



**CAPITAL INFLOWS AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE:
FOREIGN DIRECT AND PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AS GROWTH
CATALYSTS IN THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY**

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ABSTRACT: Capital inflows, including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI), are pivotal in influencing the economic development of emerging economies. The focus of the study was to analyze the effect of the inflow of capital on the Nigerian economic growth and agricultural productivity. Considering the behavioral pattern of the variables used for estimation, this study adopted the Autoregressive Distributed Lagged model (ARDL). The findings of the analysis show that there is a negative and insignificant relationship between FDI and Nigerian economic growth in both the short and long run. FPI has a mixed impact of positive and negative in the short run and long run, respectively. Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) shows a positive but statistically insignificant short-run effect on agricultural output in Nigeria and a negative but insignificant impact in the long run. Foreign direct investment has an insignificant negative effect on agricultural productivity in the short run but a positive and insignificant effect in the long run. In light of the findings and analysis of this research, the researcher recommends that policymakers should focus on attracting high-quality foreign direct investments by addressing underlying structural deficiencies, such as poor infrastructure and weak institutional frameworks. This can create an enabling environment for FDI to have a meaningful and positive impact on economic growth and agricultural productivity.

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INTRODUCTION

Capital inflows, particularly Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI), are vital to Nigeria's economic development and resilience (Adebayo & Adegunle, 2021; Okoroafor, Eze, & Nwafor, 2023). These inflows support industrial expansion, job creation, and technological advancement, especially in a country rich in natural resources like Nigeria (Olawale, Balogun, & Ajayi, 2023). However, the dominance of oil-related FDI has made the economy vulnerable to external shocks, such as volatile global oil prices. In response, Nigeria has taken steps to attract FDI into non-oil sectors like agriculture, manufacturing, and information technology, which offer a more diversified and stable growth path (Olawale et al., 2023).

FPI, on the other hand, contributes to Nigeria's economic landscape by strengthening capital markets, improving liquidity, and offering temporary buffers during financial crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic (Adebayo & Adegunle, 2021). Nonetheless, its short-term and volatile nature makes it less reliable for long-term economic stability. While FPI inflows can quickly respond to favorable market conditions, they are equally prone to abrupt reversals triggered by global economic uncertainty and shifting investor sentiment, thereby posing risks to economic resilience (IMF, 2023).

The potential of FDI and FPI to strengthen economic resilience hinges on the broader macroeconomic environment, including infrastructure quality, institutional capacity, and policy consistency. Despite efforts such as economic liberalization, special economic zones, and strategic national development plans like the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) and the National Development Plan (2021–2025), Nigeria continues to grapple with barriers like corruption, regulatory bottlenecks, and political instability (Ajakaiye, Olowofeso, & Adegbite, 2023; Okoroafor et al., 2023). These issues weaken investor confidence and hinder the full realization of capital inflows' benefits, underscoring the importance of sustained reforms to improve the investment climate.

In sum, while both FDI and FPI play complementary roles in supporting Nigeria's growth and resilience, their impact is shaped by internal structural conditions and global economic dynamics (World Bank, 2022; IMF, 2023). For Nigeria to fully harness the benefits of capital inflows, policymakers must implement consistent and investor-friendly policies, ensure transparency, and invest in long-term development frameworks. By creating a stable and enabling environment, Nigeria can better utilize these financial resources to build a resilient, diversified, and inclusive economy (Ajakaiye et al., 2023).

Capital inflows particularly Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) have long been regarded as vital drivers of economic growth and resilience in developing economies like Nigeria. These inflows have contributed to development through employment creation, technology transfer, and financial market deepening. However, Nigeria's overreliance on oil-sector-driven FDI and its vulnerability to global oil price shocks have limited the transformative impact of these investments. Despite recent efforts to diversify into non-oil sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and technology, the scale of non-oil investment remains insufficient to reduce economic fragility meaningfully. Meanwhile, although FPI has provided needed liquidity and market depth, its inherently volatile nature exacerbated by global financial fluctuations, poses significant risks to Nigeria's long-term economic stability.



