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Note: In this report "YER" stands for Yemeni rials and "USD" stands for United States dollars.



The Central Bank of Yemen is pleased to present the first Monetary and Financial Developments report covering recent developments through December 2021. The report will appear on a monthly basis, providing readers and researchers interested in monetary and financial developments in the Republic of Yemen with insights into major developments across the country's monetary and banking sectors. It will analyze key components of the Central Bank's balance sheet, the consolidated balance sheet of the commercial and Islamic banks, as well as monetary surveys. Budget deficit financing and domestic debt issuances will also be covered. Finally, there will be a special focus on exchange-rate and price developments.

We hope that this report will prove to be helpful for our readers.

God bless,

Ahmed Bin Ahmed Ghaleb Governor, Central Bank of Yemen



Monetary and Financial developments

Money supply:

The money supply (M2) increased to 7229.1 billion Rials in 2021 compared to 6701 billion Rials in 2020, a YoY increase of 528.1 billion Rials (7.9 percent). The actual growth rate of broad money was well below the annual target of 18.3 percent as considered in the annual monetary plan. This indicated that monetary expansion in 2021 has been contained in line with the economic absorptive capacity.

Narrow money (M1) increased by 443.4 billion Rials YoY, while quasi-money rose by 84.7 billion Rials in 2021. The rise in narrow money reflected an increase in the currency in circulation and demand deposits. The upward trend in quasi-money was due to the increases in time and foreign deposits. The predominance of currency in circulation, which accounted for 46.9 percent of the total money supply in 2021 compared to 46.5 percent in 2020, is evidence that Yemen continues to rely heavily on cash as its primary means of financial intermediation.

Balance sheet of the CBY:

The total balance sheet of the CBY reached YER 8,090.3 billion at the end of December 2021, showing an increase for the year of YER 804 billion, or 11 percent.

The total foreign assets of the CBY rose from YER

387.8 billion in 2020 to YER 684 billion in 2021, an increase of YER 296.2 billion (76.4 percent), mainly due to the positive effect of the allocation of special drawing rights (SDRs) by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Yemen in August 2021 (about USD 660 million).

Net credit to the government increased from YER 4,969.2 billion at the end of December 2020 to YER 5,473.7 billion at end of December 2021, a YoY increase of YER 504.5 billion (10.2 percent). The stock of currency issued by the CBY amounted to YER 3,802.7 billion at the end of December 2021, compared with YER 3,327.5 billion at the end of December 2020, a YoY increase of YER 475.2 billion (14.3 percent).

Bank reserves held at the CBY decreased by YER 67.3 billion (10.8 percent) in 2021.

Thus, base money (the sum of currency issued and bank reserves) increased by 13.7 percent (YER 542.5 billion) in 2021, well below the target set in the annual monetary plan (22.7 percent), reflecting the CBY's success in limiting the expansion of its balance sheet and avoiding excessive monetary creation.

Consolidated balance sheet of commercial and Islamic banks:

The consolidated balance sheet of commercial and Islamic banks in Yemen totaled 4594.9 billion Ri-

als in 2021, an increase of 165.2 billion Rials, or about 3.7 percent relative to 2020.

Bank loans and advances decreased by 1.8 billion Rials, or 0.1 percent in 2021, reaching 2303.6 billion Rials.

Total deposits increased, in 2021, by 144.3 billion Rials (about 4.1 percent) YoY to 3660.3 billion Rials. This increase reflected growth across several deposit categories: Demand deposits increased by almost 7 percent YoY, savings deposits by 3.9 percent, foreign deposits by 3.7 percent, and time deposits by 2.4 percent.

Clearing room:

The total number of checks transacted in rials in clearing rooms reached 2,276 in December 2021, representing a total value of YER 17.5 billion, compared with 1,383 checks totaling YER 10.1 billion during November 2021, an increase of 64.6 percent in quantity and 73.3 percent in value.

Exchange rates:

The average rate of the US dollar against the Yemeni Rial reached 1255.26 Rials per US Dollar at the end of 2021, up from 792.69 Rials per Dollar at the end of 2020. The peak was recorded in November 2021 (1500.60 YER: 1 USD)

In response to these downward pressures and the accelerating depreciation of the Rial, the CBY took a series of regulatory and institutional adjustment actions designed to help restore stability in the FX market and enhance FX management guidelines and capacity. This process culminated with the launch of a best practice aligned FX auction mechanism, and subsequent implementation of weekly FX live auctions since November 2021 using the Refinitiv electronic platform.

