# Optimal Control of the Nigerian Economy Under Extant Paradigm: Implications and Consequences

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# Abstract

In most of our previous studies of the Nigerian economy, persistent recommendations have been made for Government to transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in infrastructure, manufacturing, electricity generation, transmission and distribution, services, construction, including factories and industries as well as creating the right environment for Private Sector-led investments. This study is an attempt to test the above hypothesis. A full blown model of the Nigerian economy was formulated and used to optimally control the economy under existing paradigm with a view to test if the economy will optimally grow and develop with poverty and hunger reducing on the one hand, and the implications and consequences for investments with impact on the citizens, on the other hand. Using the total differential systems modeling approach, linear programming and optimal control analysis, the result rejects the null hypothesis and upholds the alternative hypothesis because optimal control under the extant paradigm of the Nigerian economy will only result in a superficial development of the economy. Aggregate demand and supply, Crop and Fishery production and food security may improve considerably and produce a superficial growth and a false sense of welfare while the level of inflation, corruption and poverty will remain a major source of concern while sectoral investments will slump across board except in Crops and Fishery. Though people will invest and be employed in agricultural crop production and fishing and the problems of hunger and insecurity may be drastically reduced, the Nigerian economy will be largely impoverished, with corruption skyrocketing except Government heeds the persistent recommendations of our previous studies of the Nigerian economy.

**Key Words:** Total differential systems modeling approach, Linear programming, Optimal Control Analysis, Sectoral investments, Poverty, Hunger, Growth and Welfare indicators.

#### INTRODUCTION

Recent studies have revealed that the present state of the Nigerian economy is precarious; with low productivity, corruption and lack of real investments being among the reasons for the lack of optimum development and sluggish growth. The level of unemployment and poverty as well as inflation are alarming. In most of our previous studies of the Nigerian economy, Aruofor and Ogbeide (2022, 2024 and 2025); persistent recommendations have been made for Government to transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in critical

areas including infrastructure, manufacturing, electricity supply and distribution, services, construction as well as creating an enabling environment for Private Sector-led investments. This study is an attempt to test the relationship between the variables of the above hypothesis. A combined model of the Nigeria economy was formulated and used to optimally control the economy under existing paradigm with a view to test if the economy will optimally grow and develop on the one hand, with poverty and hunger reducing and the implications and consequences for investments in Nigeria as a whole, on the other hand, and the impact on the citizens.

# **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

The objectives of the study among others, include:

- 1. To build a comprehensive and complete model of the Nigerian economy to optimally control the economy as a whole, using the total differential modeling approach (ecostatometrics) and linear programming.
- 2. In particular, to assess the impact on the economy, especially as they affect, Income and Investment, Aggregate Demand and Supply, Sectoral Outputs and investment, Growth and Growth rate, Inflation and unemployment, Poverty and Hunger, the External Sector, Corruption and Welfare, among others;
- 3. To analyze the implications and consequences of optimally controlling the economy as a whole between 2026 and 2027 under extant paradigm of the Nigeria economy.
- 4. To test the following Hypothesis:
  - H0: Government should not transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in infrastructure, manufacturing, electricity supply and distribution, services, construction, including factories and industries as well as creating the right environment for Private Sector-led investments.
  - HA: Government should transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in infrastructure, manufacturing, electricity supply and distribution, services, construction, including factories and industries as well as creating the right environment for Private Sector-led investments.
- 5. Draw Conclusion.

The paper is therefore divided into five parts. Part I is the introduction and states the objectives of the study. Part II is the literature review; while Part III is the methodology. In Part IV, the results of the analysis are presented. and Part V concludes the study and posits recommendation.

# LITERATURE REVIEW

Optimal control entails the best possible managerial method, in a dynamic system, to achieve a designated goal by minimizing expense or maximizing return.

A paradigm is an intellectual construct which is a type of concept, a thinking aid, which helps in building a theory. This construct requires a high-level imagination which is proven through consequence. It summarizes perspectives in a specific field at any point in time (Kuhn,1962). Paradigms are attributes of the laws through which the world is viewed by a group of people. It

entails beliefs, assumptions, shared values and biases. An economic paradigm is therefore a basic principle describing how a system works or should work.

The extant paradigm in Nigeria depicts it as a mixed economy with a blend of elements of capitalism and socialism, with the existence of private and government businesses. It is also an emerging (developing) economy with significant potentials, but with challenges.

The major sectors include Oil and Gas, which constitutes a significant part, Agriculture, which provides some employment, Manufacturing which is growing slowly and Services including finance, telecom, entertainment, amongst others.

Currently, reforms since 2023 include policies aimed at stability and growth of the economy, removing fuel subsidy and effecting market-determined exchange rate system. There is also the tightening of the monetary policy to maintain price stability. However, challenges exist particularly, in areas of oil dependency, fiscal policy/exchange rate issues and external shocks like in transmittable health diseases.

To put this literature review under proper perspective, we shall present in summary some of the findings and recommendations in our previous studies that are relevant to this study. In their earlier studies, Aruofor and Ogbeide (2020), observed that Corruption is still rife in Nigeria in spite of all the interventions and there was no growth in the economy in the new democracy. They also noted in another study that the major clogs in the wheels of development of the Nigerian economy included first and foremost, Corruption, followed by Low Labour Productivity, Penchant for imported goods by Nigerians and excessive external borrowings (Aruofor and Ogbeide, 2024) and recommended that Nigeria should invest, as a matter of priority, in the Manufacturing, Electricity Supply, Services and Construction Sectors.

In another development, Aruofor and Ogbeide (2025), opined that there was need for Government to strive harder at truly diversifying the structure of the Nigerian economy in favour of multi-income generating sources while promoting non-oil exports and boosting investment in the Agricultural Sector. They recommended among others that Government must not relent in the fight against insecurity and corruption in Nigeria and that as the last resort, Government should establish more factories and industries especially in the rural areas in order to solve the unemployment problem in Nigeria. Aruofor and Ogbeide (2024), also observed that poverty, unemployment and insecurity were rife in the Nigerian economy and recommended that government should shun and fight corruption, indiscipline and greed in our everyday life as well as ensure the security of life and property in Nigeria among others (See also Aruofor and Ogbeide, 2022).

They revealed also that if Government can invest in manufacturing, services and adopt policies which will facilitate and promote non-oil exports in Nigeria, as well as address the issue of lopsided income distribution in the country and build more factories and industries especially in the rural areas of Nigeria; continue to fight corruption, indiscipline and greed in the society, the Nigerian economy will fan out, grow and develop (Aruofor and Ogbeide, 2024, 2025). They specifically recommended that Government should transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in infrastructure, electricity supply and distribution, services, construction, including factories and industries as well as creating the right environment for Private Sector-led investments and that not until investments are converted to physical infrastructure, including factories and industries would the problems of poverty, unemployment and inflation in Nigeria be solved (Aruofor and Ogbeide, 2025). The need to test the above hypothesis has informed this study.

# **METHODOLOGY**

The approach used in this study is divided into three parts. The first is termed the total differential modeling approach (see Aruofor, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2013, 2017 and 2020) also Aruofor and Ogbeide, (2017 and 2022) and Aruofor and Okungbowa, (2018). The total differential modeling approach (ecostatometrics) is the reward of a personal commitment in research that dates back to 1976 by the author. The research results have been published in Aruofor (2020) and the researcher is encouraged to buy a copy of Aruofor, R. O. K. (2020a). "Economic Systems Engineering: Modeling And Applied Quantitative techniques For Economic And Development Planning. Amazon Books, ISBN:9798689936024" and its Epilogue, Aruofor, (2020b) online. It assumes and rightly so, that in the real world situation, every economic variable or subsystem depends on and is depended upon by other variables or subsystems.