Moreover, Nigeria continues to grapple with structural impediments such as policy inconsistency, weak infrastructure, political instability, and governance challenges, which collectively diminish the country's ability to attract and retain sustainable capital inflows. The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the fragility of relying heavily on volatile capital, as FPI reversals intensified fiscal pressures. Although national strategies like the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) and the 2021–2025 National Development Plan aim to improve the investment climate and foster diversification, their effectiveness is undermined by poor implementation. As such, the relationship between capital inflows and economic resilience remains complex and underexplored. This study aims to fill that gap by examining how FDI and FPI shape Nigeria's resilience in the face of economic shocks, and by identifying policy interventions that can optimize the developmental impact of these inflows.

After the introduction, Section Two presents a review of related literature. Section Three outlines the research methodology and discusses data-related issues. Section Four contains the data analysis and interpretation of findings, while Section Five concludes the study and offers relevant policy recommendations.

THEORETICAL ISSUES

The interplay between capital inflows and economic resilience in Nigeria is best understood through the lens of financial globalization theory, which emphasizes the increasing interdependence of global financial markets and the pivotal role of cross-border capital flows. Financial globalization enables the movement of FDI and FPI into emerging markets like Nigeria, providing access to capital essential for development, technological advancement, and market efficiency (Obstfeld, 2015). In Nigeria's case, liberalized financial markets and improved global connectivity have facilitated the inflow of foreign investments, allowing the country to tap into global savings for the purpose of financing infrastructural development, industrialization, and innovation (Kose et al., 2017). These capital inflows are vital growth catalysts in a resource-rich but capital-deficient economy.

FDI, in particular, plays a critical role in enhancing Nigeria's productive sectors such as oil, telecommunications, and agriculture. Beyond the infusion of capital, FDI brings technological expertise, global market access, and managerial skills that contribute to long-term economic growth and diversification (Akinlo, 2018). This sectoral diversification is crucial for reducing Nigeria's vulnerability to external shocks, especially those stemming from fluctuations in oil prices. FPI, while more short-term and sensitive to external conditions, complements FDI by deepening Nigeria's financial markets, improving liquidity, and enhancing market efficiency (Edo, 2019). It enables domestic firms to raise capital and expand operations, thus supporting economic growth. However, its volatility, driven by global interest rates, investor sentiment, and exchange rate risks, poses significant threats to macroeconomic stability (Ogunleye, 2020).

Despite the risks associated with volatile capital flows, financial globalization remains a valuable tool for building economic resilience in Nigeria. By fostering stable and well-regulated capital inflows, Nigeria can reduce its overreliance on oil exports and broaden its economic base. This requires robust policy frameworks, improved governance, and the strengthening of financial institutions to effectively manage inflows and mitigate capital flight (Soludo, 2021). When managed within a sound macroeconomic and regulatory environment,



FDI and FPI can help Nigeria achieve sustained economic growth and enhance its capacity to adapt to global economic shocks. Financial globalization, therefore, provides both an opportunity and a challenge, one that Nigeria must strategically navigate to foster long-term resilience and prosperity.

Empirical Review

This section is chronologically arranged as follows: Capital inflows have been widely recognized as catalysts for economic growth and resilience in Nigeria. Ibrahim, Usman, and Sani (2010), in their study titled *The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Economic Growth in Nigeria*, employed the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression analysis to examine the relationship between Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and economic growth. Using data from 1981 to 2009, the study revealed that FDI positively influenced critical sectors such as manufacturing and infrastructure development. The authors emphasized the need for policy interventions to attract more FDI, particularly in non-oil sectors, to enhance economic diversification and reduce dependence on oil revenues. In another study, Okonkwo and Adebayo (2011) conducted a study titled *Foreign Portfolio Investment and Economic Development in Nigeria*, where they analyzed the role of Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) using the Granger Causality and Vector Autoregressive (VAR) models. Their findings indicated that FPI significantly impacted the stock market and overall liquidity in the economy. However, its effect on real economic growth was inconsistent, primarily due to volatility in capital flows. The authors recommended robust financial market regulations to stabilize FPI inflows and harness their benefits for sustainable growth.

In the study *FDI and Economic Growth in Developing Countries: Evidence from Nigeria*, Eze and Musa (2012) used panel data analysis covering the period from 1970 to 2010. They found that FDI had significant short- and long-term effects on Nigeria's economic growth, particularly in the telecommunications and oil sectors. However, challenges such as corruption and institutional weaknesses limited FDI's full potential. The study recommended comprehensive policy reforms to improve institutional quality and create a more investor-friendly environment.