A single price system was used to allocate a maximum envelope of USD15 million for each auction. This system enabled CBY conducting a competitive FX management process designed to ensure transparency and promote a robust price discovery mechanism. Adjudication prices were based on the marginal clearance price (for instance YER1,411/USD1 for the November 10th first auction). So far, the auctions have included participation of 3-8 banks each week, with an average of 3 bids per bank.

As of end December 2021, CBY offered 135 million USD in nine auctions. Total bids amounted to 102.3 million USD representing a coverage ratio of 75.8 percent. The total amount allocated was 100.3 million USD. These auctions enabled CBY absorb a total amount of 120.9 billion YER, equivalent to 22.3 percent of base money growth during CY 2021. This constitutes an important step towards effective liquidity management using market-based monetary policy tools by CBY.



CBY maintained status quo on interest rates in CY 2021. In fact, the policy rate (the minimum rate on Rial deposits used as benchmark) was maintained at the same rate of 15% since last cut in February 2013.

Public deficit financing:

The preliminary data on budget execution indicated that the overall deficit, until December 2021 revealed a public deficit of 531.8 billion Rials (approximately 2.7 percent of GDP), compared with the deficit at the end of December 2020 of 895.6 billion Rials (About 6.4 percent of GDP).

In wake of the ongoing decline of public resources as well as foreign loans, internal public debt has increased from approximately 1.5 trillion Rials in December 2018 to 3.7 trillion Rials as of December 2021.

The primary source of domestic public financing is direct borrowing from the CBY. This equaled 3.5 billion Rials in 2021, or about 94,8 percent of the total public internal debt. Wakala deposits and certificates of deposits constituted the remaining portion of the domestic debt (about 5.2 percent).

Prices and inflation:

Achieving price stability is the primary objective of monetary policy. The primacy of this objective is clearly stated in the Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) Law No. 14 of 2000 that's why tremendous efforts are being deployed by the central bank in concert

with the relevant government entities and the assistance of the international community to face the persistent adverse macroeconomic conditions. In this regard, the CBY is proactively steering monetary policy in a manner designed to maintain macro-financial stability, while providing adequate financing to ensure that critical public financing needs are met.

Inflationary conditions worsened somewhat in the last two years (2021 and 2020) after a relative stability in 2019. The significant depreciation of the Rial, the global surge of food and oil prices, the lack of foreign reserve buffer at CBY disposal, growing uncertainty, and increased dollarization contributed to rising inflationary pressures. Market surveys indicate that average food-price inflation exceeded 30 percent in 2020. The annual inflation rate was estimated at around 25 percent, up from an estimated average rate of 10 percent in 2019. Inflation is projected to exceed 30 percent in 2021 in light of oil and food prices spike in international markets. The cost of the national minimum food basket (MFB) in Yemen — an indicator of the cost of living - reached 73,607 in December 2021 compared to 84,708 Rials in November 2021 and 47,458 Rials in December 2020. This indicated that food prices declined by 13.1 percent in December 2021 compared to November 2021 in wake of the recent improvement of the value of



the Rial in the exchange market, while the YoY food inflation amounted to 55.8 percent in 2021. To attain low and stable inflation, the CBY attaches great importance to controlling the money supply. This is achieved by constructing a solid framework for monetary targeting and adopting a comprehensive toolkit of indirect and market-based instruments for liquidity management. Within this context, the monetary plan for 2022 projects broad and base money growth at 18% and 15.6%, respectively. Monetary emission is estimated to grow by 18.4%. These values are consistent with an inflation rate within a range from 15% to 20% during CY2022. living — reached YER 73,607 in December 2021, compared with YER 84,708 in November 2021 and YER 47,458 in December 2020. Food prices thus declined by 13.1 percent in from November to December 2021; this occurred in the wake of the recent improvement of the value of the rial in the FX market. However, the YoY food inflation rate in 2021 amounted to 55 percent. To attain low and stable inflation, the CBY attaches great importance to controlling the money supply.

