

Empty Promises? Nigeria's 10-Year Development Plans

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Main issue: Nigeria's development efforts have over the years been characterized by lack of **C**ontinuity, **C**onsistency and **C**ommitment (**3Cs**)

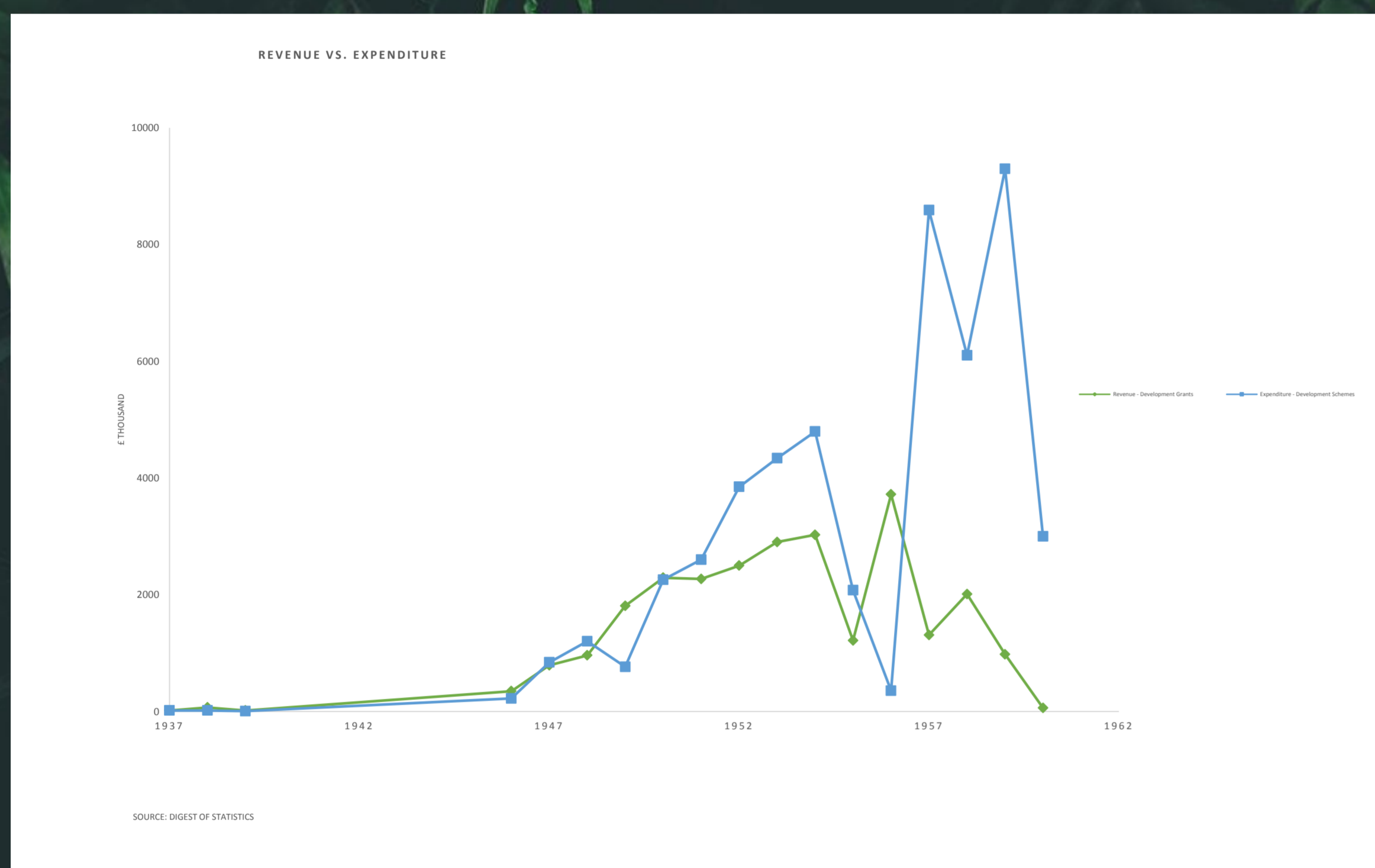
This research paper is focused on understanding the primary aims of Development Plans in Nigeria, and more crucially whether they worked across the targeted sectors. The research finds that a lack of external budgetary commitment from colonial masters and persisting non-commitment after independence to development led to a lack of effectiveness in plans.