Adamu et al. (2013), in their work titled *The Role of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the Growth of the Nigerian Economy*, utilized Cointegration and Error Correction Models (ECM) to assess the impact of FPI. They discovered that FPI contributed significantly to economic growth through the stock market but was vulnerable to external shocks and volatility. To mitigate these risks, the authors suggested measures to stabilize financial markets and implement policies that promote long-term investment strategies. Olayemi and Nwachukwu (2014) examined the nexus between Capital Flows and Economic Growth in Nigeria using the Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) Model. Their findings revealed that both FDI and FPI had positive impacts on economic growth, with FDI being particularly crucial for infrastructure development. The authors advocated for creating a stable investment climate and offering incentives for long-term investments in critical infrastructure and technology.

Yusuf and Oduah (2015) investigated *The Contribution of FDI to Economic Resilience in Nigeria* through the Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) methodology. Their analysis demonstrated that FDI bolstered resilience to external economic shocks, particularly in the oil sector. Nonetheless, they highlighted the risks of over-reliance on oil-related FDI and recommended diversifying FDI inflows into sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and



technology to ensure broader economic stability. In their study “The Effects of Foreign Portfolio Investment on the Nigerian Stock Market and Economic Growth”, Aliyu and Okoro (2016), employed Cointegration and Granger Causality tests. They concluded that while FPI strongly influenced stock market development, its contribution to real economic growth was constrained by market volatility. The authors emphasized the need for stronger regulatory frameworks to manage FPI risks effectively. Ajayi and Omolara (2017) provided a comparative analysis in their study titled *The Impact of Foreign Capital Inflows on the Nigerian Economy: FDI vs. FPI*. Using time-series data from 1980 to 2016, they discovered that FDI had a more profound impact on infrastructure development, while FPI primarily enhanced liquidity and financial market dynamics. They recommended balanced policies to maximize the complementary benefits of both FDI and FPI for sustainable development.

Nwankwo and Lawal (2018) explored Institutional Quality and the Role of Foreign Direct Investment in Promoting Economic Growth in Nigeria using dynamic panel data analysis. They found that weak institutions and governance structures reduced FDI effectiveness. The study underscored the importance of institutional reforms, transparency, and anti-corruption measures to attract and sustain FDI inflows. Ogbonna, Akpan, and Eke (2019) employed Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) in their study titled *The Impact of Foreign Capital Inflows on Economic Development in Nigeria*. They discovered that FDI directly influenced sectors such as agriculture and manufacturing, while FPI's effects were primarily mediated through financial markets. The authors recommended prioritizing FDI to drive long-term growth in critical sectors.

Bello and Adeola (2020), in their study *FDI, FPI, and Economic Resilience: A Case Study of Nigeria*, used a Vector Error Correction Model (VECM) to assess the resilience-building potential of capital inflows. They found that FDI contributed more significantly to economic resilience by cushioning external shocks compared to FPI. The authors advocated for policies targeting both FDI and FPI to foster economic diversification. Similarly, Abiodun and Chukwu (2021) conducted a sectoral analysis in their study titled *FDI, FPI, and Economic Growth in Nigeria: A Sectoral Analysis*. They found that FDI had a substantial impact on the oil and gas sector, while FPI was more influential in financial services and the stock market. The authors suggested fostering FDI in non-oil sectors to achieve balanced and inclusive growth. Ibe and Agbaje (2022), in their study *Institutional Reforms and Their Impact on Foreign Investment Inflows in Nigeria*, used regression analysis with institutional indices. They found that institutional reforms had a positive effect on attracting FDI and FPI. However, corruption and policy inconsistencies were significant deterrents. The study recommended strengthening institutional frameworks to attract sustainable foreign investments.

Ogunleye and Onuoha (2023) analyzed *The Role of Capital Inflows in Nigeria's Post-Oil Economic Diversification Strategy* using comparative and qualitative research methods. They concluded that FDI was vital for economic diversification, although infrastructure deficits in non-oil sectors posed significant challenges. The study recommended targeted incentives to attract FDI into agriculture and manufacturing. Recently, Olumide and Bello (2024) conducted a systematic review titled *Capital Inflows and Economic Resilience: A Review of FDI and FPI in the Nigerian Economy*. Their meta-analysis highlighted the positive contributions of FDI and FPI to economic resilience while pointing out persistent challenges such as corruption and institutional weaknesses. They emphasized the need for consistent policies and structural reforms to maximize the sustainable impact of capital inflows.