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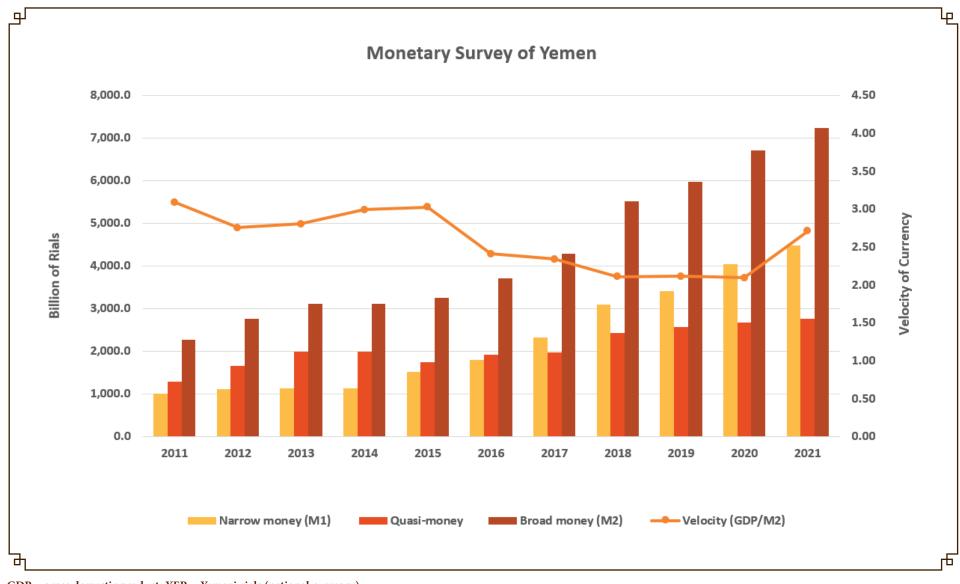


Table 1: Monetary Survey of Yemen											
		(YER bi	llion, un	less other	wise note	ed)					
Items	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1- Broad money (M2)	<u>2,268.2</u>	2,756.8	<u>3,101.6</u>	<u>3,106.2</u>	3,238.9	<u>3,697.5</u>	<u>4,282.3</u>	<u>5,504.2</u>	<u>5,973.7</u>	<u>6,701.0</u>	<u>7,229.1</u>
Broad money, annual change	0.1	21.5	12.5	0.2	4.3	14.2	15.8	28.5	8.5	12.2	7.9
2- Quasi-money	<u>1,275.2</u>	<u>1,651.9</u>	<u>1,985.0</u>	<u>1,976.7</u>	<u>1,736.5</u>	<u>1,907.8</u>	<u>1,965.9</u>	<u>2,420.2</u>	<u>2,562.6</u>	<u>2,665.1</u>	2,749.8
Quasi-money, annual change	-13.9	29.5	20.2	-0.4	-12.2	9.9	3.0	23.1	5.9	4.0	3.2
Quasi-money to broad money	56.2	59.9	64.0	63.6	53.6	51.6	45.9	44.0	42.9	39.8	38.0
Foreign currency deposits	602.2	736.5	868.4	842.7	770.5	850.8	890.2	1,358.0	1,436.1	1,496.9	1,552.7
Foreign currency deposits, annual change	-22.6	22.3	17.9	-3.0	-8.6	10.4	4.6	52.5	5.8	4.2	3.7
Foreign currency deposits to total deposits	40.4	37.7	37.5	36.7	35.5	36.2	36.3	45.2	44.6	42.6	42.4
3- Narrow money (M1)	<u>993.0</u>	<u>1,104.8</u>	<u>1,116.6</u>	<u>1,129.5</u>	<u>1,502.4</u>	<u>1,789.6</u>	<u>2,316.5</u>	3,084.0	<u>3,411.1</u>	<u>4,035.9</u>	<u>4,479.3</u>
Narrow money, annual change	26.3	11.3	1.1	1.2	33.0	19.1	29.4	33.1	10.6	18.3	11.0
Narrow money (M1) to broad money M2	43.8	40.1	36.0	36.4	46.4	48.4	54.1	56.0	57.1	60.2	62.0
Demand deposits	215.6	301.5	331.8	318.7	433.5	441.1	486.4	584.2	653.9	850.9	910.5
Demand deposits, annual change	-9.9	39.8	10.1	-4.0	36.0	1.7	10.3	20.1	11.9	30.1	7.0
Demand deposits to broad money (M2)	9.5	10.9	10.7	10.3	13.4	11.9	11.4	10.6	10.9	12.7	12.6
Currency in circulation	777.4	803.3	784.8	810.9	1,068.9	1,348.6	1,830.1	2,499.8	2,757.2	3,185.0	3,568.8
Currency in circulation, annual change	42.2	3.3	-2.3	3.3	31.8	26.2	35.7	36.6	10.3	15.5	12.1
Currency in circulation to broad money (M2)	34.3	29.1	25.3	26.1	33.0	36.5	42.7	45.4	46.2	47.5	49.4

YER = Yemeni rials (national currency). Source: Central Bank of Yemen.

