

Global Crises and World Economies: Implications for Nigeria

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Abstract

The worldwide populace has encountered multiple catastrophes like financial declines, medical pandemics and ecological calamities that have caused tremendous repercussions on the global economy. This domino effect consequently resulted in economic setbacks, poverty escalation as well as social instability for many countries including Nigeria - an integral player in this domain. The central aim of this study is to examine the ways in which Nigeria's economy has been influenced by ubiquitous challenges, and propose solutions for mitigating their harmful effects. The ramifications of significant global upheavals - such as the financial crisis of 2008, ongoing pandemic due to COVID-19 and escalating climate change - have had pronounced impacts on economies across the globe. Among these crises, Nigeria's economy has been specifically impacted. The plummeting oil prices caused by the 2008 financial crisis hit hard on its dependent economy while currently shrinking GDP even further due to effects stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic with anticipated declines in economic performance projected for it as well. By analyzing multiple case studies, this research paper investigates how global crises affect the economy of Nigeria. Both direct and indirect impacts are explored along with policy responses and strategies that can alleviate these consequences domestically as well as internationally. Understanding the impact of international emergencies on Nigeria's economic growth is critical in fostering stability at a global level while maintaining progress economically. Through acknowledgement of global crisis ramifications and enacting successful strategies, Nigeria has the potential for overcoming financial obstacles while promoting continued development within its borders as well as abroad.

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Introduction

Numerous crises, spanning from financial collapses to epidemic health outbreaks and environmental catastrophes, have transpired in recent decades. These predicaments have deeply influenced the worldwide economy by causing recessions, heightening poverty levels and inciting social unrest. Nigeria being a crucial participant in the world's economy has not escaped these incidents unscathed. The goal of this study is to analyze how global crisis impacts Nigeria's economy and explore measures for reducing their negative aftermaths.

The extensive ramifications of major crises, such as the 2008 financial debacle, continuous COVID-19 pandemic and intensifying climate change have been significant across the globe. According to experts from entities like International Monetary

Fund (IMF), numerous countries exhibited adverse growth rates during economic downturn that ensued after the aforementioned fiscal upheaval in 2018 (IMF). Additionally, experts at institutions like World Bank estimate significant global GDP shrinkage in response to COVID-19 - with a projected drop of up to 5.2% in current year statistics alone (World Bank, 2021). Although it doesn't result in immediate damage like pandemics or recessions do; analyses conducted by entities including Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), warn that progressively increasing effects will over time severely compromise humanity's health standards alongside agriculture prospects and man-made structures amongst others. (IPCC, 2018)

Nigeria's economy has been affected differently by the global crises, among which the

noteworthy one was the 2008 financial crisis. The plummeting oil prices resulted from this calamity negatively impacted Nigeria's already heavily petroleum-dependent economy (Ajakaiye & Adepegba, 2012). Similarly, COVID-19 led to significant shrinkage of Nigeria's GDP with projections indicating an anticipated drop of 3.4% in economic performance this year according to IMF reports (IMF, 2021). Moreover, Climatic changes possess potential hazards such as adverse implications for agriculture, water-resources and human health hence posing great risk on the country's economy (Adenle, Adelekan, & Ogunjobi (2017)).

This research paper seeks to shed light on how global crises affect the economy of Nigeria. The central inquiry is focused on understanding the direct and indirect effects these events have on Nigeria's economic framework. Drawing from selected case studies, the study will scrutinize different types of crises and their impacts on Nigeria's economy. Additionally, various policy responses along with strategies for lessening these negative consequences at both domestic and international levels will also be examined in detail within this paper.

The importance of this research lies in its pertinence to the economic growth of Nigeria and stability worldwide. As a significant participant in the global economy, maintaining financial steadiness is imperative for Nigeria's role towards sustaining global sustainability. Knowing how catastrophic events may affect Nigeria's economy and finding measures to minimize their impact are essential not only for promoting progression within Nigerian boundaries but also far beyond them as well.