A schematic representation of the above theory is presented in Fig. 1.

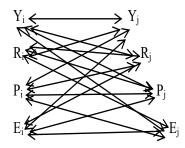


Fig: 1: The True Socio – Economic Causal Chain

Y = Production variables; R = Primary Factors; P = Policy instruments;

E = Environmental variables.

This theory was first mooted by Walras as early as 1874 even though it was not developed beyond the conceptual stage. The true practical empirical systems total differential modeling approach (Ecostatometrics), was achieved by Aruofor (2017) when Professor Rex Oforitse Aruofor delivered his inaugural lecture, titled "Economic Systems Engineering, Poverty, Unemployment and Under-Development: A Quest for Solution and Imperatives for Developing the Nigerian Economy" at Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Nigeria on March 6. 2017. Since then it has crystallized into academic publications (see Aruofor, 2017, 2019 and 2020), Aruofor and Okungbowa, (2018) and also Aruofor and Ogbeide, (2017, 2022a, 2022b, 2023a, 2023a, 2024a, 2024b, 2024c, 2024d, 2024e, 2024f, 2025a, 2025b, 2025c, 2025d and 2025e). The total differential modelling approach relies on statistically significant multiple simple linear regression coefficients as opposed to multiple linear regression parameters. It is a blend between the traditional Input Output Analysis and Econometrics and assumes the structure of programming models. The theory behind it is that an economy is not truly dynamic but only dynamically static. It is the change that occurs in an economy in the current year(t) that determines where the economy (the endogenous variables) will be at the end of the current year (t) and not in the next year(t+1). This model is a departure from the normal econometric

approach, where the structure of the economy is determined by combinations of economic theories. The true structure of an economy is so complex that economic theory will be self defeating (see Duesenberry et al, 1965 and Gordon, 1968). Indeed, Adeyoju (1975) had rightly noted that "the unstable nature of population and its growth, national income and its distribution, investment capacity, employment opportunities, balance of payments and raw material base often lead to conflicting theories of economic development". Thus, we do not need any elaborate theories to explain the working of an economy.

If we can estimate all the independent relationships among the variables of the economy taken two at a time, (depending on whether they are statistically significant) and classify the significant coefficients into a matrix, B, according to whether they are endogenous or exogenous, then we would have in matrix notation,

$$Y = BY + CX + A + U$$

$$\therefore [I - B]Y = CX + A + U$$

$$Y = [I - B]^{-1}CX + [I - B]^{-1}A + [I - B]^{-1}U$$

$$\frac{dY}{dX} = [I - B]^{-1}C$$

$$\therefore dY = [I - B]^{-1}CdX$$

$$\mathbf{i.e} \Delta Y = [I - B]^{-1}C\Delta X$$

$$\therefore Y_{t} = [I - B]^{-1}CX_{t} - [I - B]^{-1}CX_{t-1} + Y_{t-1}$$

Where, Y=endogenous and X=exogenous variables. The fact that the relationships are not estimated by multiple linear regressions means that the issue of simultaneous equation bias is bypassed and all the estimation difficulties, including multi-collinearity associated with econometric multiple linear regression, which renders it inconsistent and therefore non-operational, are also by-passed. Moreover, no complicated econometric and economic theories are needed to proceed. It is then possible to view the whole economy at a glance and the structure of the economy is determined automatically.

Thus, given a simple linear regression between two variables, X and Y, we proceed as follows and state the equation as below:

$$Y = a + bX + u$$

Where Y = the dependent variable

X = the independent variable

a & b = parameters

u = error term.

The estimate of the parameters a & b, is achieved by the application of least squares to the data on the variables, with a view to minimize the sum of squared deviations around the regression line (Koutsoyiannis, 1977 and Aruofor, 2001 and 2020).

The parameters can be estimated by solving the following normal equations:

$$a\sum 1 + b\sum X = \sum Y$$

$$a\sum X + b\sum X^2 = \sum XY$$
(1)
(2)

This was the basic procedure adopted and the coefficients were estimated by means of a computer software, ESM-Lab 4.4, that tested for statistical significance at the 5% level of

significance using the asymptotic t-ratios. For this study, the data were assembled from the Central Bank Statistical Bulletin (CBN, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021) and Aruofor, (2017) and Aruofor and Ogbeide (2019, 2024 and 2025). The time series ranged from 1981 to 2025. The list of variables consists of one hundred and thirty nine variables, comprising one hundred and twenty five (125) endogenous variables followed by fourteen (14) exogenous variables (see fig 2).

	Fig 2: LE	GEND OF VARIABLES NIGERIA MARKET ECONOMY	
S/no.	ACRONYN		UNIT
	1 NGDP(t)	GDP at Current Basic Prices	N million
	2 AGGDD 3 AGGSS	Aggregate Demand	N million N million
		Aggregate Supply Investment	N million
		Investment ratio	iv illillion
		2. Industry	N million
		(c) Manufacturing	N million
	-	OIL Refining	N million
	9 ELECTSS(t)	3. Electricity, Gas, Steam & Air conditioner	N million
	10 WATER(t)	4. Water supply, sewage, waste Mang.	N million
		5. Construction	N million
	12 SERVCS(t)	C. SERVICES	N million
	13 TRADE(t)		N million
		2. Accomadation and Food Services	N million
	16 TRANSEV	13. Transportation and Storage  e. Transport Services	N million N million
	17 POSTCUR(		N million
		4. Information and Communication	N million
	19 TELECOM		N million
	20 PUBLSHN(	b. Publishing,	N million
	21 MPIC&SNI	, ,	N million
	22 BRODCST(		N million
		5. Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	N million
	24 FININSUR( 25 FINANCE(t	6. Financial and Insurance a. Financial Institutions	N million N million
	26 INSURANS		N million
		7. Real Estate	N million
		8. Professional, Scientific & Technical Serv.	N million
	29 ADMINSU	9. Administrative and Support Services	N million
		10. Public Administration	N million
		11. Education	N million
		12. Human Health & Social Services	N million
		13. Other Services	N million
		Disposable Income Real Income	N million N million
	36 REALGOP(		N million
	•	Growth rate	%
	38 <b>GROWTH(</b>	the state of the s	N million
	39 <b>CONS(t)</b>	Consumption	N million
		Capital accumulation	N million
	41 FDI(t)	Foreign Direct Investment	N million
	42 CPI(t)	Consumer Price Index	
		Inflation Dummy = 1 when CPI increases, otherwise = 0	
		Inflation = INFTD X CPI	
		Inflation Rate	%
		Unemployment Rate	%
		Labor Force Compensation	N million
	48 MALE	Male Population Female Population	Million Million
	49 <b>FEMALE</b> 50 <b>URBAN</b>	Urban Population	Million
	51 RURAL	Rural Population	Million
	52 CHLDRN	Children Population (16 years and below)	Million
		Children Supply	Million
	54 <b>EPAWF</b>	<b>Estimated Potencial Active Work Force</b>	Million
	55 NADDWF	New Addition to Workforce	Million
	56 <b>POPOLD</b>	Population of Old People (80 years and above)	Million
		Unemployed Work Force	Million
	58 EMPWF	Employed Work Force	Million
		Employment	Million
		Productivity Labor Productivity	Million
		Labor Productivity	NI_1:
		Average Wage Rate Demand for Employment	Naira
		Employment Demand Pressure	
	65 <b>POOR(t)</b>	Poor	Million
		Extremely (Absolute) Poor	Million
	•	Poverty Rate	%
	68 SLAVERY		
	69 SAVINGS(t		N million
	70 <b>BOT(t)</b>	Balance of trade	N million

