FDI and Economic Growth: A Case Study of Indonesia with Dynamic Econometric Model

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Abstract

This study looks at the dynamic relationship between foreign direct investment (FDI) and Indonesia's economic development. The main objectives are to identify FDI patterns and trends, evaluate their impact on economic growth indicators such as GDP and employment, and investigate the factors driving FDI flows. This study uses dynamic econometric models, specifically Vector Autoregression (VAR) and Vector Error Correction Model (VECM), to quantify the causal relationship between FDI and economic development. The secondary data, which covers the years 2000-2023, came from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), Bank Indonesia, and the World Bank and IMF annual reports. The study's conclusions demonstrate that FDI significantly and favorably influences Indonesia's economic growth over the long run. According to impulse response function (IRF) study, FDI steadily boosts GDP, local company productivity, and job creation. Variance decomposition confirms that FDI is the main factor influencing GDP variability, with an increasing contribution over time. The findings also highlight the importance of supportive government policies, namely tax incentives and investment-friendly regulations, and macroeconomic stability in attracting FDI flows. Additionally, FDI helps to improve infrastructure and human resource quality, as well as workforce quality through training and technology transfer. This study backs up earlier research that highlights the significance of foreign direct investment (FDI) as a key contributor to economic growth in developing nations and the necessity of macroeconomic stability and supportive governmental policies to optimize FDI's positive effects on the Indonesian economy.

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Introduction

Foreign direct investment (FDI) has a major impact on economic growth in emerging countries. The increasing amount of capital entering the nation is one of the primary advantages of FDI. This capital is essential for financing large infrastructure projects such as constructing roads, bridges, ports, and airports. Good infrastructure facilitates trade and mobility and attracts more domestic and foreign investment, which drives further economic growth (Mahembe & Odhiambo, 2014).

In addition, FDI often brings advanced technology and more efficient management practices. Foreign companies usually have access to the latest technology and more effective production methods. When they invest in developing countries, this technology and knowledge are often transferred to local companies through partnerships, training, and collaboration. In the end, this promotes quicker economic growth by making local industries more productive and competitive (Herzer et al., 2008).

FDI contributes significantly to economic diversification as well. A lot of developing nations depend on one or two primary economic sectors, including the extraction of natural resources or agriculture. Because of this reliance, they are susceptible to shifts in global demand and commodity prices. These nations may create new industries in manufacturing, information technology, and services with FDI. Diversification lowers the risks associated with reliance on a single industry and aids in economic stabilization (EIB, 2020).

Job creation is another significant benefit of FDI. Foreign companies opening factories or offices in developing countries require local labor. This not only helps reduce unemployment rates but also increases the income of local communities. With higher incomes, people can increase consumption and investment, which drives further economic growth. Furthermore, compared to opportunities in the informal sector, positions established by foreign corporations frequently offer better working conditions and higher compensation (IMF, 2016).

FDI can also increase government revenue through taxes. Foreign companies in developing countries typically pay various taxes, including income, value-added, and import taxes. The government can use this tax revenue to finance development programs like education, health, and infrastructure. Thus, FDI contributes directly to economic growth and helps improve the community's quality of life (Mahembe & Odhiambo, 2014).

FDI has the ability to boost both the economy and international relations. Foreign investment is often linked to increased economic cooperation and commerce between the host country and the investor's home country. This can boost exports and offer up new markets for regional goods. In addition, strong relations with investor countries can bring wider diplomatic and political benefits. Host countries may receive support in international forums or crisis assistance (EIB, 2020).

FDI can encourage policy reforms in developing countries. Governments must create a more conducive business environment to attract foreign investment. This can mean reforms in legal, regulatory, and economic policies. These reforms attract more FDI and create a better business climate for domestic companies. Thus, FDI can catalyze broader positive changes in the economies of developing countries (Herzer et al., 2008).