Summary and Gap in Literature

This chapter presented a comprehensive review of literature and theoretical frameworks on capital inflows in Nigeria, focusing on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) as pivotal components influencing economic growth and resilience. The literature emphasized that capital inflows contribute significantly to achieving macroeconomic objectives such as stability, employment, and recovery from economic shocks like the 2015 recession and the COVID-19 pandemic. Empirical findings show that while FDI and FPI have positively impacted Nigeria's economic trajectory, their full potential is often undermined by factors such as weak institutions, policy inconsistency, and the country's heavy reliance on oil. Scholars consistently recommend structural reforms, enhanced governance, and economic diversification to unlock the full benefits of foreign capital inflows.

The literature highlights that although numerous studies have examined FDI and FPI's contributions to economic growth, there is a lack of focus on the sectoral effectiveness of these investments, particularly in underexplored areas such as agriculture. While researchers like Ibrahim et al. (2010), Bello and Adeola (2020), and Ogunleye and Onuoha (2023) stressed the importance of FDI in sectors like infrastructure, manufacturing, and telecommunications, they also noted challenges like corruption and inadequate infrastructure. Moreover, while FPI's influence on financial market liquidity has been documented, studies such as those by Okonkwo and Adebayo (2011) pointed to its limited real economic impact due to volatility. There is a clear need for further research into the long-term, transformative role of FDI and FPI, particularly how sector-specific investments can drive structural change and sustainable development in Nigeria.

METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

Data for the study were obtained from secondary sources, notably from publications of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Statistical Bulletin, between 1981 and 2023. And World Bank development indicators for foreign direct and portfolio investments. The following data were sourced: gross domestic product, foreign direct and portfolio investments, and agricultural output.

Model Specification

The model is specified in the functional form for objectives one and two:

$$\text{GDP} = f(\text{FDI}, \text{FPI}, \text{INF}) \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

For objective three

$$\text{AGOUTPT} = f(\text{FDI}, \text{FPI}, \text{INF}) \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Where GDP = gross domestic product, which is a proxy for economic growth, FDI = foreign direct investment, FPI = foreign portfolio investment, INF = inflation rate, which is serving as a control variable added to the model to avoid omission of important variables. AGOUTPT = agricultural output.

The above equations can be restated in a mathematical form



$$GDP = \beta_0 + \beta_1 FDI + \beta_2 FPI + \beta_3 INF + \mu_1 \quad (3)$$

$$AGOUTPT = \beta_0 + \beta_1 FDI + \beta_2 FPI + \beta_3 INF + \mu_1 \quad (4)$$

Where, β_0 = Autonomous component or Intercept, β_1 to β_3 are the coefficients of the parameters of the model, while μ is a stochastic variable or error term. Therefore, the generalized form of the ARDL_(p,q) model for the objectives is specified in natural log values of the variables as in equations below:

$$GDP_t = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_1 GDP_{t-i} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_2 FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_3 FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_4 INF_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$AGOUTPT_t = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_1 AGOUTPT_{t-i} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_2 FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_3 FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_4 INF_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

Estimation Procedure

Because the order of integration of a time series is of great importance for time series analysis, we shall use the Augmented – Dickey-Fuller (ADF) unit root tests to examine the time series properties of variables of the model.

Bound testing involves computing an F-test to determine the joint cointegration of the dependent variables on the one or more periods lagged values of the explanatory variables. The null hypothesis is $H_0: \alpha_j = \beta_j = 0$, which implies testing for the absence of a long-run equilibrium relationship between the variables; hence, it coincides with zero coefficients for all $k+1$ variables. A rejection of H_0 implies a long-run relationship. However, there are two critical values for the bounds testing, the lower bound and the upper bound critical values.

The null hypothesis of no cointegration would be rejected if the calculated F-statistic is greater than the upper-bound critical values. On the other hand, if the calculated F-statistics is less than the lower bound critical values, the null hypothesis of no cointegration cannot be rejected. Hence, a long-run relationship can exist between variables. If, on the other hand, the calculated F-statistic value falls between the lower and upper bound critical values, the conclusion is that the result is inconclusive. In the presence of a long run cointegration, the next step is to conduct short run error correction model estimation, to ascertain the short run behavior of the series and the speed of adjustment towards the long run equilibrium. We can therefore specify the short run dynamic error correction model (ECM).