	F	Fig 2: LEG	GEND OF VARIABLES NIGERIA MARKET ECONOMY CONTINUED	
S/no.		ACRONYN		UNIT
			Balance of payments	N million
			External reserve	N million
			Debt burden or Bondage Oil revenue	N million
			Non-oil revenue	N million
		- 1	Corruption Dummy = 1 when DDMOPR increases, otherwise = 0	
	77 <b>(</b>	CORRPTN(	Corruption= CORPTD X DDMOPR.	
		•	Demand for money	N million
		-	Demand for money pressure	
		CORDEM(t	Dummy Variable 1.0 for New Democracy and 0 elsewhere.  Equals DEMOCY x CORRPTN	N million
			Personal Welfare (Per capita income)	Naira
			Standard of Living	
			Purchasing Power	
			Food Security	
			Health Care Demand for Health Care	
			Health Care Demand Pressure	
	89 H	HRESDEV	Human Resource Development	
			Demand for Education	
			Education Demand Pressure	
			National Wealth Personal Wealth	
			Import Dependence	
			Demand for Imports	
			Penchant for Imports	
			Agriculture Crops	N million
		IVESTOK FORESTY		N million N million
			Fishery	N million
	101 A		Agricultural Sector	N million
	102 I	NVCROP	Investment in Agriculture Crops	N million
			Investment in Livestock	N million
			Investment in Forestry Investment in Fishery	N million N million
			Investment in Agriculture	N million
			Investment in Industry	N million
			Investment in Manufacturing	N million
			Investment in Oil Refining	N million
			Investment in Electricity Supply Investment in Water resources	N million N million
			Investment in Construction Sector	N million
	113 I	<b>NVSERVCS</b>	Investment in Services	N million
			Investment in Trade	N million
			Investment in Real Estate Investment in Education	N million N million
			Investment in Health and Social Services	N million
		POVERTY		
	119 F	HUNGAR	Hunger	
			Food Crops Demand Pressure	
			Livestock Demand Pressure Forest Products Demand Pressure	
			Fishery Demand Pressure	
	124 I		Insecurity = Boko Haram=1 and 0 elsewhere	
			Time	Years
			JS VARIABLES (POLICY INSTRUMENTS)	NI ma:III:
			Exchange rate (Relative poverty)  Population	N million Million
			Imports	N million
			Oil export	N million
	130 >	KPTNOIL(t)	Non-oil export	N million
			Domestic debts	N million
			External debts	\$ million
		٠,	Government expenditure Primary lending rate	N million %
			Interest rate	%
			Money supply	N million
		ΓAX(t)	Tax	N million
			Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme	N million
	139 <b>[</b>	DFUELP(t)	Domestic fuel price	N/Litre

# THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPOSITE MODEL OF NIGERIAN ECONOMY.

The Nigeria model consists of the primary sectors comprising of the agricultural sector, the manufacturing sector, industry, construction, transport, services, education and health; and other real sectors including national income, consumption and investment, population, labor and employment, foreign sector, economic indicators and policy instruments. Together, they comprise the endogenous variables of the model, while the exogenous variable consist of policy variables.

#### THE POPULATION MODEL AND DERIVATION OF VARIABLES

Extant models of the Nigerian economy lacked data on total active work force, employment, etc. These are major defects and according to Stolper, (1966), the development planner cannot afford to assume his facts; he must find them as best as he can. We therefore proceeded as follows:

The population of Nigeria is growing at approximately 3% per year. Given this fact, we back cast the population at 3% discount rate to 1901 and projected it to 2021 assuming that the population has been adjusted for deaths.

- 1) Going by international standard, children are those people of ages Sixteen (16) years and below and was derived as:
  - Children =  $Pop_t Pop_{t-16}$
- 2) Population of people eighty years and below was derived as: Popt- Popt-80
- 3) Estimated potential active work force (EPAWF) =  $Pop_t Pop_{t-80} Children$ .
- 4) Population of old people equals the residual.
- 5) Unemployed work force = EPAWF x Unemployment rate.
- 6) Employed work force (EMPWF) = EPAWF Unemployed work force.
- 7) Employment =  $\Delta EMPWF$
- 8) Average wage rate = Labor Force Compensation/EMPWF
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24) National Productivity = NGDP/Labor force compensation
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- 25) Labor Productivity = NGDP/ EMPWF
- 26) Demand for Employment =  $\Delta EMPWF_{-1}$
- 27) Demand Pressure for Employment =  $(\Delta EMPWF_{-1})$ /Unemployed Work Force
- 28) Demand for Health care =  $\Delta HGDP_{-1}$
- 29) Demand Pressure for Health care =  $\Delta HGDP_{-1}/Pop$
- 30) Demand for Education =  $\Delta EdGDP_{-1}$
- 31) Demand Pressure for Education =  $\Delta EdGDP_{-1}/Pop$
- 32) Demand for Imports =  $\Delta IMPOTS_{-1}$
- 33) Penchant for Imports =  $\Delta IMPOTS_{-1}/Pop$
- 34) Import Dependence = *IMPORTS/NGDP*
- 35) Slavery = EXTDEBT/Pop

Some other variables were derived from existing data as follows:

• 
$$AGGDD$$
 =  $(\Delta GDP)_{-1}$   
•  $AGGSS$  =  $\Delta GDP$ 

• 
$$AGGDDPR$$
 =  $(\Delta GDP)_{-1}/POP$ 

• 
$$GROWT$$
  $RATE = ((\Delta GDP)/GDP_t)*100)$ 

• 
$$DINCOM = GDP - TAX$$

• 
$$COLIVN$$
 =  $(CONS_{t-1}((1+(\frac{INFRT_t}{100})))$ 

• 
$$POOR$$
 =  $POP/((RGDP/EXCHRT)*$720)$ 

• 
$$ABPOOR$$
 =  $POP/((RGDP/EXCHRT)*$360)$ 

• 
$$RICH$$
 =  $POP$  -  $(POOR + ABPOOR)$ 

• 
$$RPOVRT$$
 =  $(1-((RGDP/EXCHRT)/RGDP)*100)$ 

• 
$$DDMOPR$$
 =  $((\Delta MONYSS)_{-1}/POP)$ 

• 
$$IMPDD$$
 =  $(\Delta IMPORT)_{-1}$ 

• 
$$IMPDDPR$$
 =  $((\Delta IMPORT)_{-1} / POP)$ 

• 
$$XPOTDD$$
 =  $(\Delta XPORT)_{-1}$ 

• 
$$DBTBDN = (EXDBT/(GDP/EXCHRT))$$

• 
$$INVEDU$$
 =  $(INVSTNENT/NGDP)*EDUGDP$ 

• 
$$POVERTY$$
 =  $((\Delta CONSUMPTION)_{-1}/POP)$ 

• 
$$HUNGER$$
 =  $((\Delta AGRIC SECTOR GDP)_{-1}/POP)$ 

However, the 2001 and 2006 census of the Nigerian economy by the National Bureau of Statistics was used to adapt the population of male and female, as well as urban and rural populations in Nigeria according to their shares.