Table 1: Monetary Survey for the Commercial Banking Sector of Yemen





GDP = gross domestic product, YER = Yemeni rials (national currency).

Source: Central Bank of Yemen.

Figure 1: Yemen's Money Survey



Table 2: Survey of the Central Bank of Yemen													
(YER billion, unless otherwise noted)													
Items	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Monetary base	<u>954.5</u>	<u>1077.5</u>	<u>1097.6</u>	<u>1112.8</u>	<u>1452.7</u>	<u>1,795.9</u>	<u>2,435.8</u>	<u>3,125.9</u>	3,484.7	3,948.1	<u>4,490.7</u>		
Monetary base, annual change	<u>15.9</u>	<u>12.9</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>30.5</u>	<u>23.6</u>	<u>35.6</u>	28.3	<u>11.5</u>	<u>13.3</u>	<u>13.7</u>		
Currency issued	800.3	<u>832.7</u>	821.6	<u>854.9</u>	1099.5	<u>1375.8</u>	1893.5	<u>2571.6</u>	<u>2890.5</u>	<u>3327.5</u>	3,802.7		
Currency issued, annual change	40.2	4.1	-1.3	4.1	28.6	25.1	37.6	35.8	12.4	15.1	14.3		
Banks reserves held at the CBY	<u>154.2</u>	<u>244.8</u>	<u>276.1</u>	<u>257.9</u>	<u>353.2</u>	<u>420.2</u>	<u>549.3</u>	<u>554.3</u>	<u>594.2</u>	<u>620.6</u>	<u>688.0</u>		
Banks reserves held at the CBY, annual change	-39.0	58.7	12.8	-6.6	37.0	19.0	30.7	0.9	7.2	4.4	10.9		
Money multiplier (M2/Monetary base)	2.4	<u>2.6</u>	2.8	2.8	2.2	<u>2.1</u>	1.8	1.8	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1.7</u>		

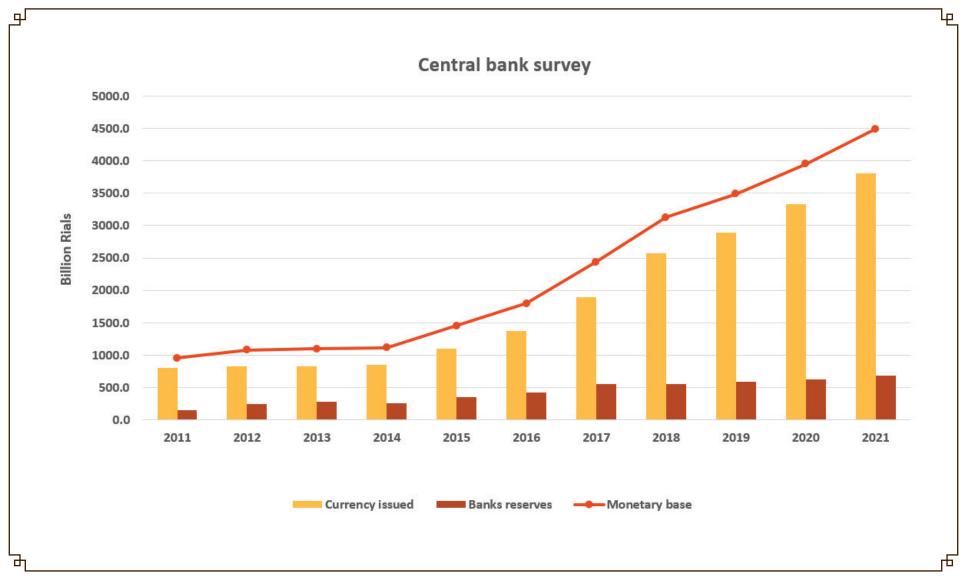
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Source: CBY.