This study solely examines the effects of global crises, such as financial crises, health-related calamities and climate change on Nigeria's economy. Political unrests or conflicts that impact other sectors in Nigerian society will not be covered within this scope.

Literature Review

Repeated occurrences of global crises

have had significant effects on economies across the world. This review delves into such crises, their impact on global markets and how it influences Nigeria's economy in terms of its structure, growth rate as well as challenges faced. Besides spotlighting previous studies that address these subjects, this literature review also reveals inconsistencies within current research requiring further investigation.

Definition and Types of Global Crises

Global crises encompass catastrophic incidents or ongoing scenarios that produce widespread implications on the world economy, damaging several countries and regions. These can be classified into different types: financial crises bring about an abrupt lack of confidence in economic institutions resulting in a system failure (Reinhart & Rogoff, 2009). Economic crises indicate remarkable drops in fiscal activity leading to slumps or depression (Krugman, 2009). Political crises imply insecurity or conflict situations which hinder economical undertakings while environmental calamities arise due to atmospheric forcings like natural disasters and climate change whose effects impact economies positively affecting them negatively (Stern, 2007)

Impact of Global Crises on World Economies

Extensive research has examined the impact of global crises on world economies, utilizing various theoretical frameworks and empirical evidence to demonstrate their effects. Neoclassical growth theory suggests that such crises may cause a decrease in investment, productivity, and economic growth (Solow 1956). In contrast, Keynesian theory proposes that they can lead to reduced aggregate demand resulting in lower output and employment levels (Keynes 1936). Previous crises like the 2008 financial crisis support these theories through significant declines observed in areas including economic growth rates as well as investments made by businesses (Reinhart & Rogoff).

Nigeria's Economy: Structure, Growth, and Challenges

In 2020, Nigeria boasted the largest

economy in Africa with a GDP exceeding \$440 billion (World Bank, 2021). This noteworthy achievement was primarily due to its enormous reliance on oil exports which alone contributed more than 90% of foreign exchange earnings (CBN, 2020). Nonetheless, despite this fantastic feat achieved by Nigeria's economy over time still has had various impediments like rampant poverty level among inhabitants alongside grave issues concerning unemployment and inequality index disparity. The global market crisis such as COVID-19 pandemic outbreaks along with prior incidences including the financial meltdown experienced in 2008 have also cast negative impacts upon Nigerian economic landscape.

Previous Studies on Global Crises and Nigeria's Economy

There have been multiple investigations into how global crises affect Nigeria's economy. One instance is the analysis conducted by Ajakaiye and Adepegba (2012) on the impact of the 2008 financial crisis, which revealed a decline in oil prices that had an adverse effect on Nigeria's economic condition. Similarly, Oyelade and Adebayo (2020) studied COVID-19 pandemic effects showing significant shrinkage of Nigerian commerce with GDP drops along with job losses. Additional research has reviewed climate change influence examining probable impacts upon agriculture practices as well as water resources or human health issues throughout Nigeria (Adenle, Adelekan, & Ogunjobi, 2017).

Gaps in Existing Literature

Although extensive research has been conducted on global crises and their impact on world economies, there are still gaps in the existing literature that demand further exploration. Specifically, more comprehensive studies need to be done regarding the long-term effects of global crises on Nigeria's economy, particularly as it pertains to poverty reduction initiatives, addressing inequality issues and promoting human development. Moreover, additional investigations must also concentrate on policy responses aimed at mitigating these

impacts within both domestic and international settings for effective resolution measures applicable to Nigerian economic conditions.

Methodology

The research paper utilizes both descriptive and analytical research designs to investigate the various consequences of global crises on Nigeria's economy while attempting to identify feasible tactics for minimizing their effects. The examination draws upon secondary data sources, resulting in a comprehensive analysis of the subject matter at hand.

Secondary Data Sources

The study draws on a variety of secondary data sources, including reports and publications from esteemed international organizations like the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). These sources furnish information about various aspects of Nigeria's economy such as its composition, progress, obstacles encountered along the way, plus how global crises affect it. Additionally considered are academic journals, and other published works that construct theoretical frameworks or offer empirical evidence elucidating world economies reactions to said crisis occurrences.

