

Turkey-Central Budget

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March 2022 - 12-month budget deficit/GDP at 2.3%

In March, the central government budget balance yielded a deficit of TRY69.0bn and the primary balance a deficit of TRY42.0bn. The budget performance, which had improved in the first two months of the year, deteriorated in March compared to the previous year due to the continued acceleration in expenditure growth, the negative base effect created by the CBRT profit transfer and weakening tax revenues.

Despite the high budget deficit print in March, the 12-month budget deficit decreased compared to the end of 2021 with the contribution of the improved performance of the previous two months. We calculate the central budget deficit/GDP ratio, which was at 2.7% at the end of 2021, at 2.3% in 1Q22 based on the estimated GDP. While there was a primary surplus in 1Q22 on a 12-month basis, its ratio to GDP was 0.4%. The budget deficit target of 3.5% was set in the Medium Term Program (MTP) for 2022. Despite an improvement in the budget in 1Q22, there is a possibility that the budget deficit/GDP ratio will exceed the target due to the effects that the change in economic policies may have on the budget since the program was prepared.

Budget deficit widens significantly in 12-month cumulative terms

- The budget deficit increased by TRY92.7bn to TRY184.2bn compared to the previous month (MTP 2022 estimate is a TRY278bn deficit)
- The primary balance decreased by TRY80.0bn to a TRY32.5bn surplus compared to the previous month (MTP 2022 estimate is a TRY38bn deficit)

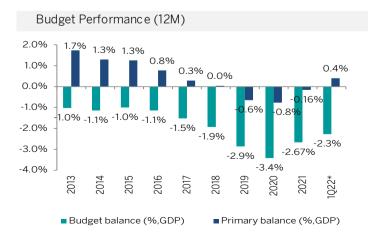
Expenditure growth accelerates, revenue growth decelerates

- Tax revenue growth decelerated in March at 65% yoy. On a yoy basis, rises were below the headline in income and earnings tax (48%), VAT (35%) and Special Consumption Tax (39%) revenues, which depend on consumption. VAT on imports rose by 112%, making a significant contribution to revenues.
- •The CBRT profit transfer, which had realized in March in 2021, registered in February in 2022, causing a 50% contraction in non-tax revenues in March 2022. Accordingly, the limited 16% yoy rise in total revenues led to a deterioration in budget performance.
- The yoy rise in non-interest expenditures continued to accelerate by 104% in March. The yoy rises were below the headline in investments (39%), goods&procurement purchases (66%), and current transfer expenditures (86%). Among the current transfers payment for FX-protected deposit scheme was TRY11.7bn in March. In addition, TRY39.2bn was lent to public enterprises (TRY37.8bn to BOTAS), leading a significant rise in expenditures.
- •Interest payments have increased yoy by 89% in March and 73% in 1Q22.
- The rise in inflation rate is the main factor behind the acceleration of nominal increases in the budget data. In the MTP, CPI inflation was predicted at 16.2% for 2021 and 9.8% for 2022. Due to the high course of inflation, nominal expenditures as of March on a 12-month basis exceeded the MTP forecast for full-year 2022.

Central Budget Details

38.0

-42.0



bn TRY	Mar'21	Mar'22	Change (yoy)	Jan-Mar 21	Jan-Mar 22	Change (yoy)
Expenditures	111.2	224.9	102%	321.3	571.7	78%
1-Non-Interest Exp.	96.9	198.0	104%	272.4	486.9	79%
Personnel	27.3	41.1	50%	87.8	130.4	49%
Goods&Services	8.3	13.8	66%	16.9	30.5	80%
Current Transfers	46.2	85.8	86%	133.8	224.0	67%
Capital Exp.	6.8	9.5	39%	11.2	17.3	55%
Others	8.2	47.8	481%	22.8	84.7	272%
2-Interest Exp.	14.2	26.9	89%	48.9	84.8	73%
Revenues	134.9	156.0	16%	344.1	602.5	75%
Tax Revenues	77.4	127.4	65%	255.1	455.2	78%
Non-tax Revenues	57.5	28.6	-50%	89.0	147.4	66%
Budget Balance	23.8	-69.0	-390%	22.8	30.8	35%

-211%

71.7

115.6

 $Source: Ministry\ of\ Treasury\ and\ Finance,\ Garanti\ BBVA\ Securities\ *estimated\ GDParameters and\ GDParameters a$

Primary Surplus



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