WHY PLANS FAIL

- Lack of external budgetary commitment
- Incomplete feasibility studies and evaluation of projects
- Lack of objectives, colonial mindset
- Officials entrusted have no meaningful executive authority
- Little to no consultation of the general public
- Lack of good governance
- High level of corruption and indiscipline
- Poor budgetary allocation

METHODOLOGY

- 1. Literature Review** – Gathered literature on the history of global development planning and its success in colonial states
- 2. Source collection** - Identified data from primary sources revealing information on Nigeria's expenditure and revenue on regional and national development schemes
- 3. Explanation** – How the failure of development plans have contributed to the economic shortcomings of Nigeria



EARLY DEVELOPMENT PLANS

1st PLAN – 1945-1952

Framed by colonial administrators

Colonial government undertook no serious comprehensive planning

2nd PLAN – 1955-60-62

Framed by colonial administrators

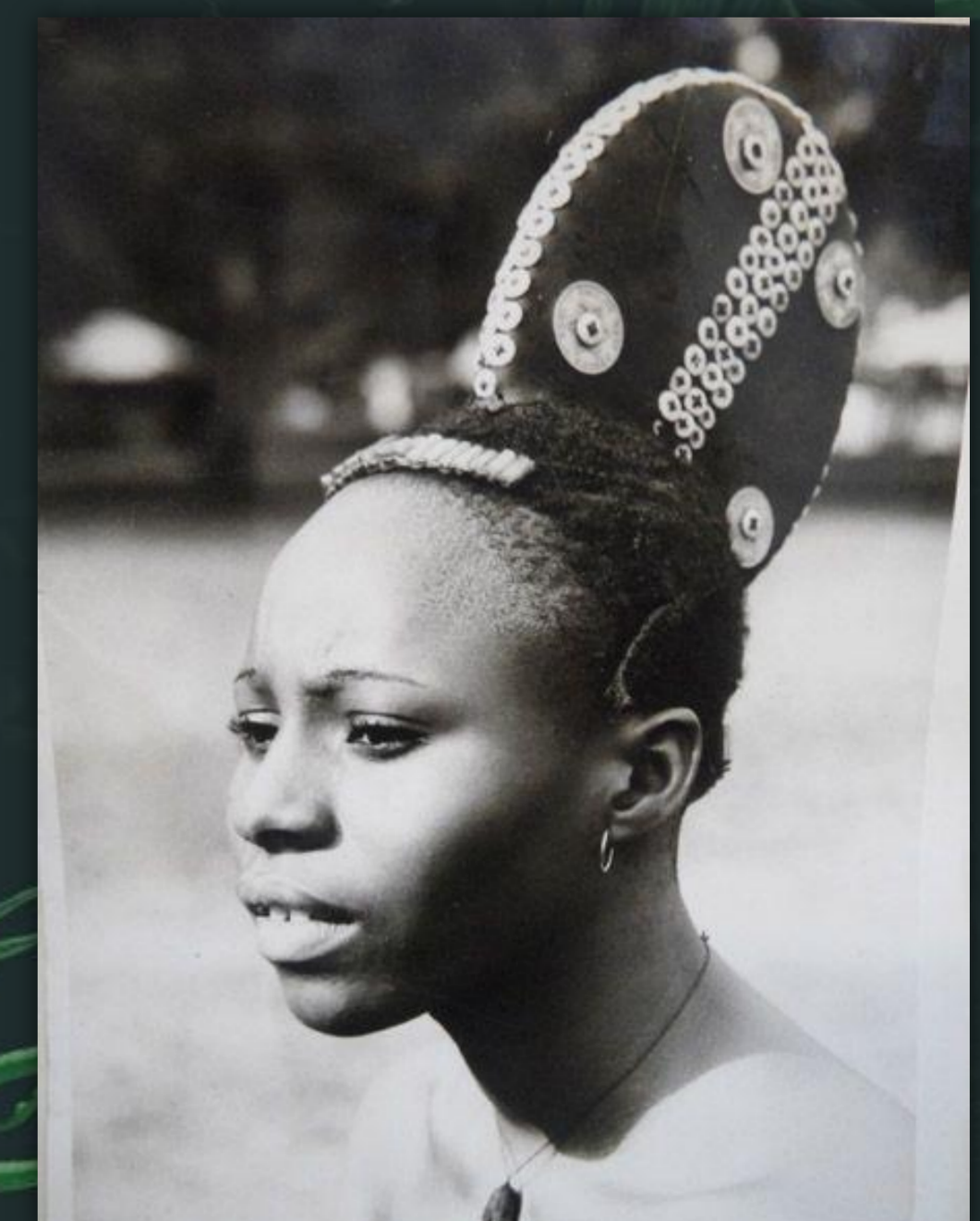
Series of projects which had not been coordinated or related to any overall economic target

3rd PLAN – 1962-68

Post independence

More structured in encouraging the assemblage of agricultural produce for export purpose

CHANGING DEVELOPMENT THINKING



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