Unit Root Test

To fully explore the data-generating process, we first examined the time series properties of model variables using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) and Phillip-Perron (PP) unit root test. The ADF test regression equations with constant are:

$$\Delta Y_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 Y_{t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \Delta Y_{t-j} + \mu_t \dots \dots \dots (3.13)$$

Where Δ is the first difference operator, μ_t is random error term that is iid, k = no of the variable. The unit root test is then carried out under the null hypothesis $\alpha = 0$ against the alternative hypothesis of $\alpha < 0$.



$$ADF_t = \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{SE(\alpha)} \dots \dots \dots (3.14)$$

Once a value for the test statistics is computed we shall compare it with the relevant critical value for the Dickey-Fuller Test. If the test statistic is greater (in absolute value) than the critical value at 5% or 1% level of significance, then the null hypothesis of $\alpha = 0$ is rejected and no unit root is present. If the variables are non- stationary at level form and integrated of the same order, this implies evidence of co- integration in the model. Based on the outcome of the unit root test, which has a mixed integration, $I(0)$ and $I(1)$, the researcher resorted to using Autoregressive distributive lag model (ARDL)

Cointegrated Equation

This study adopted the bounds test for cointegration, we specify the conditional ARDL (p, q) cointegration model as follows:

$$GDP_t = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j INF_{t-j} + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \Delta GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta INF_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

$$AGOUTPT_t = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i AGOUTPT_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j INF_{t-j} + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \Delta AGOUTPT_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta INF_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

The bound test hypothesis for the coefficients is that at the long run, the coefficient equation is equal to zero while the alternative is the opposite, as stated below:

$$H : \beta_j = \alpha_j = Y_k = 0$$

$$H_1 : \beta_j \neq \alpha_j \neq Y_k \neq 0$$

The short run model can only be specified if and only if, we accept the null hypothesis (i.e. there is no cointegration), as stated in above equation 5.

But if and only if we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative which indicates the presence of cointegration, we specify the error correction model (ECM) as stated in the following Equation 5 below:

$$GDP_t = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j INF_{t-j} + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \Delta GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta INF_{t-j} + \Psi ECT_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

$$AGOUTPT_t = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i AGOUTPT_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j INF_{t-j} + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \Delta AGOUTPT_{t-1} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FDI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta FPI_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^q \beta_j \Delta INF_{t-j} + \Psi ECT_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \dots \dots \dots (12)$$

The variables in equations 11 and 12 are as defined in equation 1. The ECT in equation 6 is the



error correction terms for equation 1 while the coefficient of ECT (Ψ) measures the speed of adjustment and Δ is the 1st difference operator.

$$ECT_{t-1} = (GDP_{t-1} - \alpha - \beta_1 FDI_{t-1} - \beta_2 FPI_{t-1} - \beta_3 INF_{t-1}) \quad (13)$$

$$ECT_{t-1} = (AGOUTPT_{t-1} - \alpha - \beta_1 FDI_{t-1} - \beta_2 FPI_{t-1} - \beta_3 INF_{t-1}) \quad (14)$$

EMPIRICAL RESULT

Unit Root Test

The growth of the economy proxied by GDP and agricultural output and capital inflows variables in table 4.1 are tested for stationarity so as to avert inconsistencies which could have arisen owing to spurious results emanating from non-stationary data used for regression. The summary of these results is shown in table 4.1 as follows:

Table 4.1: Augmented Dickey Fuller Unit Root Test

ADF statistics						
Variables	Level	1 st Difference	Critical Values	I(d)	P-Value	Decision
GDP	0.748601	-5.899478*	1% -4.1923 5% -3.5208* 10% -3.1912	I(1)	0.0001	Reject H ₀
FDI	-2.240408	-5.297636*	1% -4.2050 5% -3.5266* 10% -3.1946	I(1)	0.0005	Reject H ₀
FPI	-2.973148	-6.251746*	1% -4.1985 5% -3.5236* 10% -3.1929	I(1)	0.0000	Reject H ₀
AGOUTPT	3.297435	-3.943344*	1% -4.2196 5% -2.9511* 10% -3.1983	I(1)	0.0196	Reject H ₀
INF	-3.737609*	NA	1% -4.1865 5% -3.5181* 10% -3.1897	I(0)	0.0303	Reject H ₀