Data Analysis

Thematic analysis will be conducted on the data obtained from secondary sources to identify relevant codes and themes. The purpose of this is to determine how global crises affect Nigeria's economy, as well as pinpoint various factors that influence the impact of such crises on it. Additionally, MAXQDA software will be utilized during the analysis process.

Limitations

It is important to acknowledge the limitations of this study. Firstly, primary data sources were not utilized and instead relied on secondary data which may have impacted both scope and depth within analysis. Secondly, a narrowed focus was placed strictly on Nigeria's economy therefore decreasing potential for

universal application across other countries. Lastly, access to reliable information could be scarce thus limiting the accuracy as well as reliability of results obtained from such resources.

Discussion

Global Crises

In recent years, global crises have become more frequent and intense occurrences with significant implications on the world economies. There are four main categories of these crises: financial, economic, political and environmental. These distinct types each possess their individual causes, effects and reactions which will be elaborated upon below.

Disruptions within the financial system, such as bank failures, stock market plunges or currency devaluations can spark a financial crisis. The subprime mortgage bubble burst in 2008 is an example of this happening and resulted in decreased investor confidence and widespread credit difficulties (Kumar & Zhang, 2011). Financial crises may lead to various negative outcomes including dwindling investment opportunities, job losses and hampered economic growth (Kumar & Zhang, 2011), prompting governments together with central banks to stabilize markets through monetary policies and fiscal strategies intended on fostering economic recovery. The US Federal Reserve's quantitative easing during the global recession involved buying substantial volumes of assets thus boosting liquidity levels (Bernanke, 2010).

Disruptions in the real economy, including supply chain issues, trade conflicts and pandemics are the primary culprits behind economic crises. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on international economies due to reduced consumer spending caused by lockdowns and disruptions in global production chains (World Bank, 2020). Unfortunately, these financial meltdowns can lead to dire consequences such as decreased economic growth alongside an increase of unemployment rates whilst investments take a downturn (World Bank, 2020). To combat this

situation governments, implement monetary policies like fiscal stimulus packages or supportive measures which assist households suffering from hardship (IMF, 2020); central banks also play their part with easing strategies aimed at boosting sustained economic development during times of crisis.

When political instability, conflict or policy changes occur, they can trigger a political crisis. In turn, this can have far-reaching consequences such as reduced trade and investment for businesses (Agency for International Trade Information, 2020). One major economic disruption that may arise from these crises is the occurrence of trade wars which greatly affect global commerce. To address such issues effectively governments and international organizations engage in diplomatic efforts promoting peaceful resolutions aimed at establishing lucrative trade agreements instead (Agency for International Trade Information, 2020). An example includes WTO'S provision of dispute resolution measures and framework upon which to facilitate international trade relations (WTO, 2020).

The global economy can feel the significant impact of environmental crises, including climate change and natural disasters. The disruption to supply chains, infrastructure damage and increased costs for businesses and households are just some of the consequences caused by climate change (World Bank, 2019). These events have severe impacts on economic growth as well as increasing poverty levels while reducing investment opportunities (World Bank, 2019). In response to these environmental issues governments worldwide alongside international organizations implement policies that aim at mitigating such occurrences; promoting sustainable development is a priority in their approach towards combating climatic changes (World bank ,2015). To illustrate this point further, the implementation of Paris Agreement saw countries come up with strategies aimed at decreasing greenhouse gas emissions consequently addressing concerns related to climate alteration (UNFCCC, 2015).

To sum it up, world economies are

greatly affected by global crises and governments as well as international organizations must react efficiently to lessen their impacts. Regardless of whether they're financial, economic, political or environmental in nature - each crisis calls for a distinct policy response but aims at instilling economic stability and sustainable development. Policymakers who comprehend the reasons behind these catastrophes along with their effects can prepare themselves better- paving way for an improved response during times of turmoil that eventually promote prosperity whilst ensuring security in years ahead.

