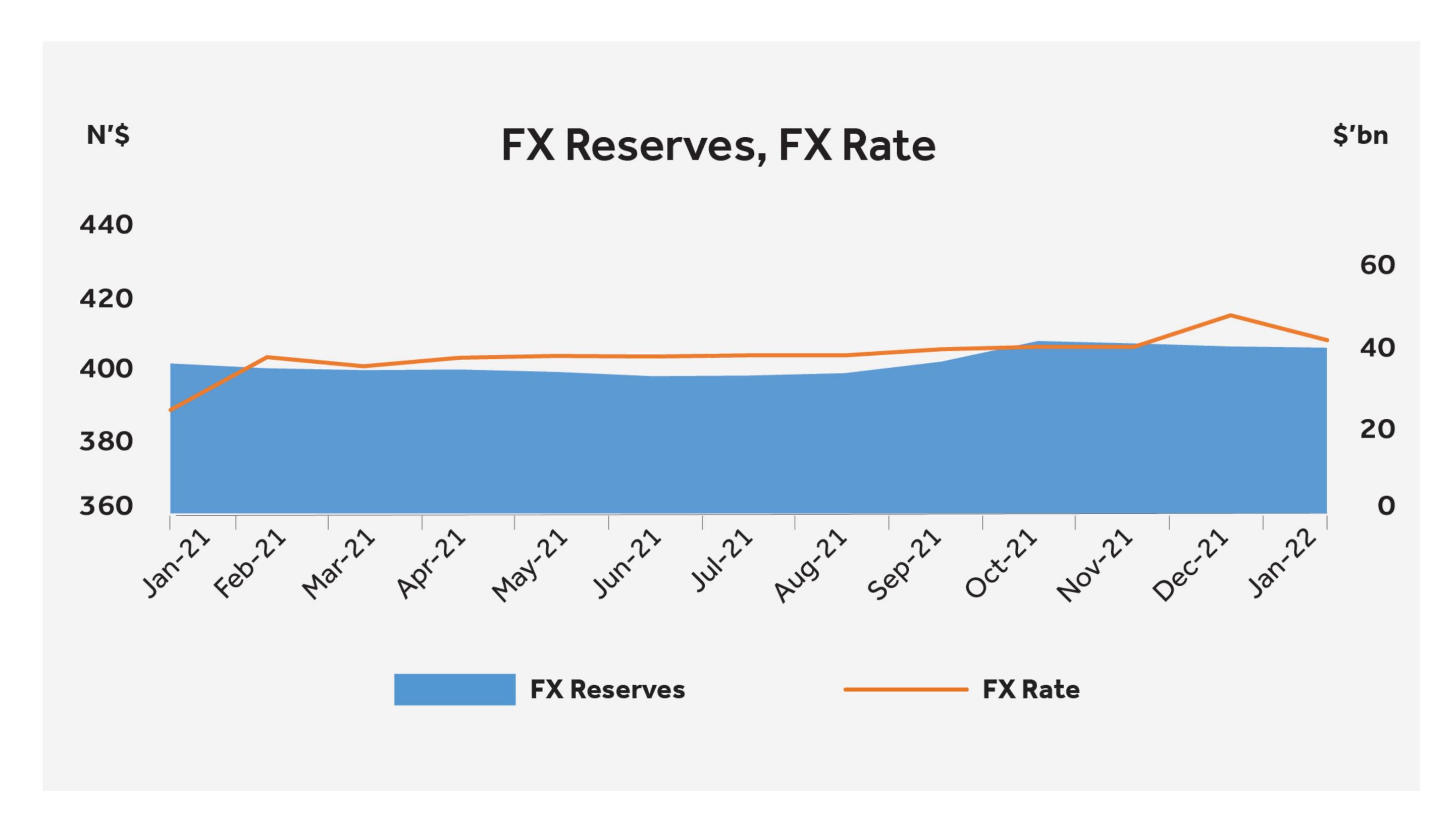


- Oil prices closed at \$95.23 per barrel on January 28, 2022, from \$76.25 per barrel recorded at the end of 2021.
- This 24.89% increment was championed by the supply disruption in Kazakhstan and Libya, strict adherence to OPEC+ production ceiling and declines in US crude oil inventories
- Crude oil production in Nigeria reached 1.34mbpd in December 2021 compared to 1.38mbpd posted in the previous month.