Table 2: Survey of the Central Bank of Yemen



a The money multiplier is defined as the broad money supply (M2) divided by the monetary base.



YER = Yemeni rials (national currency).

Source: Central Bank of Yemen.

Figure 2: central bank survey



Table 3: Balance Sheet of the Central Bank of Yemen											
			(YE	R billion)							
Items	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total assets	<u>1,930.0</u>	<u>2,372.9</u>	<u>2,185.0</u>	<u>2,036.6</u>	<u>2,252.8</u>	2,829.7	3,983.9	5,750.3	6,558.8	7,286.3	8,090.3
Foreign assets	<u>968.8</u>	<u>1,323.2</u>	<u>1,149.4</u>	1,002.6	<u>450.5</u>	250.3	361.8	1,133.6	628.4	387.8	684.0
Loans and advances	<u>940.5</u>	1,032.4	1,022.3	1,020.5	1,788.2	2,536.8	3,170.3	4,065.8	4,841.8	5,708.4	6,125.9
Government	783.1	772.7	756.6	761.3	1,524.7	2,228.6	2,860.8	3,756.3	4,532.3	5,398.9	5,816.4
Public enterprises	157.4	259.7	265.7	259.2	263.5	308.2	309.5	309.5	309.5	309.5	309.5
Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed and other assets	<u>20.8</u>	<u>17.3</u>	<u>13.3</u>	<u>13.5</u>	<u>14.1</u>	42.6	451.8	550.9	1,088.5	1,190.1	1,280.5
Exchange valuations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities	<u>1,930.0</u>	<u>2,372.9</u>	<u>2,185.0</u>	<u>2,036.6</u>	<u>2,252.8</u>	2,829.7	3,983.9	5,750.3	6,558.8	7,286.3	8,090.3
Banknotes issued	<u>800.3</u>	<u>832.7</u>	<u>821.6</u>	<u>854.9</u>	<u>1,099.5</u>	1,375.8	1,893.5	2,571.6	2,890.5	3,327.5	3,802.7
Sight liabilities	<u>533.4</u>	<u>645.2</u>	<u>496.7</u>	<u>414.3</u>	<u>453.8</u>	592.4	756.8	961.9	1,032.0	1,169.4	1,151.2
Government	236.4	150.5	121.3	76.1	50.6	75.4	100.6	243.6	330.6	429.7	342.7
Social security fund	59.4	57.7	18.0	13.6	18.7	58.7	58.7	58.7	58.7	58.7	58.7
Public enterprises	83.3	100.3	81.4	66.8	31.3	38.1	48.1	105.4	48.5	60.3	61.9
Demand deposits	53.3	69.9	70.2	49.3	26.6	32.8	38.2	93.7	34.2	45.3	45.7
Time deposits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foreign currencies	30.0	30.3	11.2	17.5	4.7	5.3	9.9	11.7	14.3	15.0	16.2
Banks	154.2	244.8	276.1	257.9	353.2	420.2	549.3	554.3	594.2	620.6	688.0
Certificates of deposit	0.0	91.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(Treasury bills sold to banks (repos	64.1	64.8	50.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foreign liabilities	<u>50.2</u>	<u>266.6</u>	<u> 267.9</u>	<u>268.0</u>	<u> 268.4</u>	311.4	486.8	1,231.9	1,231.9	1,306.0	1,699.1
Other liabilities	<u>482.1</u>	<u>563.7</u>	<u>548.2</u>	<u>497.6</u>	<u>431.1</u>	550.1	846.9	984.9	1,404.4	1,483.4	1,437.3

YER = Yemeni rials (national currency).

Source: Central Bank of Yemen.