FDI has a significant effect on economic growth both immediately and over time. FDI can momentarily accelerate economic development by increasing output and creating jobs (Alfaro et al., 2004). Two advantages of FDI that support long-term economic growth include enhanced production efficiency and long-term knowledge transfer (Borensztein et al., 1998). According to research, FDI has a long-term positive and considerable impact on Indonesia's economic growth (Lipsey, 2002).

Numerous factors, such as the industry receiving the investment, the degree of economic development, governmental regulations, and global economic conditions, may have an impact on how FDI affects economic growth. In periods of global recession, the impact of FDI may be more limited than in periods of strong global economic growth (EIB, 2020). Policies that support foreign investment, such as tax incentives and legal protection, can enhance the positive impact of FDI (Piteli, 2017). According to Borensztein et al. (1998), FDI tends to favor nations with superior infrastructure and trained workers. Additionally, depending on the industry receiving the investment, the benefits of FDI may vary; Compared to typical manufacturing companies, investments in high-tech industries are probably going to have a bigger long-term impact (Alfaro et al., 2004). According to research, FDI today has a greater influence on Indonesia's economic growth than it did prior to economic reforms and market liberalization (Lipsey, 2002).

FDI significantly impacts various economic sectors, including manufacturing, mining, wholesale and retail trade, and construction. In manufacturing, FDI often increases production capacity and efficiency (EIB, 2020). In mining, foreign investment helps explore and develop natural resources (Borensztein et al., 1998). In the meanwhile, FDI can increase markets and the distribution of goods and services in the wholesale and retail trade sector (Lipsey, 2002). In the construction sector, foreign investment accelerates infrastructure development, essential for economic growth (Piteli, 2017). FDI flows more into the manufacturing sector than the service or other sectors, having a major effect on economic growth generally (Alfaro et al., 2004). According to Borensztein et al. (1998), foreign direct investment (FDI) in the manufacturing sector boosts exports and state income by improving production capacity and product quality. Furthermore, new technology and more effective management techniques are frequently introduced by foreign investment, which can raise local industries' competitiveness and productivity (Lipsey, 2002). FDI also creates new jobs, directly in the sector receiving the investment and indirectly through multiplier effects in related sectors (Piteli, 2017). With increased economic activity, tax revenues from companies and workers also increase, which can be used for infrastructure development and other public services (EIB, 2020). Investments across a range of industries contribute to economic stability, diversification, and a decrease in reliance on any one industry (Alfaro et al., 2004). According to Borensztein et al. (1998), foreign direct investment fosters inclusive and sustained economic growth. By bringing cutting-edge technology, training local staff, implementing improved management techniques, and promoting creative research and development (R&D), FDI significantly contributes to the transfer of technology and knowledge to the host nation (Blomström & Kokko, 1998; De Mello, 1997). In addition, through strategic alliances and joint ventures, local firms can learn directly from their foreign partners, which includes the transfer of technical and managerial knowledge (Zghidi et al., 2016). In light of this, foreign direct investment (FDI) provides technology, financial resources, and knowledge that can advance industrial growth and economic advancement in the host country (Tahir et al., 2019). Technology transfer significantly increases the productivity and efficiency of regional businesses. By bringing innovation and technical knowledge, technology transfer can improve the technological capabilities of host companies, speed up production processes, and reduce production costs, making them more competitive in the market (Herzer, 2012). In addition, technology transfer often involves training and learning for the local workforce, which helps develop employee skills and knowledge (Agloboyor et al., 2016). By adopting the latest technology, companies can increase their competitiveness in the global

market, open up opportunities for international expansion, and support national economic growth (Alvarado et al., 2017).

By contributing money, technology, and experience that frequently result in the establishment or growth of firms, FDI greatly aids in the creation of new jobs for local people (Braunstein & Epstein, 2002). Furthermore, foreign companies often pay greater wages than local companies, particularly for highly trained workers, and FDI also promotes job growth in allied industries through the multiplier effect (Sahu, 2021). However, the kind of investment, the size of domestic companies, and the sector's technological capability can all affect how FDI affects employment creation (Wahyudi, 2009).

