



Is Escaping the Fiscal Pro-Cyclical Trap Possible? Evidence from the Middle East and North Africa

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This review verifies the reproducibility of the exhibits included in the paper “*Is Escaping the Fiscal Pro-Cyclical Trap Possible? Evidence from the Middle East and North Africa*”.

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Main findings

- The code was successfully executed on a new computer after:
 1. Changing the file path in the main dofile.
- The output demonstrates consistent stability across multiple runs. Specifically, executing the code two times consecutively yielded identical results.
- The code takes approximately 30 minutes to run.
- We conducted our reproducibility analysis based on the paper shared by the authors on a link via email on May 7th, 2024.
- Every exhibit has been reproduced accurately.
- **Reproducibility Summary:**
 - **Data:** All data sources are publicly available and included in the reproducibility package.
 - **Code:** All code files (from cleaning to analysis) are included in the package.
 - **Outputs:** All outputs are generated by code included in the reproducibility package.
 - **Reproducibility verification:** Reviewers had access to the same materials in the public reproducibility package.

List of exhibits and reproducibility status

Results in the Main Section of the Paper

- **Figure 1a** Reproduced
- **Figure 1b** Reproduced
- **Figure 1c** Reproduced
- **Figure 1d** Reproduced
- **Figure 2a** Reproduced
- **Figure 2b** Reproduced
- **Figure 2c** Reproduced
- **Figure 2d** Reproduced
- **Figure 2e** Reproduced
- **Figure 2f** Reproduced
- **Figure 3a** Reproduced
- **Figure 3b** Reproduced
- **Figure 3c** Reproduced
- **Figure 3d** Reproduced
- **Figure 3e** Reproduced
- **Figure 3f** Reproduced
- **Figure 4a** Reproduced
- **Figure 4b** Reproduced
- **Figure 4c** Reproduced
- **Figure 4d** Reproduced
- **Figure 4e** Reproduced
- **Figure 4f** Reproduced

Reproduction Environment

- Paper exhibits were reproduced in a computer with the following specifications:
 - * OS: Windows 11 Enterprise
 - * Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-1145G7 CPU @ 2.60GHz
 - * Memory available: 15.7 GB
 - * Software version: Stata version 18