mbpd – million barrels per day



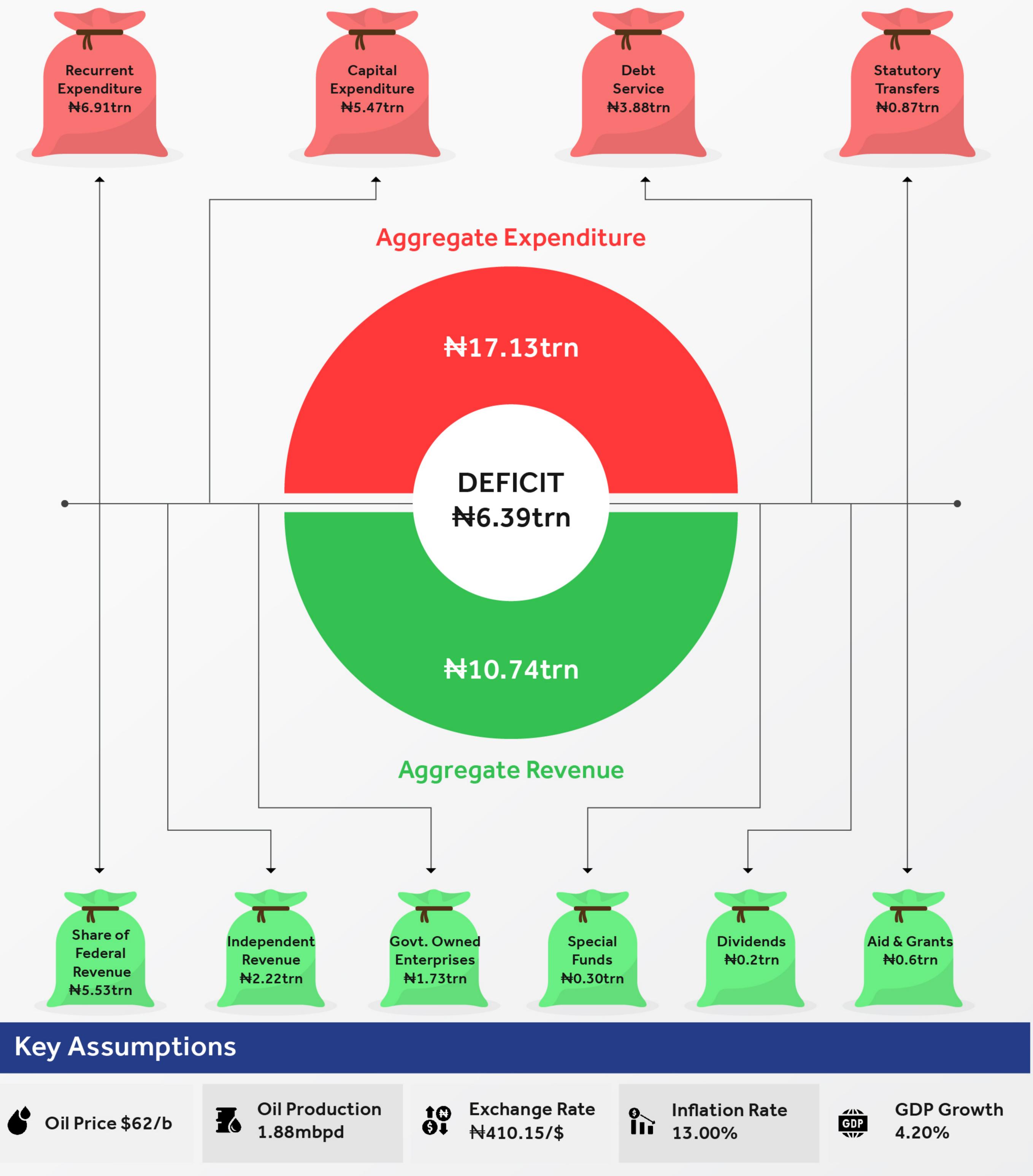
- Headline inflation rate settled at 15.63% in December 2021, higher than 15.40% posted in November, picking up pace after 8 consecutive declines
- Activities during the yuletide season was the anchor on which inflation rose in December 2021.
- Food inflation rate showed similar trend settling at 17.37%, higher than 17.21% posted in November 2021. Core inflation rate also rose to 13.87%, an uptick from 13.85% recorded in November 2021.