*Author's computation (*shows the variable is stationary at 5% level of significance)*

From Table 4.1, the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test results reveal that the GDP, FDI, FPI, and AGOUTPT all become stationary only after taking the first difference, signifying integration of order one, I(1). While the inflation rate (INF) is stationary at the level. Given the mixed order of integration (I(0) and I(1)), the Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) model was deemed appropriate for estimating the relationships. The Schwartz Information Criterion (SIC) was employed to determine the optimal model specification. The bound test result is shown in table 4.2 below.



Bound Test for Cointegration

To test for cointegration, the researcher employed the Bound test. The result of the bound test is shown in table 4.2 as follows.

Table 4.2: Bound test result for model one

Null hypothesis: No long run relationship exists			
f- statistic		7.830332	K = 3
Critical Value Bounds			
Significance	0/ Bound	1/ Bound	Decision
5%	2.86	4.35	cointegrated
1%	2.45	5.61	cointegrated

model Two

Null hypothesis: No long run relationship exists			
f- statistic		7.830332	K =3
Critical Value Bounds			
Significance	0/ Bound	1/ Bound	Decision
5%	3.23	4.35	cointegrated
1%	4.29	5.61	cointegrated

Source: Authors computation using E-view

Decision rule on the co-integration adduce that when the computed F-statistic is greater than the upper critical value, the null hypothesis of no co-integration is rejected. But when the calculated F-statistic fall between the lower and the upper critical values, the result is said to be inconclusive. If however, the calculated F-statistic is below the lower critical value, then the null hypothesis of no co-integration cannot be rejected but rather upheld. In light of this, the result of the bound test shows that the F-statistic exceeds the upper bound and the researcher therefore concludes that cointegration exists among the variables in the two models.



The Model Estimation

The estimation of the ARDL cointegrating and long run equation is given in table 4.3 as follows

Table 4.3 Cointegrating and Long Run Form for model one

Short Run Coefficients				
Variable	Coefficient t	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
D(FDI)	-0.000022	0.000012	-1.775774	0.0840
D(FPI)	0.000023	0.000034	0.686640	0.4966
D(INFR)	1.629674	3.321767	0.490604	0.6266
ECT(-1)	0.068261	0.026949	2.533012	0.0157
Long Run Coefficients				
Variable	Coefficient t	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
FDI	-0.000154	0.000188	-0.819771	0.4176
FPI	-0.000341	0.000564	-0.603560	0.5498
INFR	23.874159	49.189965	-0.485346	0.6303
C	537.54893	1729.59635	0.310794	0.7577

Source: Authors computation

The results of the ARDL cointegrating and long-run model reveal several important findings regarding the relationships between economic growth, foreign direct investment (FDI), foreign portfolio investment (FPI), and inflation. In the cointegrating form, the coefficient for FDI is negative, suggesting a small short-run adverse impact on economic growth. However, this effect is statistically insignificant, as evidenced by the p-value of 0.0840, which exceeds the 5% significance threshold. Similarly, the coefficient for FPI is positive but statistically insignificant, indicating that FPI does not exert a meaningful short-run influence on economic growth, with a p-value of 0.4966. Inflation, represented by the inflation rate (INFR), shows a weak positive short-run relationship with economic growth, but this effect is also statistically insignificant, with a p-value of 0.6266. Notably, the cointegrating equation term (CointEq(-1)) is positive and statistically significant, with a p-value of 0.0157. This result suggests a stable



long-run equilibrium relationship, although the adjustment speed towards equilibrium is relatively slow at approximately 6.83% per period.

In the long-run coefficients, FDI has a negative coefficient, indicating a small adverse effect on economic growth. However, this relationship is statistically insignificant, with a p-value of 0.4176. Similarly, FPI shows a negligible negative relationship with economic growth, which is also statistically insignificant, as indicated by its p-value of 0.5498. Inflation, in the long run, appears to hinder economic growth, as suggested by its negative coefficient. However, this effect is not statistically significant, with a p-value of 0.6303. The constant term in the model is also statistically insignificant, suggesting no meaningful baseline level of economic growth in the absence of the included variables, with a p-value of 0.7577.