Jobs created by FDI can be temporary or permanent, depending on the sector and type of investment made. Construction projects often create temporary jobs during construction, while investments in the manufacturing or service sectors tend to create permanent jobs due to day-to-day operational needs (Fazaalloh, 2024). Permanent jobs from FDI can increase household income and consumption, which drives local economic growth, and improve productivity and competitiveness through technology transfer and upgrading the local workforce's skills (OECD, 2020). However, most of the jobs created are temporary. In that case, this can lead to economic instability due to job and income uncertainty for workers and make the economy vulnerable to changes in policy or global economic conditions (UB, 2023).

The corporate climate and governmental regulations have a big impact on the flow of FDI. Investor confidence is boosted by political stability, efficient governance, and strong anti-corruption measures (ASEAN Briefing, 2022). In addition, investment incentives such as tax breaks also attract FDI. On the other hand, a supportive business environment, such as trade openness, large market size, good infrastructure, and stable inflation rates, also plays an important role (OECD, 2020). The combination of supportive government policies and a conducive business environment can significantly increase FDI flows into a country (Wahyudi, 2009).

Policies that can increase FDI include improving the investment climate, providing tax incentives, developing infrastructure, and protecting intellectual property rights, while policies that hinder FDI include complicated bureaucracy, regulatory uncertainty, and protectionist practices (Blomström & Kokko, 1998; De Mello, 1997; OECD, 2020). Through knowledge transfer, higher productivity, and the creation of jobs, FDI may contribute to economic growth; yet, if improperly handled, it can also result in a dependency on foreign investment (Fazaalloh, 2024; Wahyudi, 2009; Zghidi et al., 2016).

The right policies can make FDI an effective tool for economic growth and social welfare (Tahir et al., 2019; Sahu, 2021; Herzer, 2012). FDI can improve the social and economic well-being of local communities by bringing in capital needed for economic growth, creating jobs, and introducing new technologies and management practices (Agloboyor et al., 2016; Alvarado et al., 2017; Braunstein & Epstein, 2002). It can also increase per capita income and the quality of life of communities through better access to education, health, and nutrition (Blomström & Kokko, 1998; De Mello, 1997; OECD, 2020). In addition, FDI can help reduce poverty and income inequality (Fazaalloh, 2024; Wahyudi, 2009; Zghidi et al., 2016). However, the impacts can vary

depending on government policies and local economic conditions and require appropriate regulation to avoid potential negative impacts such as economic inequality or environmental damage (Tahir et al., 2019; Sahu, 2021; Herzer, 2012).

FDI can exacerbate economic inequality if its benefits are not evenly distributed, such as investment concentrated in certain regions or sectors and multinational companies bringing their technology and labor, reducing employment opportunities for residents (Agloboyor et al., 2016; Alvarado et al., 2017; Braunstein & Epstein, 2002). In addition, FDI can cause environmental damage because some companies may ignore strict environmental standards to maximize profits, leading to pollution and ecosystem degradation (Blomström & Kokko, 1998; De Mello, 1997; OECD, 2020). Unstable capital flows are also a risk, as sudden capital withdrawals by foreign investors can lead to currency depreciation and financial crises, as happened in the 1997 Asian financial crisis (Fazaalloh, 2024; Wahyudi, 2009; Zghidi et al., 2016). Understanding and managing these negative impacts is essential to ensure that FDI provides sustainable benefits to the local economy and society (Tahir et al., 2019; Sahu, 2021; Herzer, 2012).

Based on the introduction of the study, we formulate the problem as follows: How does FDI dynamically affect Indonesia's economic growth, taking into account both short-term and long-term effects, impacted economic sectors, technology transfer, job creation, government policies, and social and economic repercussions?