- External reserves settled at about \$40.12 billion on January 28th, 2022, which is \$0.40bn lower than the figure posted in December 2021.
- The decline could be attributed to the impact of higher Dollar demands matched with inadequate Dollar supply.
- The Naira appreciated in January 2022, closing at $\frac{1}{1000}$ 416.03/\$, up from $\frac{1}{1000}$ 424.11/\$ recorded in December 2021 at the NAFEX window, representing a 1.91% appreciation.

Highlights of 2022 Budget of Economic Growth & Sustainability

President Muhammadu Buhari, in December 2021, signed the 2022 Federal Budget tagged "Budget of Economic Growth and Sustainability" into law. The aggregate revenue of \aleph 10.74 trillion is available to sponsor the expenditure of \aleph 17.13 trillion, thus leaving a deficit of \aleph 6.39 trillion, which will be financed majorly by borrowings. The 2022 budgeted expenditure and revenue exceed the 2021 budget expenditure and revenue by 17.57% and 32.27%, respectively. The approved 2022 budget adopted a \$62 per barrel oil benchmark price, which represents a \$12 increase from the benchmark in the 2021 budget and oil production estimate of 1.88 million barrels per day. Similarly, GDP, inflation and exchange rate forecasts were held at 4.20% and 13.00% and \aleph 410.15/\$, respectively.



Source: Budget Office of the Federation

Details of the 2022 Budget Per Sector

S/N	Sector	Allocation	Details
1.	Agriculture	₦360.85 billion	 About 74.42% of the budget for agriculture was allocated towards capital spending. Some of these capital spends include ₦2.64bn for extension services, ₦2.5bn for the construction of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, ₦2.5bn for agribusiness and market development, ₦1.5bn for national grazing reserves development amongst others.
2.	Health	₦592.95 billion	 Various initiatives/projects are planned in the 2022 budget, to effectively tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and further improve the health sector. N45.12bn was allocated for the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project (COPREP), N600m for Cancer Treatment Counterpart Fund, N3.12bn for the Polio Eradication Initiative, N4.3bn for the procurement of Routine Immunization Vaccines and Devices, N222.02m for Research and Development of Herbal Medicines and the Establishment of Traditional Medicine Hospitals, etc.
3.	Works and Housing	₩502.08 billion	 Budgetary allocation for Works and Housing has been on a steady increase owing to the existing infrastructural lacuna. N 162.72bn was budgeted for the Construction of Roads, N 104.65bn for the Repair of Roads across the Federation, N 27.54bn for the Provision of Housing units, N 1.25bn for Electricity, N 10.83bn for the Construction of Office Buildings,
4.	Education	₩753.13 billion	 N 12.3bn was budgeted for the "Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) project", N1.28bn for Skills Acquisition projects, N1.05bn for the purchase of Ambulances for Twenty-Four (24) Federal Unity Colleges, N1.29bn for scholarships for 598 people to study abroad and N1.44bn to service ongoing scholarships for 3.932 persons studying across Nigeria, N2.63bn for the Establishment of Ten (10) Federal Science and Technical Colleges and N1.2bn for the provision of Security Infrastructure in 104 colleges.

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5.	Mines & Steel	№ 26.15 billion	 The largest chunk of the Mines & Steel budgetary allocation went to the Nigerian Geological Survey Agency, at N6.206bn. The second and third highest allocation, of N5.53bn and N4.20bn went to the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development Headquarters and Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited, respectively.
6.	Science & Technology	₩203.08 billion	 The Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute, Lagos got N31.89bn, which is a chunk of the budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Science & Technology. The National Space Research and Development Agency, Abuja got the second highest budgetary allocation of N24.50bn. The third largest allocation went to the National Biotechnology Development Agency, Abuja at N10.26bn.
7.	Infrastructure	₩400.64 billion	 Power, Transport, Water Resources and Aviation got \(\frac{1}{1}85.68\) bn, \(\frac{1}{1}109.57\) bn, \(\frac{1}{1}40.88\) bn and \(\frac{1}{1}64.51\) bn respectively. The continuous budgetary allocation is to bring the country a step closer to closing the infrastructural gap.
8.	Humanitarian Affairs	₦87.81 billion	In a bid to continuously improve the social welfare of the populace, funds were budgeted for varying social development and poverty reduction Programmes. Hence, the Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management & Social Development got \(\frac{\text{\text{N}}}{87.81}\) bn.