#### LINEAR PROGRAMMING

The second part was the Linear Programme. The BMAT (Structural relationships) was estimated by the Total Differential Modeling Software, ESMLAB. The impact multiplier matrix of dimension (125 x 14) is what was used to formulate the Optimal Control Model of the Nigeria economy and solved as a Linear programme.

Linear programming was developed during the Second World War by George B. Dantzig in collaboration with other members of a group of officials of the U.S. department of the Air Force in 1947. It involves the maximization or minimization of a function subject to certain constraints on the variables which comprise the function. The adjective "linear" implies the assumption of proportionality of input and outputs regardless of the resulting solution values of the variables. It also implies the assumption that the result of simultaneously carrying out two or more activities is the sum of the result of the separate activities. The solution is obtained by the Simplex method which is based on what is generally termed the Simplex Algorithm which was also invented or devised by George B. Dantzig in 1947. This is an iterative approach which starts by identifying a finite set of solution from an infinite set of possible solutions. The finite set eventually contains the most important candidates for the best solution which is termed the optimal solution.

The constraints were formulated as aspiration levels and were derived as 10% of the 2025 state of the Nigeria economy, modified by converting all negative values to positive values and constituted the right hand side (RHS). All sectoral outputs were required to be underachieved (< or =) by 2026 and also all other variables were constrained to be underachieved (< or =) also by 2026. The Nigeria economy was duly adjusted to reflect the current domestic fuel price of N1200.00/litre, the external debt was updated as well as the prevailing exchange rate of N1600.00/US \$ and the economy was fully deregulated. In addition, the Sectoral investments (Investment ratio x Sectoral GDP), were expanded and all constrained to be overachieved (< or =).

The welfare function was:

- i. Maximize increase in Oil and Non-oil exports, Government expenditure, Domestic debts and Agricultural Credit Guarantee scheme; and
- ii. Minimize increase in Exchange rate, Population, Imports, External debts, Money supply, Interest rate, Tax and Domestic Fuel price as they were undesirable to welfare and self reliant growth.
- iii. Primary Lending rate was set at zero (0) since it was already high.

The solution was obtained by solving the problem as a Linear Program using the Six Pap Linear Programming Software.

# OPTIMAL CONTROL VIA LINEAR PROGRAMMING

The third part dealt with Optimal Control of the Nigerian economy, using Linear Programming formulation as above. Optimal control answers the question, "what is the best policy for achieving our welfare function, given our aspiration levels or constraints?" The solution determines the incremental policy instrumental levels to be added to the penultimate policy instruments to use to forecast the state of the economy for the next year, in this case 2026. We

can therefore examine any policy menu to determine if they are socially, morally and internationally acceptable or feasible, before using them to forecast the future. If not we have to restrict the model further.

Once the forecast of the 2026 state of the economy is achieved, through ESMLAB, then 10% of the absolute values become the aspiration levels for 2027, and the process continues as before until we are satisfied. In this study we were satisfied with two years.

The purpose of optimal control of an economy is to answer the following questions:

- i. Given our aspiration levels and constraints, and given our objective or welfare function, how do we choose our targets or instruments in order to achieve our goals or aspiration levels? ii. Is such a path satisfactory?
- iii. If it is, do we have the resources that is consistent with such a path e.g. manpower, institutions and capital?
- iv. If not, can we afford them and can they be imported?
- v. What are the policy implications of such a path?

Actually, optimal control already exists in Econometrics though with some inherent difficulties and weaknesses:

First, the welfare function is defined as a quadratic function which does not lend itself to a ready intuitive interpretation or appeal.

Secondly, the optimization methods such as quadratic hill climbing employed for the solution is hectic.

Thirdly, in econometric optimal control, the targets must be achieved exactly with associated difficulties.

Lastly, it depends on an econometric model which as we have demonstrated is very weak (see Aruofor, 2020a)

These problems are overcome by recourse to Ecostatometric optimal control which adopts Linear Programming (LP) as the tool of control. The welfare function can therefore be stated in terms of a linear welfare function (1, -1 or 0) which is easier to appreciate because it appeals to reality and has ready intuitive meaning. This approach is not only operational; it is a positive and objective approach as it is superior to the traditional optimal control. The approach is also dynamic and proactive as it is sequential and adaptive in its control. This is in conformity with real life decision making. It simulates reality by systematically creeping into the future using the solution for period t as input into the problem of period t.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

The incremental impact multiplier Table 1, used to formulate the Linear Programme, describes the impact of the exogenous variables on the endogenous variables. This reduced form hides the complex inter-dependencies that exists within the economy. Indeed, these inter-dependencies are intractable by inspection but by targeting the future, it is possible to chart a way forward using linear programming. The policy prescription for the two years are as follows:

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EXCHRTRP PO(t) IMPORT(t) XPOTOIL(t) XPTNOIL(t) DOBT(t) EXTDBT(t) GEXPDN(t) PRIMELR(t) INTSAV(t) MONYSS(t) TAX(t) ACGSC(t) DFUELP(t)