Implications of Global Crises for Nigeria's Economy

Global crises have significant implications for Nigeria's economy, with impacts on GDP growth, inflation, employment, key sectors, exchange rate fluctuations, balance of payments, and human development indicators. This section provides an overview of the implications of global crises for Nigeria's economy.

Impact on GDP Growth, Inflation, and Employment

Nigeria's GDP growth, inflation and employment can be substantially influenced by global crises. A prime example is the 2008 worldwide financial crisis which caused a drop in oil prices adversely affecting Nigeria's economy heavily reliant on this resource (Ajakaiye & Adepegba, 2012). Similarly, the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in considerable shrinking of Nigeria's economic activity resulting from reduced GDP and employment figures (IMF,2021). While certain studies propose that periods marked by such international turmoil may result in increased inflations others argue otherwise (Adenikinju ,2013)

Effects on Key Sectors

The Nigerian economy's key sectors, namely agriculture, manufacturing, services and oil & gas can experience significant impacts due

to global crises. As an example of this phenomenon illustrated by Ajakaiye & Adepegba (2012), during the 2008 financial crisis there was a reduced demand for exported items in Nigeria that had negative effects on its manufacturing sector. Similarly with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic depicted by IMF (2021), it has caused a diminishment in the need for Nigerian crude oil which resulted negatively towards their oil and gas industry. Furthermore, World Bank stated how tourism as well as hospitality service demands took a hit from these international setbacks thus also affecting Nigeria's services segment adversely (World Bank, 2021).

Exchange Rate Fluctuations and Balance of Payments

Nigeria's exchange rate and balance of payments may be affected by global crises, as the 2008 financial crisis resulted in a depreciation of their currency which adversely impacted their balance of payments (Ajakaiye & Adepegba, 2012). In addition, Nigeria has experienced negative effects on its foreign exchange earnings due to COVID-19 pandemic resulting in unfavorable impacts on the country's balance of payment (IMF, 2021). Variations in the exchange rates can also have significant implications for Nigerian economy; any weakening value will resultantly surge inflation levels while impeding economic growth prospects.

Human Development Indicators

In Nigeria, human development indicators such as poverty levels, inequality and healthcare outcomes can be severely affected by global crises. The 2008 worldwide financial crisis had detrimental effects on the country's economy leading to a surge in poverty and disparity due to an increase of unemployment rates which adversely impacted income stability (Ajakaiye & Adepegba, 2012). In similar fashion, the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak has caused disruption in employment opportunities worsening economic conditions that have consequently escalated issues related to

impoverishment and inequality according to reports from World Bank (2021). Additionally, the pandemic also created massive challenges ranging from increased fatalities with corresponding growths in case numbers.

Strategies for Mitigating the Impacts of Global Crises on Nigeria's Economy

Due to its excessive reliance on oil exports and limited economic variation, Nigeria is inclined towards exposure against global upheavals. In order to reduce the repercussions of such crises on the nation's economy, there are several strategies that can be implemented:

1. **Economic diversification: Minimizing reliance on exportation of petroleum**

The Nigerian economy is excessively dependent on revenue from the export of oil, thus making it susceptible to variations in worldwide petroleum rates. To offset this potential threat, policymakers have suggested investing in alternative industries including agriculture, manufacturing and services sectors as a recommended approach towards economic diversification (Akinlo 2012). The administration may encourage this by enacting policies that enhance entrepreneurship, innovation and investment outside the confines of crude-oil production.

2. **Responses to macroeconomic challenges through monetary and fiscal policies**

Nigeria's economy can be shielded from the effects of global crises with efficacious macroeconomic measures. The government has at its disposal monetary policy instruments, such as money supply and interest rates which could effectively stabilize the economy by curbing inflation (Oni, 2016). Additionally, fiscal policies involving management of public spending and taxation are expedient tools that can stimulate economic growth mechanism to create jobs for citizens in Nigeria (Adebiyi, 2018).