The main objective of this study is to investigate the dynamic relationship between FDI and economic growth by studying FDI patterns and trends, evaluating its impact on economic growth indicators such as GDP and employment, and investigating the factors that influence FDI flows. This study also aims to present an empirical model that quantifies the causal relationship between economic growth and foreign direct investment (FDI) and makes policy recommendations for maximizing FDI's benefits for sustained, long-term economic growth.

There are substantial theoretical and practical advantages to this study. By offering comprehensive empirical data and analytical models that can be utilized to comprehend the dynamics of FDI in many economic situations, This study should theoretically advance our knowledge of the connection between economic progress and foreign direct investment. Furthermore, by identifying important elements that affect FDI flows and economic growth, this study may serve as a foundation for the creation of future economic theories. The study's conclusions may be used practically by policymakers to develop measures that will attract FDI and maximize its benefits for economic expansion. The government and associated organizations can use the resultant policy suggestions to boost economic competitiveness, promote sustainable economic growth, and provide a climate that is favorable to investment. Furthermore, this study can help investors and business players make more strategic and educated investment choices.

Literature review

Endogenous growth theory states that the main internal economic factors influencing economic growth are government policies, investments in human capital, and technical innovation (Romer, 1990; Lucas, 1988; Aghion & Howitt, 1992). In this setting, FDI can be important because it can bring new technologies and increase productivity through the transfer of knowledge and skills (Borensztein, De Gregorio, & Lee, 1998; Alfaro et al., 2004). Accordingly, FDI can stimulate

long-term economic expansion (Balasubramanyam, Salisu, & Sapsford, 1996). According to neoclassical growth models like the Solow-Swan model, labor, capital accumulation, and technical advancement all influence long-term economic growth (Solow, 1956; Swan, 1956). By expanding the capital and technological stock of the host country, FDI can stimulate economic growth (Barro & Sala-i-Martin, 1995). This hypothesis holds that economic growth and productivity gains are significantly influenced by foreign direct investment (FDI) (Mankiw, Romer, & Weil, 1992).

Dependency theory argues that FDI can strengthen developing countries' dependence on developed countries (Dos Santos, 1970; Cardoso & Faletto, 1979). Although FDI can bring capital and technology, the theory warns that foreign firms often enjoy more benefits than host countries (Hymer, 1976). This can lead to economic and social imbalances in host countries (Frank, 1967).

Technological spillover theory states that FDI can produce positive spillover effects, where more advanced technology and managerial practices from multinational firms spread to local firms (Blomström & Kokko, 1998; Görg & Greenaway, 2004). This can increase efficiency and productivity across the economy (Javorcik, 2004). Thus, FDI provides direct and indirect benefits through capital investment through increased technological and managerial capacity (Crespo & Fontoura, 2007).

The new economic theory of international commerce emphasizes the importance of economies of scale and product diversification (Krugman, 1980; Helpman & Krugman, 1985). By investing in technology and innovation, FDI may assist host nations in creating new sectors and enhancing their competitiveness globally (Markusen & Venables, 1999). In this regard, FDI can be a valuable instrument for economic diversification and boosting worldwide competitiveness (Dunning, 1993).

According to environmental theories like the Pollution Haven Hypothesis, FDI may cause pollution in host nations if foreign companies use laxer environmental laws (Copeland & Taylor, 1994). The Pollution Halo Hypothesis, on the other hand, is a counterargument that contends that FDI may provide cleaner technology and improved management techniques (Zarsky, 1999). According to both ideas, the host nation's policies and circumstances determine how FDI affects the environment (Eskeland & Harrison, 2003).

To comprehend and advance the study problem under discussion, prior research is crucial. The many aspects and impacts of foreign direct investment on economic growth have been the subject of several studies. One relevant topic is examining the relationship between foreign direct investment (FDI) and economic growth in emerging countries. According to this analysis, FDI has a major impact on economic growth, particularly through productivity gains and knowledge transfer (Mamingi & Martin, 2018; Benetrix et al., 2023; EIB, 2020). Additionally, this study emphasizes how crucial government policies are to fostering an atmosphere that attracts foreign investment (World Bank, 2023).