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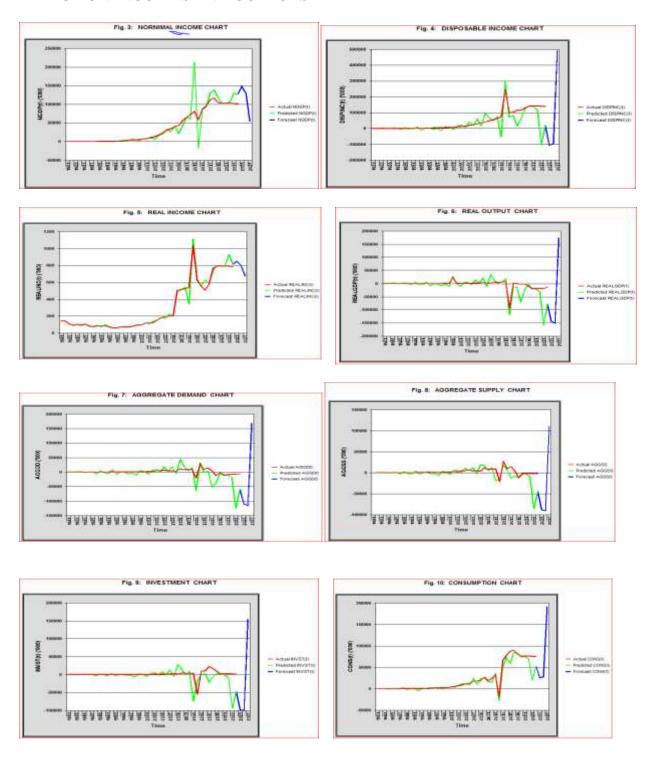
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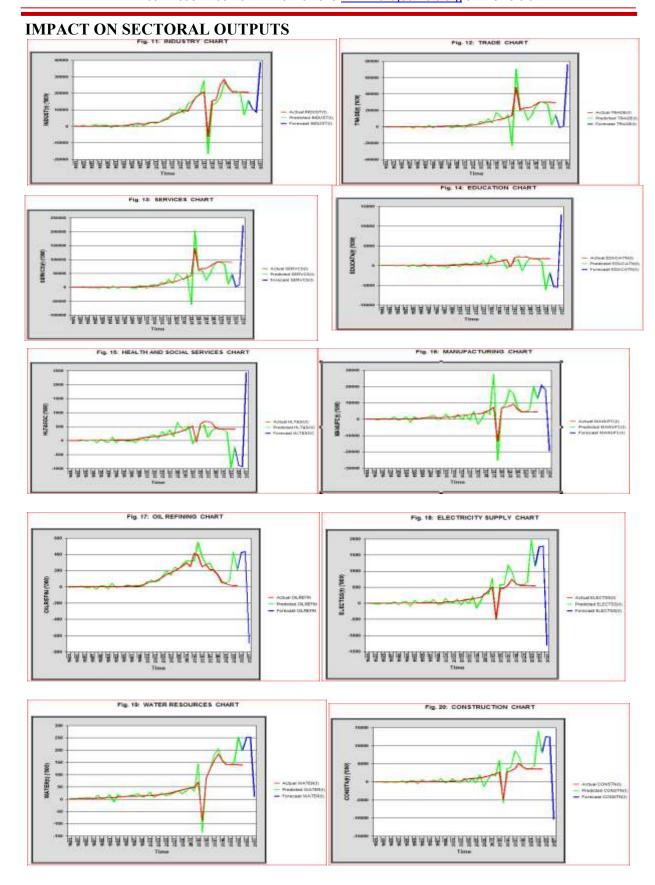
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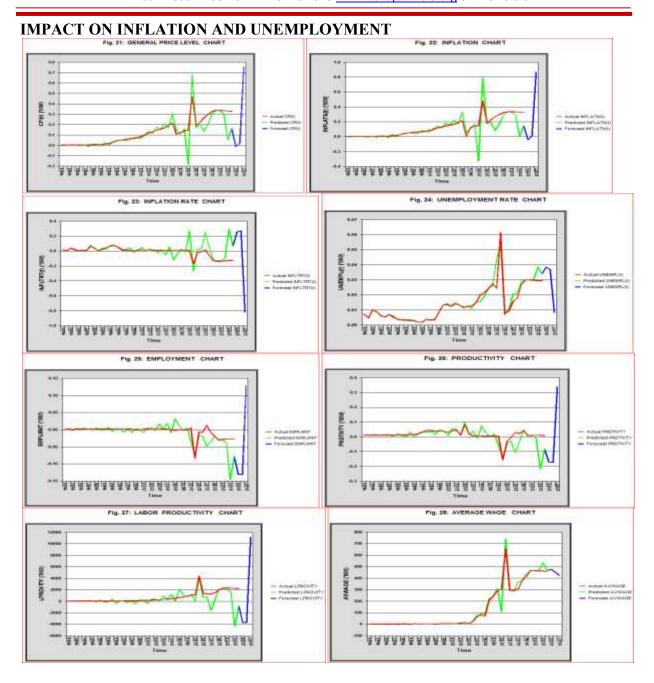
		Tahle 1: IM	IPACT MUL	TIDI IERS ΔΝ	ID LINEAR P	ROGRAMN	IING MODE	I OF NIGER	A FCONON	17						
S/no.		EXCHRTRP			XPOTOIL(t)						INTSAV(t)	MONYSS(t)	TAX(t)	ACGSC(t)	DFUELP(t)	ASP10%26
•	1 NGDP(t)	17126.47	5737.327		, ,						. ,				40488.04 <	12690468
	2 AGGDD	-88015.1	89819.98	0.924573	-0.67778	6.092267	-5.22767	-0.158	-2.48723	-796400	1507269	2.369281	7.709484	-1.32905	-70374.9 <	5853343
	3 AGGSS		33791.46					-0.06526	-1.507			1.166964		-0.80972	-60552.7 <	4482691
	4 INVST(t)		14874.13		-0.08924		-3.33028		-1.92174		492965.5		6.029911	-0.8301	-70014.4 <	4743161
	5 INVRATO	0.000307		-3.4E-09	1.17E-10		1.73E-08			0.000981		-8.8E-09	-2.9E-08	4.36E-09	0.00025 <	0.201262
	6 INDUST(t)					1.033678						0.344242		-0.234	-5965.23 <	1564639
	7 MANUFC(t 8 OILREFIN	308.3725	-5288.73 -237.132		0.017959 -0.0024			0.010788 0.000674			-193617	-0.5516 0.00489	-0.0123		11481.61 < 282.0422 <	1256316 20788.95
	9 ELECTSS(t)				0.008442			0.000674			-17021	-0.02976			825.6975 <	115306.8
	10 WATER(t)		2.497115					4.97E-05		1458.86	-1693.58	-0.002376			82.26375 <	19781.47
	11 CONSTN(t)		-6031.4		0.044702			0.010309				-0.22744			6108.494 <	805870.9
	12 SERVCS(t)	-55659.4		1.034212	-0.14203	6.00487	-3.06022	-0.07566	-2.14629			1.819325		-0.88397	-62036.4 <	4672995
	13 TRADE(t)	-19484.4	-4829.97	0.353687	-0.03895	2.072263	-1.0476	-0.02601	-0.74123	-198940	197517	0.620218	1.969938	-0.30225	-21893.1 <	1446051
	14 ACCOFOOL	1740.512	-1138.78	-0.02263	0.012668	-0.03521	0.088506	0.0025	0.042904	12442.37	-27099.4	-0.04998	-0.14618	0.026875	1340.554 <	172329.6
	15 TRASPOT(t	2766.127	-2082.97	-0.03411	0.016059	-0.17384	0.148012	0.003567	0.088705	21955.85	-34797.8	-0.09035	-0.28764	0.042715	2102.183 <	273297.5
	16 TRANSEV(t					0.005457		5.01E-06	-0.00103			0.000432		-0.00028	-10.6187 <	3980.751
	17 POSTCUR(t		38.23556			0.002826		-6.3E-05	-0.00167			0.001464			-50.9312 <	566.3813
	18 INFOCOM(				1.71E-05		0.637253		0.20754	51754.7	-82007.3			0.162114	9454.367 <	2290968
	19 TELECOM(t				0.011877						-138796	-0.44549			14103.29 <	2161600
	20 PUBLSHN(t 21 MPIC&SND		23.50658		0.001937	0.001285	-0.00277 0.050472	-6.8E-05		4653.496		0.001261 -0.02348		-0.00075 0.012634	-38.8579 < 594.9824 <	275.6008 191518.9
	22 BRODCST(t					-0.03780	-0.0831	-0.00186				0.02348			-739.626 <	116783.1
	23 ARTRECRTI			-0.00245	-0.00076	-0.00481	-0.00993	-0.00025		611.4445		0.001327			-133.87 <	12515.93
	24 FININSUR(1					0.474873	-0.36831	-0.00761		-54616.4		0.191962	0.58009	-0.09684	-6088.54 <	121806.3
	25 FINANCE(t)				-0.01114	0.413166	-0.31996	-0.00661		-47311.2	62360.94	0.166455	0.504416	-0.084	-5300.68 <	103141.6
	26 INSURANS	-376.385	-113.402	0.00617	-0.00041	0.035219	-0.0221	-0.00046	-0.01298	-4054.06	3973.23	0.011999	0.036221	-0.00613	-433.214 <	44826.98
	27 REALEST(t)	-19667.2	5190.559	0.224924	-0.05019	1.558945	-1.13412	-0.02553	-0.59484	-168225	225634.2	0.579054	1.851121	-0.29213	-18749.2 <	246598.5
	28 PROFSERV					0.573642			-0.19822						-5876.08 <	297252.7
	29 ADMINSUF			0.00032		0.004127	-0.00345	-5.2E-05	-0.00178			0.001535		-0.00078	-57.1378 <	159.3831
	30 PUBADMN					0.256268	-0.61957	-0.01405	-0.33984	-71251.6	171893		0.975219	-0.16354	-8545.19 <	30426.91
	31 EDUCATN(					0.296949	-0.32278	-0.0087	-0.16165			0.151638		-0.084	-4767.83 <	176036.9
	32 HLT&SOC 33 OTHSERVS		777.9344 -763.359	-0.03674		0.072309 -0.16504	-0.06305 -0.07354	-0.00125 -0.00088				0.028801 -0.02617		-0.01735	-876.141 < -683.805 <	22490.09 351049.9
	34 DISPINC(t)		68772.56			11.75038	-10.5728	-0.14432		-936684		4.785069			-172337 <	1814675
	35 REALINC(t)			-0.00015		0.025671		3.42E-05		-1107.15		-0.0027			35.60618 <	81633.35
	36 REALGDP(t	-103333	72963.86			2.420799	-6.10605		-2.87507	-636076	1701314	2.970648	10.16871	-1.73802	-87787.4 <	7749272
	37 GROWTRT	0.070721	-0.01311	-9E-07	5.14E-07	-7.4E-06	3.73E-06	1.4E-07	2.27E-06	0.77851	-0.60006	-1.8E-06	-7.1E-06	7.36E-07	0.063251 <	2
	38 GROWTH(t	-0.01099	0.009839	4.3E-08	-3.2E-08	8.78E-07	-6.8E-07	-1.8E-08	-4E-07	-0.05654	0.141929	3.13E-07	1.01E-06	-1.8E-07	-0.00994 <	1.137878
	39 CONS(t)	-43115.2	5572.811	-1.02072		0.539677	-2.75752		-0.38527			0.011714			-32766.1 <	5256197
	40 CAPITAL(t)	68704.4		-0.61941		-4.09083				502286.3		-2.08754			54797.72 <	5266940
	41 FDI(t)		244.9291		0.004406		0.01925			142.1524					431.8903 <	155445.8
	42 CPI(t) 43 INFLTD(t)		0.041776	-6.3E-09		-5.1E-08	-1.1E-05	-2.6E-07		0.003339		6.48E-06	-2.3E-08	-3.3E-06 1.4E-08	-0.24225 < -9.2E-05 <	16.24224 0.194635
	44 INFLATN(t)		-0.00086 -0.00898		5.38E-08		-1.3E-05	-3.2E-07				-2E-08 8.27E-06			-0.26139 <	14.66385
	45 INFLTRT(t)				1.63E-06							-7E-06			0.258645 <	6.560523
	46 UNEMPL(t)		0.00036		1.18E-08	-1.8E-06		1.85E-08				-9.1E-08	-5.9E-07		0.007051 <	3.400081
	47 LABCOMP	44192.45	-20884	-0.36245	-0.01011	-2.7573	2.448579	0.051966	1.186246	213103.1	-349006	-1.3052	-3.89383	0.669121	41570.11 <	7139237
	48 MALE	0.03885	-0.01412	-2.7E-07	1.33E-07	-1.4E-06	2.47E-06	3.27E-08	4.32E-07	0.299127	-0.48341	-9.9E-07	-2.9E-06	5.73E-07	0.030982 <	15.04137
	49 FEMALE	0.038233	-0.01389	-2.6E-07	1.3E-07	-1.4E-06	2.43E-06	3.22E-08	4.25E-07	0.294376	-0.47573	-9.7E-07	-2.8E-06	5.64E-07	0.03049 <	14.80259
	50 URBAN	0.020617			3.25E-07			1.28E-08				-1.1E-06			0.010314 <	5.349547
	51 RURAL	0.036207			5.71E-07			2.25E-08				-1.9E-06			0.018113 <	9.394687
	52 CHLDRN			3.78E-07		2.52E-07						1.53E-06			-0.04395 <	5.186809
	53 CHDRNSS		-0.04356		1.39E-07			1.39E-08 1.33E-07			-0.5321	-1.1E-06			0.005925 <	4.03109 18.79065
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	57 UNEMWF	0.064228		-4E-07	2.42E-07			7.94E-08				-1.8E-06			0.057766 <	6.333569
	58 EMPWF		-0.09266	-1.4E-06	8.66E-07			1.39E-07							0.087202 <	13.04936
	59 EMPLMNT		0.074562			5.31E-06	-4.9E-06	-1.1E-07				2.91E-06			-0.07116 <	7.905021
	60 PRDTIVTY	-0.17106	0.089794	2.76E-06	-1.9E-06	4.08E-06	-9.2E-06	-1.7E-07	-4.8E-06	-1.45838	2.873167	5.4E-06	1.84E-05	-2.6E-06	-0.12088 <	8.275133
	61 LPROVITY	-4838.49	3719.273	0.033764	-0.02304	0.199367	-0.28699	-0.00582	-0.14423	-32861.4	77304.01	0.133188	0.413728	-0.072	-4115.17 <	77290.79
	62 AVWAGE		-66.9276		8.26E-05										3.837978 <	46638.57
	63 DDEMENT	0.018802	-0.00947	-3.6E-07	1.05E-07	-7.4E-07	1.14E-06	2.91E-08	4.84E-07	0.2364	-0.317	-6.7E-07	-1.6E-06	3.57E-07	0.015849 <	2.036168