3. **Development of human capital: Investing in healthcare, education, and social welfare programs.**

By investing in human capital, Nigeria can develop a workforce that is better prepared

to withstand global crises and minimize their impact on the economy. The Nigerian government has the opportunity to enhance its citizens' quality of life through education, healthcare, and social protection programs (World Bank, 2020). This may involve strategies such as expanding access to educational opportunities and fostering entrepreneurship while creating more job opportunities for individuals across society's spectrum.

4. **Collaborative efforts on a global and regional scale: Building alliances across borders**

To alleviate the effects of global crises, Nigeria can reinforce its alliances with other nations in the region and beyond. The government has the opportunity to partner with countries within Africa as part of African Union (2019) initiatives aimed at enhancing economic integration and collaboration through trading activities, investment efforts while also advocating for peaceful coexistence that promotes security measures.

5. **Enhancing economic stability and governance promotion**

The enhancement of Nigeria's economy and reduction in the impact of global crises can be achieved through promotion of economic stability and good governance. In order to attain this, policies that improve transparency, accountability as well as strengthen institutions should be implemented by the government (OECD, 2019). These initiatives address issues related to corruption eradication and promoting overall accountability.

6. **Promoting investment in the private sector**

Promoting private sector investment has the potential to boost Nigeria's economic growth and employment opportunities. The government can facilitate this by introducing policies that promote tax incentives, streamlined regulations, and investment guaranties (World Bank, 2020). These initiatives may also encompass efforts towards promoting entrepreneurship, innovation as well as supporting SMEs.

7. **Developing resistance against natural calamities and climate changes**

The Nigerian economy is at risk of

suffering significant impacts from natural disasters and climate change. However, the government has the power to establish policies aimed at building resilience against these threats by means such as investing in disaster readiness and response, boosting climate-resistant agriculture efforts, as well as safeguarding valuable natural resources (World Bank 2020).

To sum up, Nigeria's economy is at risk during global downturns because of its strong reliance on oil exportation and narrow economic diversification. The government can counteract the effects of these international crises by instilling measures such as broadening the economy, ensuring macroeconomic steadiness, investing in human resources and talent development programs, strengthening bonds with other countries to improve cooperation, supporting sound financial systems & network governance., inspiring more private sector investments while also shaping resilience against climate change and natural disasters.

Conclusion

The focus of this research paper has been on analyzing the potential consequences that global crises can have on Nigeria's economy, as well as determining effective measures for minimizing their impact. The findings reveal that such economic setbacks could lead to adverse effects in areas like GDP growth, inflation rates, employment opportunities and key sectors' performance. Also discovered were various strategies designed to lessen the negative impacts of these crises including enhancing economic diversity through different industries, implementing necessary macroeconomic policies along with investing resources towards human capital development and collaborating internationally where needed.

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The paper emphasizes three key factors in mitigating the effects of global crises. Firstly, it highlights investment in human capital, namely education, healthcare and social protection as essential to creating a skilled workforce that can alleviate vulnerability during times of crisis. Secondly, the importance of international cooperation is also stressed; regional and global partnerships offer opportunities for Nigeria to receive financial aid and technical assistance while promoting trade relations between countries. Finally, the role played by these partnerships extends towards cushioning vulnerable populations from any adverse impacts brought about by said crises.

Future research should take note of the significant implications that this paper's findings hold. Firstly, it is imperative to dive deeper into exploring the prolonged effects of global crises on Nigeria's economy with special emphasis on factors such as poverty, inequality and human development. Secondly, there ought to be a rigorous investigation into various approaches aimed at curtailing impacts caused by global crisis in Nigeria's economic sphere for possibly advising policy-making processes not only in Nigeria but also other countries facing similar challenges. Lastly, further analysis on how international cooperation can alleviate these adverse effects would enable identification of best practices thus aiding regional or worldwide partnerships' design implementation process.

This research paper concludes with a thorough examination of how global crises influence Nigeria's economy and suggests ways to alleviate their consequences. The outcomes have significant implications for policy implementation in Nigeria and emphasize the urgency for continued studies on this topic.

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