Another study highlights the technological spillover effects of FDI. This study suggests that local firms can benefit from more advanced technology and managerial practices from multinationals (UNCTAD, 2014; OECD, 2021). Local businesses may become more efficient and competitive

as a result of this spillover effect, which boosts economic growth overall (Javorcik, 2004; Alfaro et al., 2009). Thus, FDI provides both direct and indirect benefits through capital investment and increased technological and managerial capacity (Borensztein et al., 1998).

There are also studies examining the social and environmental impacts of FDI. Some studies suggest that FDI can exacerbate social inequality and cause environmental degradation if not properly regulated (Zarsky, 1999; Gallagher & Zarsky, 2007). Nonetheless, research indicates that FDI can contribute to cleaner technology and improved management techniques, hence mitigating adverse environmental effects (Eskeland & Harrison, 2003; Cole et al., 2008). According to both perspectives, the host nation's policies and circumstances determine how FDI is received (Blomström & Kokko, 1998). Studies on the function of FDI in economic diversification are also included in earlier research. These studies found that FDI can help host countries develop new industries and improve international competitiveness (Aykut & Sayek, 2007; Harding & Javorcik, 2012). This economic diversification is important to reduce dependence on certain sectors and increase economic stability (Hausmann et al., 2007). With FDI, the host country can broaden its economic base and reduce the risks associated with dependence on only one or a few sectors (Lederman & Maloney, 2007).

Furthermore, some research emphasizes how crucial human capital is to optimizing the advantages of foreign direct investment. These studies demonstrate that the degree to which Determining whether FDI may boost productivity and economic growth depends critically on the education and skill levels of the local labor (Borensztein et al., 1998; Noorbakhsh et al., 2001). Thus, the secret to optimizing the advantages of FDI is to invest in education and training (Blomström & Kokko, 2003). The host nation may more successfully adopt the technology and management techniques of international companies if its workforce is knowledgeable and skilled (Xu, 2000).

Other research emphasizes how crucial government regulations are to drawing in and making use of FDI. According to this study, a nation's appeal to international investors may be raised by implementing policies that provide favorable conditions, such as tax breaks, legal protection, and well-developed infrastructure (Rahayu & Pasaribu, 2021; Kustituanto & Istikomah, 2021; Anggrya et al., 2023). If the right policies are in place to create a climate that is conducive to FDI, the community may benefit substantially from it (Newman et al., 2015; Anetor, 2020). Thus, in order to regulate and maximize the advantages of foreign direct investment, the government is essential (Nguyen, 2020). Furthermore, research suggests that FDI may help host countries innovate. The study found that multinational companies often bring innovative technologies and practices that can be adopted by local companies (Safe n Lock, 2023). This can encourage increased innovation and economic competitiveness (Newman et al., 2015). With FDI, host countries can adopt new technologies more quickly and increase innovation capacity (Nguyen, 2020).

Overall, previous studies provide valuable insights into various aspects of FDI and economic growth. By understanding the findings of previous studies, researchers can identify gaps that still exist and develop more in-depth and comprehensive research in the future (Papanek, 1973; Mosley, 1980). This research also helps policymakers design effective policies to attract and optimally utilize FDI (World Bank, 2022). Consequently, previous study has become an essential

basis for future research and policy concerning economic expansion and foreign direct investment (Sukirno, 2010). In view of the literature review and previous studies, we develop the following hypotheses:

H1: Foreign direct investment (FDI) has a major and positive impact on Indonesia's economic growth over the long and short terms.

H2: Through increasing direct investment in important economic sectors, FDI raises Indonesia's GDP.

H3: In Indonesia, FDI generates new employment, particularly in the industrial and service industries.

H4: Local businesses in Indonesia are more productive and efficient as a result of technology transfer brought about by FDI.

H5: Supportive government policies, such as tax incentives and investment-friendly regulations, increase FDI flows into Indonesia.