	-	Table 1: IN	IPACT MUL	TIPLIERS AN	ID LINEAR P	ROGRAMN	IING MODE	L OF NIGER	A ECONON	1y cont'd						
S/no.	1	EXCHRTRP	POP(t)	IMPORT(t)	XPOTOIL(t)	XPTNOIL(t)	DODBT(t)	EXTDBT(t)	GEXPDN(t)	PRIMELR(t)	INTSAV(t)	MONYSS(t)	TAX(t)	ACGSC(t)	DFUELP(t)	ASP10%26
	64 EMDDPR				2.36E-08					0.023396		-6E-08	-1.9E-07		0.002019 <	0.001082
	65 POOR(t)		0.124916	2.8E-06		1.53E-05	-1.5E-05	-3.7E-07		-1.78324			2.72E-05	-4.4E-06	-0.25427 <	13.18428
	66 EXTPOOR(t		0.179883	1.93E-06		1.88E-05	-1.2E-05	-3.7E-07 -9.3E-09		-1.63615		6.05E-06			-0.16605 <	13.53058 0.087817
	67 POVRT(t) 68 SLAVERY		0.003072 231.3467	-2.1E-08 0.00253		1.01E-07 0.016168	-2E-07 -0.01434	-0.00024	-1.2E-07 -0.00777	-0.00658 -1456.64	0.03776 3884.69		3.69E-07 0.022524	-4.2E-08 -0.00441	-0.00405 < -165.125 <	22853.73
	69 SAVINGS(t)		-1456.54	-0.06938	-0.00112			0.00024							8313.701 <	850872.1
	70 BOT(t)		9932.055		-0.06387	-0.19786		-0.00757				0.371001			-6246.57 <	636710.9
	71 BOP(t)		4556.199	-0.20865	-0.02428	-0.07468	-0.11679	-0.01725		28461.39			0.349936		-3619.86 <	803505.7
	72 EXTRES(t)		9.136832			0.002586	-0.00344	-3.3E-05		-326.242			0.00397		-62.6371 <	2690.939
	73 DBTBDN(t)	0.001418	-0.00078	-1.8E-08	9.17E-09	-8.7E-08	8.82E-08	1.22E-09	4.6E-08	0.014584	-0.02284	-4.8E-08	-1.4E-07	2.21E-08	0.001163 <	0.050387
	74 OILREV(t)	1831.064	-3751.37	-0.00862	0.030402	-1.24836	0.036711	-0.00141	0.178949	920.9907	30428.99	-0.02825	-0.38294	-0.00768	1566.592 <	192921.4
	75 NOILREV(t)	-1646.55	2177.267	-0.00206	-0.04972	-0.22466	-0.12361	-0.0026	-0.01813	-15907.2	38295.24	0.061493	0.141114	-0.0396	-380.181 <	337273.6
	76 CORPTD(t)	-0.00288	0.00352	4.63E-08	-5.3E-09	2.88E-07	-2.4E-07	-3.6E-09	-1.3E-07	-0.02146	0.058784	1.4E-07	3.64E-07	-7.8E-08	-0.00248 <	0.358825
	77 CORRPTN(1				-0.00133	0.01223	-0.01878	-0.00046	-0.00966			0.009286			-273.382 <	28007.91
	78 DDMONY(t			0.31442		1.624361	-0.90624	-0.01704	-0.5638		180754.2		1.81246		-16034.7 <	495605.7
	79 DDMOPR(t			0.000225	5E-05	0.0057	-0.00213	-6.3E-05	-0.00063		338.1755	-6.7E-06	0.00131	-0.0003	-28.2094 <	990.9706
	80 DEMOCY(t) 81 CORDEM(t		227.2162		1.35E-08	9.75E-08 0.012259	-4.1E-08 -0.01886	-2.4E-09 -0.00046	-4.4E-08 -0.0097	0.00264		6.42E-09 0.009323	1.35E-07	-1.3E-08 -0.00536	-0.00118 < -274.64 <	0.219481
	82 PWLFARE		933.9523	0.002141		0.012259	-0.01880	-0.00046				0.009323		-0.00536	-274.64 <	28134.74 10900.45
	83 STDOLIVN		743.7034	0.00434		0.123173	-0.08324					0.033413			-1191.36 <	10300.43
	84 PUPWER	4.998411	-2.3558	-0.00013	2.85E-05			7.22E-06				-0.00016	-0.00045			226.7111
	85 FODSRITY			0.001422								0.005738			-211.321 <	5081.176
	86 HLTCARE	4.627458	-2.62605	-4E-05	1.41E-05	-0.00019	0.000278	4.54E-06			-49.1678	-0.00012	-0.00045		3.965714 <	749.7384
	87 DDHCARE	95.46201	7.84728	-0.00291	0.000958	-0.00326	0.004397	1.15E-05	0.001143	1563.283	-1682.57	-0.00235	-0.0042	0.001296	73.9828 <	16960.43
	88 HCRDDPR	0.655729	0.107062	-1.7E-05	5.87E-06	-7.5E-06	2.9E-05	2.09E-07	8.08E-06	9.884783	-11.3058	-1.5E-05	-3.4E-05	9.02E-06	0.533902 <	99.26942
	89 HRESDEV	-14.6716	8.209869	9.51E-05	-0.00011	0.000375	-0.00083	-1.6E-05	-0.00039	-92.0365	219.69	0.000374	0.001383	-0.0002	-11.5224 <	172.1489
	90 DDEDUC		325.9614	-0.00592		-0.0071	-0.00595			1410.003		-0.0046		0.000312		13974.85
	91 EDUDDPR		1.308078	3.87E-06	-1.1E-05	-0.00019	-0.00013	-3.5E-06	-2E-05		44.93947		5.84E-05	-2.9E-05	-2.27854 <	231.8193
	92 WEALTH		0.000326	2.54E-09	-1.6E-09	1.43E-08	-1.9E-08	-4.4E-10	-1.1E-08		0.006016		3.12E-08		-0.00027 <	0.02631
	93 PWEALTH		-54.5363	-0.00096	0.00024		0.004083			573.7761		-0.00192		0.000796		2046.852
	94 IMPDPEN 95 DDIMP		0.000361 10868.59	8.63E-09	-6.1E-09 -0.01028	4.52E-08 -0.80203	-2.9E-08 -0.27088	-1.1E-09	-1.9E-08 0.095283		0.009227 175929.4	-0.02354	6.29E-08 -0.30592		-0.00039 < -541.267 <	0.022891 1564865
	96 PENCIMP		18.59814					2.23E-05			541.1599	-4.2E-05	-0.30332		-17.6454 <	9336.759
	97 CROPS		38118.28			2.066764			-1.10864			1.222835			-40280.8 <	733909
	98 LIVESTOK		41.38867			-0.17013			0.017444		20503.98		-0.02766	-0.0064	502.0088 <	259020.7
	99 FORESTY	22.71802	3.913137	0.000731	-0.00245	-0.02313	0.000749	-2.5E-05	0.002565	-667.315	2541.832	0.000941	-0.00463	-0.00068	79.83121 <	35160.96
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	102 INVCROP		16069.14		-0.05334		-1.40631		-0.65741	-234178		0.878276		-0.47	-18134.9 <	402980.8
	103 INVLSTOK	1053.218			0.003711				0.032458	-5574.33	-11882				961.1207 <	176478.1
	104 INVFOR	139.5851	-167.54		0.000496		0.008662		0.004294	-738.429	-1571.98	-0.00171	-0.00948	0.00089	127.4147 <	23398.86
	105 INVFISHY 106 INVAGRS				2.93E-05			-0.00227 -0.01867				0.033312			-968.212 < -10489.6 <	33587.24 675541.3
	107 INVINDUST													*	-3939.18 <	233844.4
	108 INVMANUI														2488.434 <	208393.6
	109 INVOILREF														143.8463 <	9957.542
	110 INVELECTS														261.9033 <	21401.95
	111 INVWATER	78.4043	-46.9272	-0.00066	0.00024	-0.00462	0.004136	7.73E-05	0.00178	560.4964	-950.886	-0.00179	-0.00604	0.001023	65.9564 <	5244.113
	112 INVCONST	3420.62	-1295.4	-0.04745	0.033312	-0.0935	0.184229	0.003532	0.077	31721.82	-59368.1	-0.09949	-0.30649	0.053189	2553.431 <	203289.3
	113 INVSERVCS	88301.6						0.105292				-2.4722			84026.93 <	6077952
	114 INVTRADE							0.036328							28962.41 <	2091712
	115 INVREALES							0.017086							13699.76 <	983754.8
	116 INVEDUCA														403.9692 <	34384.19
	117 INVHLT&S( 118 POVERTY	-185.615	-57.6085 358.755		-0.00136			-0.000147							40.67795 < -113.995 <	4371.291 9209.702
	119 HUNGAR	44.5483	-34.6273					7.97E-05							42.65085 <	2937.143
	120 CPDDPR		-34.4548					7.59E-05							40.32896 <	2786.416
	121 LSKDDPR	2.192228			6.43E-06			3.62E-06			-30.908				1.969728 <	136.0638
	122 FPRDDPR		-0.09124	4.26E-07				1.81E-08			-0.7047				0.003937 <	0.522107
	123 FISDDPR	1.252533		-1.1E-05	-1E-05			5.13E-06				-3.5E-06	-4.3E-05		1.556736 <	103.7183
	124 INSECUTY	0.003056	-0.00172	-2.6E-08	2.1E-09	-2.8E-07	1.68E-07	3.97E-09	9.34E-08	0.017777	-0.03578	-7.7E-08	-3E-07	4.05E-08	0.002927 <	0.306457
	125 TIME(t)	0.024256			1.09E-07		1.53E-06	8.87E-09		0.205717		-6.2E-07	-2.3E-06		0.018878 <	7
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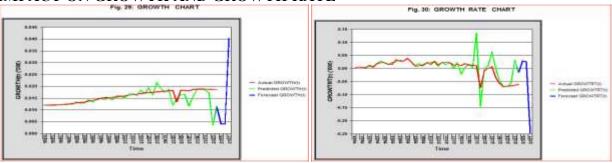
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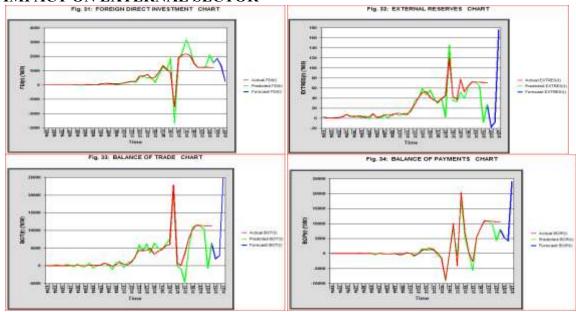