Table 3: Balance Sheet of the Central Bank of Yemen



Consolidated Balance Sheet of Commercial & Islamic Banks - Assets

(In Billions Rials) 2014 **Items** 2011 2012 2013 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 **Assets** 4408.9 4,594.9 1765.8 2276.1 2776.1 2810.0 2768.5 2961.6 3183.1 4034.2 4,429.7 Foreign Assets 477.5 541.6 549.8 504.3 506.3 581.6 532.0 822.6 909.8 916.2 971.1 Foreign Currency 55.7 49.9 51.6 49.0 90.9 83.5 44.6 66.8 97.4 116.4 135.1 Banks Abroad 486.8 213.7 260.0 230.7 243.0 210.5 256.6 254 414.3 470.9 468.1 0.0 Non-residents 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Foreign Investment 349.2 241.5 341.5 208.0 231.7 267.5 212.3 204.9 233.4 341.5 331.7 Reserves 938.3 571.8 175.0 276.8 321.9 302.2 383.9 440.4 713.6 774.5 821.2 **Local Currency** 22.9 44.0 27.2 133.2 142.5 233.9 29.4 36.8 30.6 63.4 71.8 Deposits with CBY 152.1 413.2 641.3 678.6 704.4 285.1 258.2 508.4 641.8 247.4 353.3 **Loans & Advances** 933.7 2,305.4 2,303.7 1179.6 1722.5 1844.8 1692.6 1725.7 1817.3 2157.8 2319.4 Government 1,798.0 546.3 788.5 1182.5 1287.3 1264.2 1301.9 1387.3 1554.8 1720.8 1,963.7 **Public Enterprises** 20.4 17.3 30.0 34.2 19.5 13.7 20.4 57.5 61.0 18.0 19.8 **Private Sector** 284.2 366.9 373.8 510.0 523.2 410.5 404.3 416.3 583.2 578.2 444.6 Certificate of Deposits 0.0 91.9 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1 1 0.0 0.0 Treasury bills purchased from CBY 64.1 64.8 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 50.6 1.7 0.0 0.0 **Other Assets** 115.6 121.3 131.3 156.9 185.8 213.9 262 339.2 404.2 387.0 381.8

CBY = Central Bank of Yemen, YER = Yemeni rial (national currency).

Source: CBY.

Table 4: Consolidated Balance Sheet of Commercial and Islamic Banks - Assets



Consolidated Balance Sheet of Commercial & Islamic Banks - Liabilities

(In Billions Rials)

Items	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>1765.8</u>	<u>2276.1</u>	2776.1	2810.0	2768.5	<u>2961.6</u>	<u>3183.1</u>	4034.2	<u>4408.9</u>	4,429.7	<u>4,594.9</u>
<u>Deposits</u>	<u>1348.6</u>	<u>1799.5</u>	2225.3	2225.7	<u>2150.0</u>	2271.4	2374.4	<u>3027.4</u>	<u>3249.3</u>	<u>3,516.0</u>	<u>3,660.3</u>
Government	0.5	4.0	7.9	10.7	30.1	19.3	28.9	23	32.8	0.0	0.0
Demand	162.3	231.5	261.6	269.4	406.9	408.3	448.2	584.2	653.9	850.9	910.5
Time	452.0	643.5	837.3	862.0	704.1	732.5	751.1	774	815.7	838.8	859.2
Saving	127.1	168.0	194.9	205.4	191.3	215.9	221.1	242	260.9	276.3	286.9
Foreign Currency	572.3	706.2	857.3	825.2	765.9	845.5	880.3	1358	1436.1	1,496.9	1,552.7
Earmarked	34.4	46.1	66.4	53.1	51.8	49.9	44.8	46.2	49.9	53.1	50.9
Foreign Liabilities	<u>16.8</u>	<u>28.5</u>	<u>38.2</u>	<u>39.3</u>	<u>29.2</u>	<u>29.3</u>	27.0	<u>62.7</u>	<u>36.6</u>	<u>35.0</u>	<u>32.5</u>
Banks Abroad	15.0	25.9	35.7	37.0	27.5	27.4	25.3	59.8	33.6	35.0	32.5
Non-residents	1.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.7	2.9	3	0.0	0.0
Borrowing from bks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other Liabilities	<u>400.3</u>	448.2	<u>512.6</u>	<u>545.0</u>	<u>589.3</u>	<u>660.9</u>	<u>781.7</u>	<u>944.1</u>	<u>1123.0</u>	<u>878.8</u>	<u>902.1</u>
Loans from CBY	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.6	2.9	3.9	4.3	5.6	13.5	6.8	6.8
Capital & Reserves	181.6	194.1	216.7	227.8	237.6	239.9	267.8	291.1	333.7	358.0	368.2
Other Liabilities	218.8	253.2	295.0	315.7	348.9	417.1	509.6	647.4	775.8	513.9	527.1

CBY = Central Bank of Yemen, YER = Yemeni rials (national currency).