Key Takeaways

- ♦ In a bid to ramp up economic growth and development across the country, the Federal Government of Nigeria increased its 2022 planned fiscal expenditure by 26.05% from the ₹13.59 trillion budget in 2021. However, the budget deficit has continued to widen, as it rose by 22.88% from ₹5.2 trillion recorded in the 2021 budget to 6.39 trillion sponsored by weak fiscal revenues arising from fragile revenue generating capacity and external vulnerabilities.
- ◆ The Government is currently seeking to upgrade the budget expenditure by ₹3 trillion to take care of fuel subsidy, as its planned removal would no longer take effect in 2022. This would also push the budget deficit higher and thus government borrowings.
- Allocations have been made to key Economic Sectors in the budget to spur the desired growth. Businesses in these sectors can leverage these opportunities to become increasingly productive and agents of employment, thus, stimulating economic growth and development of the nation.

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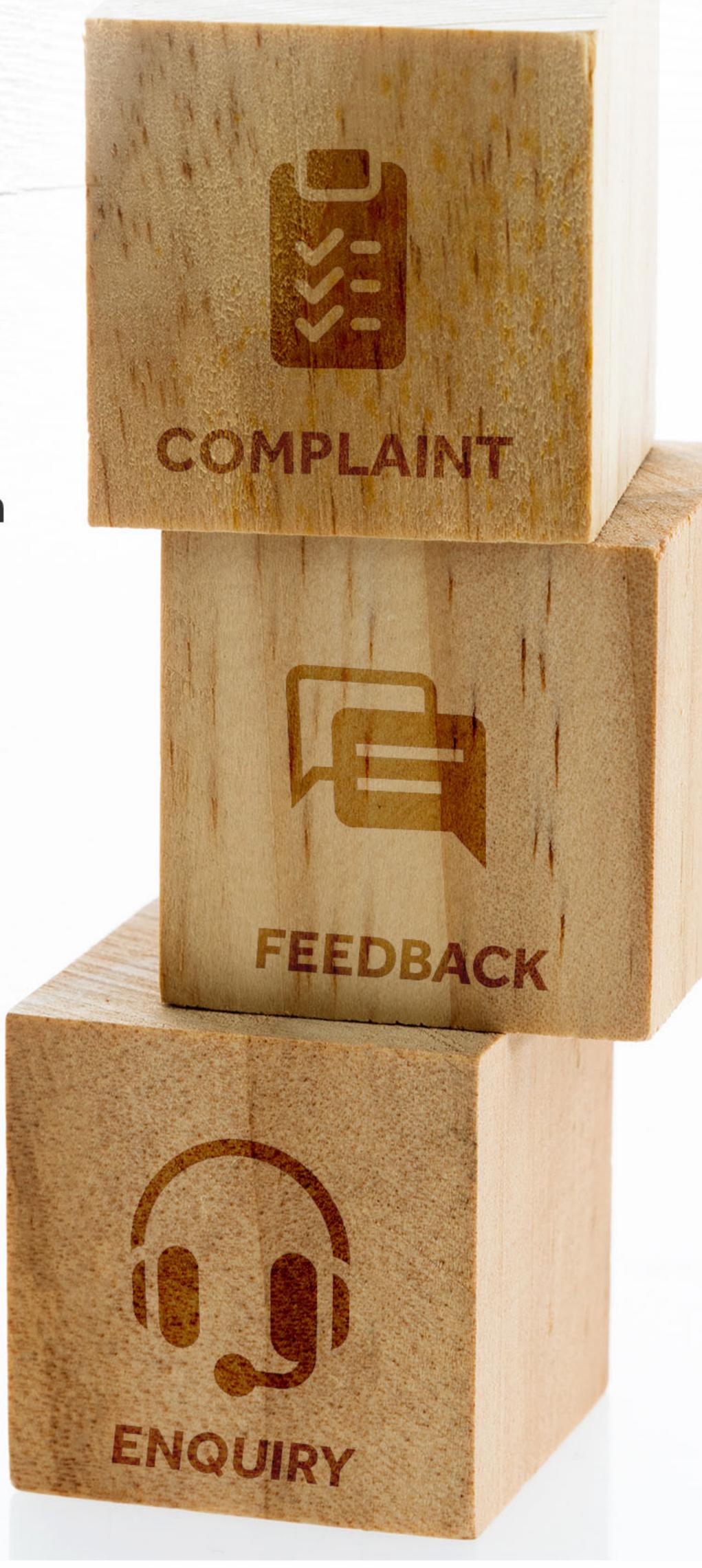
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