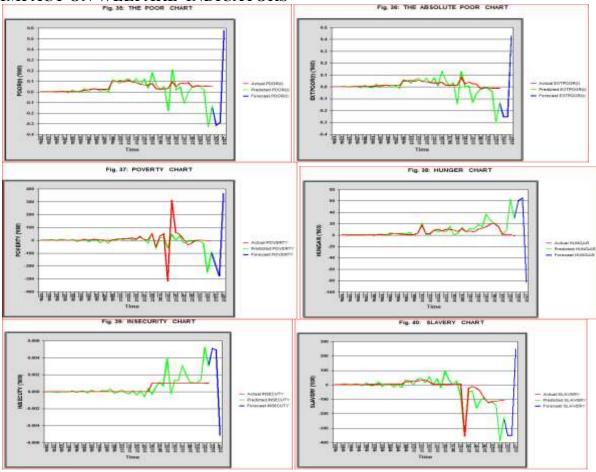
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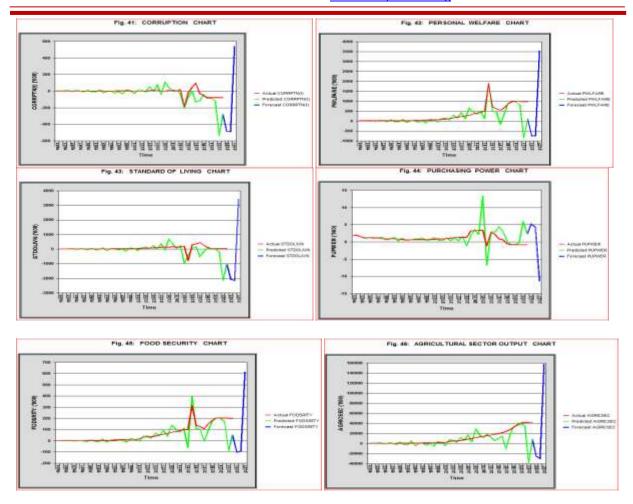




