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The consolidated Depository Corporations and Central Bank Survey for September shows M2 rising from SSP 7.3 billion in September 2014 to SSP 10.8 billion September 2015. This increase of money supply is in response to the mounting net claim on Central Government, and also contributed to depreciation of the SSP and high inflation in the country. A net foreign asset has improved from negative SSP 458 million in August 2015 to negative SSP 377 million in September 2015, which indicates that claim on nonresidents has increased which led to decrease in liabilities to nonresidents.

Over one year period (September 2014 to September 2015), net claims on the Central Government have increased from SSP 5.8 billion to SSP 13.4 billion as shown in chart 1 below. We expect the increase to continue as peace implementation is going to commence with government expenditures are expected to be high.

Government increases in borrowing is a result of the low oil production (which comprises of more than 98 per cent of Government revenue) due to the crisis in the oil producing regions, and the decline in oil prices at the international market since 2014.

Growth of M2 has been particularly strong in transferable deposits and moderate in other deposits and currency outside depository corporations (see Chart 2 below), which largely comprises Central Government Officials Salaries and other government expenses. This is consistent with the continuous increase in Net Claims on the Central Government in Chart 1.

We believe the steady growth of broad money will further weaken the value of the South Sudanese Pound in the parallel market, and push the inflation higher over the coming months.

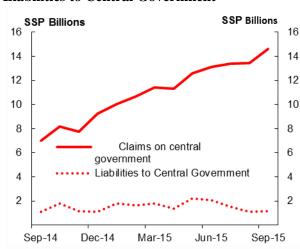
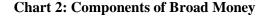
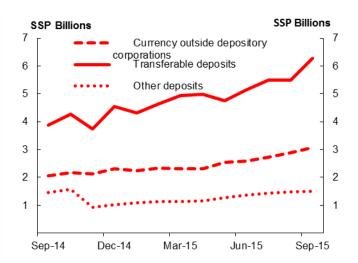
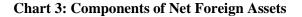


Chart 1: Claims on Central Government and Liabilities to Central Government

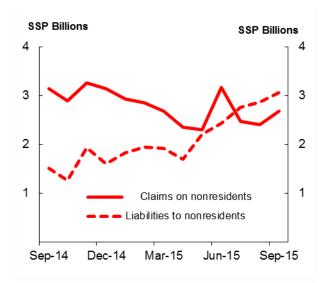




Source : Depository Corporation Survey



Net Foreign Assets (Chart 3) has improved from Negative SSP 458 million in August 2015 to negative SSP 377 million in September 2015 over period of one month.



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