These findings highlight that, in the short run, none of the explanatory variables, FDI, FPI, and inflation, exhibit statistically significant impacts on economic growth. In the long run, these variables similarly lack a significant influence on economic growth. The statistically significant cointegrating equation term supports the existence of a long-run equilibrium relationship, although the adjustment speed towards this equilibrium is relatively slow.

Table 4.4: Cointegrating and Long Run Form for model two

Short Run Coefficients

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
D(FDI)	-0.000083	0.000131	-0.631899	0.5312
D(FPI)	0.000277	0.000455	0.608833	0.5463
D(INFR)	28.293073	45.340924	-0.624007	0.5364
CointEq(-1)	0.069205	0.025058	2.761770	0.0088

Long Run Coefficients

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
FDI	0.001196	0.001722	0.694398	0.4917
FPI	-0.004006	0.007319	-0.547360	0.5873
INFR	408.82786	673.8879	0.606670	0.5477
C	36805.826	24745.47	1.487376	0.1452

Source: Authors computation



The ARDL cointegrating and long-run results for agricultural output (AGOUTPT) as the dependent variable highlight several important insights. In the short run, the coefficient of foreign direct investment (FDI) is negative (-0.000083), indicating a minor adverse effect on agricultural output, but this relationship is statistically insignificant, with a p-value of 0.5312. Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) shows a positive short-run coefficient (0.000277), suggesting a potential positive influence on agricultural output; however, this effect is also statistically insignificant, as evidenced by a p-value of 0.5463. Inflation (INFR) exhibits a negative coefficient (-28.293073) in the short run, implying a possible detrimental effect on agricultural output, but this relationship is not statistically significant, with a p-value of 0.5364. Importantly, the cointegrating term (CointEq(-1)) is positive (0.069205) and statistically significant (p-value = 0.0088), confirming the presence of a stable long-run equilibrium relationship. The adjustment speed toward this equilibrium is approximately 6.92% per period, indicating a gradual reversion to equilibrium after short-term shocks.

In the long run, FDI has a positive coefficient (0.001196), suggesting a small beneficial impact on agricultural output over time, but the relationship is statistically insignificant (p-value = 0.4917). Conversely, FPI displays a negative coefficient (-0.004006), pointing to a potential adverse effect on agricultural output, yet this effect is also statistically insignificant, with a p-value of 0.5873. Inflation has a large positive coefficient (408.827864) in the long run, indicating a possible positive influence on agricultural output, though this relationship is statistically insignificant, with a p-value of 0.5477. The constant term (-36805.8265) is likewise statistically insignificant (p-value = 0.1452), suggesting no meaningful baseline agricultural output in the absence of the explanatory variables.

These findings reveal that none of the explanatory variables, FDI, FPI, or inflation, exhibit statistically significant effects on agricultural output in either the short or long run. However, the significant cointegrating term underscores the presence of a stable long-run equilibrium relationship, with adjustments toward this equilibrium occurring at a slow pace of 6.92%. This emphasizes the need for more targeted and effective policies to leverage foreign investments and manage inflation to enhance agricultural productivity.

Post Estimation Tests

Table 4.6 Summary of Results of Diagnostic Test for Model One

Diagnostic Test Results						
Test Statistics	Model one			Model tow		
	Type	Statistic Test Value	P Value	Type	Statistic Test Value	P Value
Breusch-Godfrey Serial Correlation LM Test: Ho: No serial correlation	Chi sq	0.491258	0.6159	Chi sq	1.683899	0.1628
HeteroskedasticityTestBreusch-Pagan-Godfrey Ho: No hetroscedasticity	Chi Sq	2.899529	0.9794	Chi sq	0.334482	0.7180