Source: CBY

Table 5: Consolidated Balance Sheet of Commercial and Islamic Banks - Liabilities



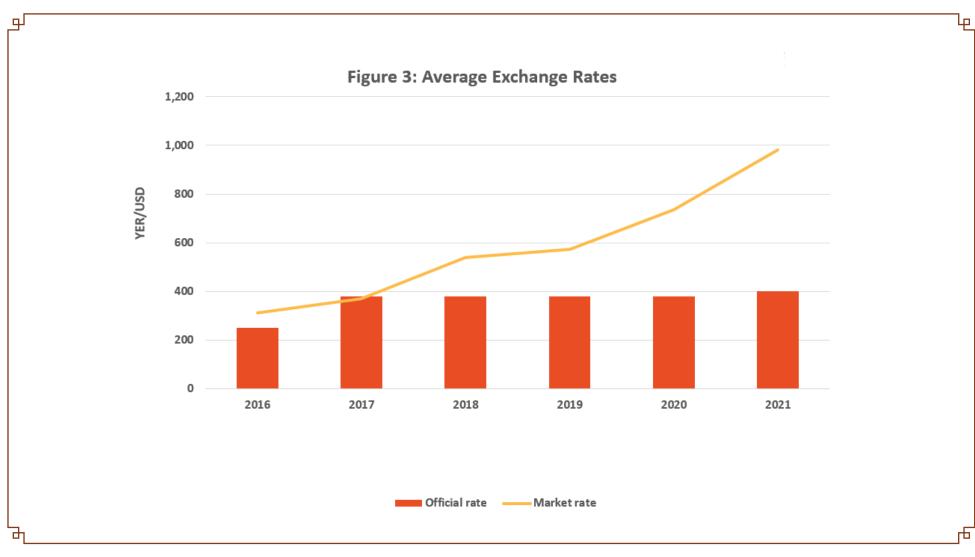
Table 6: Average Market Exchange Rates													
	(YER/USD)												
Items	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
January	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	213.80	214.89	315.64	477.50	536.00	645.29	787.39		
February	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	213.80	214.89	330.68	481.50	581.50	655.69	865.38		
March	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	213.80	214.89	348.02	488.00	579.75	656.33	891.52		
April	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	213.80	250.25	362.86	488.00	513.40	669.36	867.83		
May	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	213.80	250.25	362.03	494.50	538.75	698.85	908.66		
June	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	213.80	250.25	356.05	522.50	560.20	735.39	933.90		
July	214.89	214.89	214.89	214.94	213.80	250.25	368.48	567.00	578.13	753.09	981.90		
August	214.89	214.89	214.89	214.91	213.80	250.25	372.08	644.50	597.00	778.26	1022.58		
September	214.89	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	250.25	375.26	625.00	610.50	815.91	1105.88		
October	214.89	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	250.25	381.33	622.00	596.00	799.92	1269.26		
November	214.89	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	250.25	416.30	550.50	574.00	821.71	1500.60		
December	214.89	214.89	214.89	214.89	213.80	250.25	444.65	499.50	601.00	792.69	1255.26		
Annual average	214.89	214.89	214.89	<u>214.35</u>	213.80	<u>241.41</u>	<u>369.45</u>	<u>538.38</u>	<u>572.19</u>	735.21	1032.51		

USD = United States dollars, YER = Yemeni rials (national currency), YER/USD = Yemeni rials per United States dollar.

Source: Central Bank of Yemen.

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USD = United States dollars, YER = Yemeni rials (national currency), YER/USD = Yemeni rials per United States dollar. Source: Central Bank of Yemen.

Figure 3: Average Exchange Rates





Statistical Concepts and Methodology

The monthly report on the most important financial, monetary and banking developments issued by the Central Bank of Yemen, starting from November 2021, focuses on the developments of the local financial and monetary economic conditions. Here are the highlights of the report:

Money Aggregates and Monetary Policy Developments:

The General Department for Research and Statistics collects these data and periodically prepares them for publication in accordance with the 2000 Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual issued by the IMF. The Central Bank treats the data it collected separately on the concerned institutions with strict confidentiality. The monetary data should be published in their final form, and these data are reviewed when any amendment is made related to the methodology used and the classification of the monetary data. The following is an introduction to the content of the most prominent terms included in the monetary tables:

- Banks: All commercial and Islamic banks operating in the Republic of Yemen that accept deposits.
- Banking system: The Central Bank of Yemen and the commercial and Islamic banks operating in Yemen.
- Government: The central government and the

local councils.