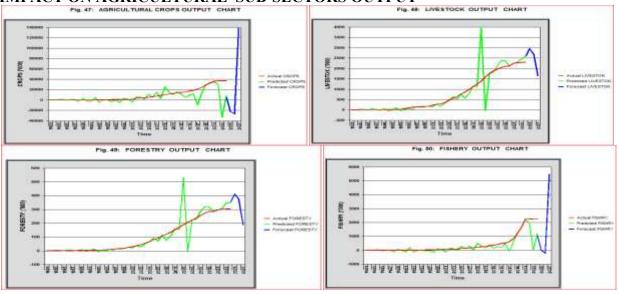


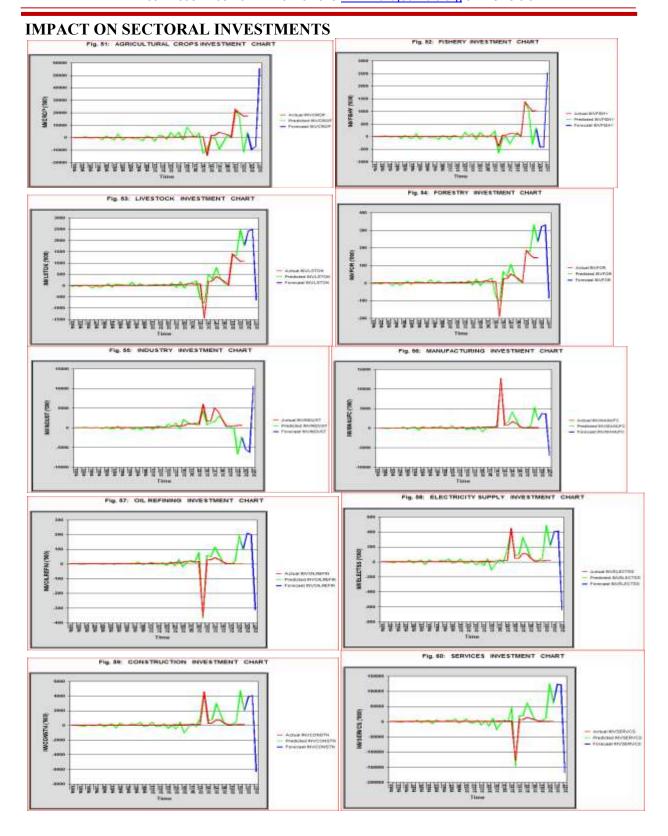
# IMPACT ON WELFARE INDICATORS





# IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL SUB-SECTORS OUTPUT





# **CONCLUSION**

From the Charts, Fig. 3 to Fig. 60, we can infer that Nigeria will return to being a rudimentary agrarian society, with no technology and no modernization. Though Aggregate demand and supply, Crop and Fishery production and food security may improve considerably and produce a superficial growth and a false sense of welfare, the level of inflation, corruption and poverty will remain a major source of concern and sectoral investments will slump across board except for Industry, Crops and Fishery. Though people will invest and be employed in agricultural crop production and fishing and the problems of hunger and insecurity may be drastically reduced, the Nigerian economy will be largely impoverished, with corruption skyrocketing except Government heeds the persistent recommendations to transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in infrastructure, manufacturing, electricity supply and distribution, services, construction, including factories and industries as well as creating the right environment for Private Sector-led investments.

The study therefore rejects the Null hypothesis and accepts the Alternative hypothesis.

# RECOMMENDATION

Government should transform the economic and industrial landscape of the entire country by investing in infrastructure, manufacturing, electricity generation, transmission and distribution, services, construction, including factories and industries as well as creating the right environment for Private Sector-led investments.

WE REST OUR CASE.

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