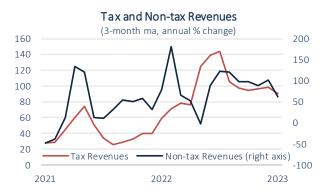


Central government budget gave a deficit of 32.2 billion TRY in January.

In January, the central government budget gave a deficit of 32.2 billion TRY. The budget expenditures expanded by 120.1% yoy to 321.3 billion TRY due to the rapid increase in personnel expenditures and current transfers. In this period, budget revenues rose by 64.2% yoy and amounted to 289.1 billion TRY. In January, the primary balance gave a deficit of 10.9 billion TRY.

Tax revenues rose by 71.5% yoy.

In January, tax revenues rose by 71.5% yoy and amounted to 252.8 billion TRY. In this period, the rapid increase in value added tax (VAT) collected in domestic and imported goods due to high inflation and exchange rate developments supported tax revenues. Both tax items went up by 39.7 billion TRY in total, contributing 22.5 points to the expansion in budget revenues. The special consumption tax also increased the budget revenues by 12.8 points with a rise of 101.7% in parallel with the 3.5-fold increase in the motor vehicles item on an annual basis. On the other hand, corporate tax revenues declined by 5.3 billion TRY on an annual basis. Interests, shares and fines decreased by 11.3% yoy due to the rapid decline in interest incomes on an annual basis (44.3%) in January. According to the 2023 budget targets, budget and tax revenues are expected to rise by 49.2% and 46.4%, respectively.



Duty loses came to the fore in budget expenditures.

The current transfers, which had a 48.8% share in primary budget expenditures in January, rose by 128.2% yoy, above the inflation rate, to 146.4 billion TRY. With the effect of 16 billion TRY transferred to BOTAŞ, the duty loses, which expanded approximately ten times on an annual basis, were behind this rise. In this period, the health, pension and social aid expenditures also pushed budget expenditures up by 17.9 points with an increase of 26.1 billion TRY. In January, defense and other good and services purchases rose by 14 billion TRY yoy, while real estate capital production expenses went up by 122.4% yoy and amounted to 9.1 billion TRY. In January, when exchange rates followed a relatively flat course, expenses related to FX-protected lira deposit accounts were recorded at a limited level of 1.5 billion TRY. In this period, interest expenses rose by 50.1% yoy and reached 21.4 billion TRY.

Interest and Non-interest Expenditures (3-month ma, annual % change)



Expectations...

The central government budget started 2023 with a high deficit in parallel with the rapid rise in budget expenditures. In addition to the economic activity throughout the year, the course of global energy prices and exchange rates will continue to be effective on the budget balance.

Central Government Budget (billion TRY)					
	January		%	2023 Budget	Real./ Budget
	2022	2023	Change	Target	Target (%)
Expenditures	146.0	321.3	120.1	4,469.6	7.2
Interest Expenditures	14.2	21.4	50.1	565.6	3.8
Non-Interest Expenditures	131.7	300.0	127.7	3,904.0	7.7
Revenues	176.0	289.1	64.2	3,810.1	7.6
Tax Revenues	147.4	252.8	71.5	3,199.5	7.9
Other Revenues	28.6	36.3	26.8	610.6	5.9
Budget Balance	30.0	-32.2	-	-659.4	4.9
Primary Balance	44.3	-10.9	-	-93.8	11.6

Numbers may not add up to total value due to rounding.

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