Normality of Residuals H₀: Residuals are normally distributed	Jarque Bera	1047.55	0.0000	Jarque Bera	6.6352	0.0364
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The diagnostic tests, including the correlation LM test, heteroskedasticity test, and Jarque-Bera normality test, presented in Table 4.6, reveal that all the probability values exceed the 5% significance level. This indicates that the null hypotheses for these tests cannot be rejected. Consequently, there is no evidence of serial correlation, no heteroskedasticity; however, the residuals are not normally distributed since the probability values of Jarque-Bera are significant in both models. The absence of these second-order econometric issues enhances the reliability and robustness of the study's findings.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The cointegrating form indicates that FDI has a negative but statistically insignificant short-run impact on both economic growth and agricultural output. This finding suggests that in the short term, inflows of FDI might not immediately translate into productive outcomes, potentially due to absorptive capacity constraints, structural inefficiencies, or misallocation of resources in the host economy. For instance, Ayanwale (2007) found that the overall impact of FDI on economic growth in Nigeria was positive but conditional on the presence of robust infrastructure and macroeconomic stability. This implies that without such conditions, FDI may fail to yield significant short-term benefits. FPI, on the other hand, exhibits a positive but statistically insignificant short-run relationship with economic growth and agricultural output. This outcome is consistent with findings by Baldi et al. (2021), who observed that FPI's volatility often limits its ability to drive sustained growth, particularly in emerging markets. In the Nigerian context, the lack of significance may reflect the erratic nature of portfolio investments, which are highly sensitive to external shocks and policy uncertainty.

Inflation shows a weak positive relationship in the short run for both economic growth and agricultural output, but the effects are not statistically significant. This finding contrasts with earlier studies, such as those by Barro (1996) and Ajayi and Ojo (2020), which suggest that moderate inflation could stimulate economic activity by increasing spending and investment incentives. However, the lack of significance in this study may be due to inflation's dual role in both eroding purchasing power and signaling overheating in an economy. In the long-run coefficients, FDI and FPI exhibit negative but statistically insignificant relationships with both economic growth and agricultural output. This result aligns with the "dependency theory" perspective, which posits that FDI and FPI may not always lead to sustainable development in developing economies due to profit repatriation and a focus on extractive industries. Olayemi et al. (2019) also highlighted that the quality of investments, rather than their quantity, is critical for achieving long-term growth.

Inflation in the long run shows a large negative coefficient for agricultural output, suggesting potential adverse effects. However, the lack of statistical significance implies that other factors, such as policy frameworks and agricultural productivity, may play more dominant roles. This result is consistent with the findings of Effiong and Edet (2018), who argue that inflation's impact on agriculture is mediated by exchange rate fluctuations and access to credit. The



statistically insignificant constant term in both models indicates no meaningful baseline levels of economic growth or agricultural output in the absence of the explanatory variables. This underscores the importance of considering a broader array of factors, such as governance, human capital, and technology, as suggested by Todaro and Smith (2020). The findings emphasize the need for policymakers to focus on improving the quality of FDI and FPI inflows by addressing structural deficiencies, such as inadequate infrastructure and institutional weaknesses. Furthermore, efforts to stabilize inflation and enhance the absorptive capacity of sectors like agriculture could amplify the benefits of foreign investments. Researchers should explore complementary variables, such as governance indicators and sector-specific policies, to provide a more comprehensive understanding of these dynamics.

CONCLUSION AND POLICY RECOMMENDATION

The study analyzed the effect of inflow of capital on the Nigerian economic growth and agricultural productivity. The findings highlight the importance of policymakers prioritizing improvements in the quality of FDI and FPI inflows by tackling structural challenges, including poor infrastructure and institutional inefficiencies. Additionally, stabilizing inflation and strengthening the absorptive capacity of sectors such as agriculture could enhance the positive impacts of foreign investments.

In the light of the findings and analysis of this research, the researcher recommends that Policymakers should focus on attracting high-quality foreign direct investments by addressing underlying structural deficiencies, such as poor infrastructure and weak institutional frameworks. This can create an enabling environment for FDI to have a meaningful and positive impact on economic growth and agricultural productivity. To maximize the potential benefits of FDI and FPI, efforts should be made to strengthen the absorptive capacity of the agricultural sector. This includes investing in modern farming technologies, capacity-building for farmers, and enhancing access to financing and markets. Government authorities should work toward stabilizing macroeconomic variables such as inflation, exchange rates, and fiscal policies. A stable economic environment can enhance the confidence of foreign investors and ensure that their investments translate into tangible benefits for economic growth and agricultural output. To harness the mixed effects of FPI, targeted policies should be developed to channel foreign portfolio investments into productive sectors. By aligning FPI with the country's developmental priorities, the government can encourage investments that contribute more directly to sustainable growth and sectoral development.



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