- Social Security institutions: The General Authority for Insurance and Pensions, the General Organization for Insurance and Pensions, and the security and military retirement Institutions.
- **Public institutions:** Public (non-financial) institutions and companies in which the government has an interest and/or voting power.
- Non-governmental sector: All local sectors except the government and social security institutions.
- Resident: A natural or legal person who usually resides in Yemen or has been in Yemen for one year or more, regardless of the nationality of this person, with the exception of international bodies and institutions and foreign students who reside for more than one year.
- Non-resident: A natural or legal person who usually resides outside Yemen and/or who has not completed one year of residency in Yemen, regardless of the nationality of this person, except for a family or individual who has an economic center or interest in Yemen and has permanent housing even if this family or individual resides in Yemen intermittently.
- Net foreign assets: The external assets of the banking system minus the external liabilities of the banking system, based on the concept of residen-



cy. These are calculated for the Central Bank and each other bank from the external assets and liabilities included in their balance sheets.

- Net government borrowing: The sum of the claims on the central government and local councils of the banking system, minus the total government deposits with the banking system.
- Claims on the non-governmental sector:

 The total claims on public institutions and the local private sector.
- Other items net: The sum of the other assets of the banking system minus the sum of other liabilities of the banking system, representing items that are not included in the definition of net foreign assets, net of government borrowing, and claims on the non-governmental sector from the Central Bank balance sheet and the consolidated balance sheet of commercial and Islamic banks.
- Currency issued: The cash issued by the Central Bank, consisting of cash circulating outside banks plus cash in banks' vaults.
- **Money:** Currency in circulation plus demand deposits in Rials with the banking system for both the (local) private sector and public institutions.
- Quasi-money: Both savings and time deposits in Rials and deposits in foreign currencies for all sectors mentioned in the definition of money with the banking system, in addition to deposits of so-

cial security institutions.

- Money supply: The sum of money plus quasi-money as well as the sum of net foreign assets, net government borrowing, claims on the non-governmental sector, and other items net.
- Banks' deposits with the Central Bank include the following:
- 1) Reserve requirement: The minimum value that banks must keep with the Central Bank to meet the mandatory reserve ratio imposed on deposits with banks.
- 2) Current accounts: Current accounts opened by banks with the Central Bank of Yemen in local and foreign currencies by banks. Certificates of deposit in Rials are not considered within these accounts.
- •Bank advances: Credit granted by commercial banks in the form of loans, facilities, and discounted securities in addition to financing provided to Islamic banks for their investment operations.
- •Loans and advances granted to the private sector by banks: Among others, direct loans and facilities granted by banks to the private sector and banks' investments in the shares of companies.
- •Loans and advances granted to the government by banks: Agency deposits (alternatives to Islamic bonds), certificates of deposit gov-



ernment bonds.

•Exchange rate and monetary policy: The axis of the national currency exchange rates against the main foreign currencies is one of the axes that the Central Bank strives for its stability through effective monetary policy measures to achieve a macroeconomic balance between supply and demand and to curb price inflation. The General Administration of Foreign Exchange and Exchange Affairs is the source of these statements and procedures.

Public Finance:

The General Budget Department of the Central Bank of Yemen is the source of the state's general budget data, which is actual preliminary data. The budget data includes the following:

- Total balance: This represents the state's general budget and indicates the relationship between public revenues and overall public spending.
- Internal public debt: includes the financing provided by the banking system to the government to fill the deficit in the state's general budget.

Prices and Inflation:

The Food Security Secretariat of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation prepares the price index to measure the inflation rate based on (the cost of a food basket for an average family

of 7 to survive) with the help of its local and international partners. The food basket consists of 75 kg of flour, 10 kg of broad beans or red beans, 8 liters of imported vegetable oil, 2.5 kg of sugar, and 1 kg of iodized salt.





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- Starting in August 2008, monetary and banking data were modified and updated in accordance with the Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual issued by the International Monetary Fund for the year 2000. This note was developed to make it easier for researchers, observers and those interested to know the reasons for the change in numbers.
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- The data contained in the report that we receive from its sources, such as ministries and government agencies, is preliminary data subject to change in the event that it is modified from its source.
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