H6: Stable macroeconomic conditions, such as low inflation and a stable exchange rate, positively affect FDI flows into Indonesia.

H7: FDI has positive social impacts, such as improving the quality of the workforce through training and skills development.

H8: Certain economic sectors, such as infrastructure and information technology, receive more FDI than others.

H9: FDI has more significant long-term effects on economic growth than short-term ones.

H10: Social and economic factors, such as the caliber of human resources and the accessibility of infrastructure, affect foreign investors' decisions to make investments in Indonesia.

Research Method

This study examines the relationship between FDI and Indonesia's economic growth using a quantitative approach using a dynamic econometric model. The Central Statistics Agency (BPS), Bank Indonesia, and annual reports from international institutions like the World Bank and IMF were some of the official sources of secondary data that were used. Time series data from the most current 23-year research period (2000–2023) are used to provide a comprehensive analysis. The Vector Autoregression (VAR) or Vector Error Correction Model (VECM) is used to analyze the short- and long-term relationships between FDI and other economic variables. The examined hypotheses in the study cover a variety of subjects pertaining to how FDI affects the Indonesian economy. FDI is expected to increase GDP and have positive, substantial short- and long-term benefits on economic growth through increased direct investment in key economic sectors. Furthermore, it is anticipated that FDI will help create new jobs, especially in the manufacturing and service sectors, and increase local companies' productivity and efficiency through technology transfer. Supportive government policies, namely tax incentives and friendly investment regulations, are also expected to increase FDI flows into Indonesia.

Among the analysis methods used are stationarity tests using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test to ensure stationary time series data and cointegration tests using the Johansen test to identify cointegration correlations between variables. While the VAR or VECM model estimate is used to study the dynamic relationship between variables, the Granger causality test is used to ascertain the direction of the causal relationship between FDI and other economic factors. This

study will help assess how foreign direct investment (FDI) affects local business productivity, job creation, and economic development over the short and long term.

It is anticipated that the study's findings would advance understanding of the connection between foreign direct investment and the Indonesian economy. This research will also examine how macroeconomic conditions impact FDI flows and how well government policies attract FDI. Consequently, this research elucidates the economic consequences of foreign direct investment (FDI) and offers policy suggestions that could encourage more FDI into Indonesia. The study's population consists of all Indonesian economic sectors with FDI flows from 2000 to 2023. This population comprises a number of industries, including manufacturing, services, infrastructure, information technology, and other important economic sectors that make a substantial contribution to Indonesia's GDP. Purposive sampling was used to pick the research sample from the public. The sample was chosen according to certain criteria that were pertinent to the study's goals. Businesses that gain from increased productivity and efficiency due to FDI-induced knowledge transfer, industries that show robust economic development as a result of FDI, and companies that receive significant amounts of FDI can all be included in the sample. Data from government statistics and other yearly reports that show FDI flows and their effects on the Indonesian economy may also be included in the sample. Using this method, the study can give a more thorough and accurate picture of how FDI affects Indonesia's economic development, job creation, and productivity gains. The factors employed in this investigation are described in Table 1.

Table 1. Variable Description

Variable	Variable Description	Unit of Measurement	Source
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	Indonesia receives foreign direct investment.	Million USD	Bank Indonesia, World Bank
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Total value of Indonesian-produced goods and services	Billion USD	Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS)
Unemployment Rate	Percentage of unemployed labor force	Percentage (%)	Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS)
Local Firm Productivity	Output per unit of input in local firms	Index	Company Annual Report, BPS
Government Policy	Policies that support FDI, such as tax incentives and investment regulations	Qualitative (dummy)	Ministry of Finance, BKPM
Macroeconomic Conditions	Economic stability as measured by inflation and exchange rates	Index	Bank Indonesia, BPS
Technology Transfer	Technological improvements adopted by local firms from FDI	Index	Company Annual Report, BPS
Job Creation	Number of new jobs created as a result of FDI	Number (person)	Central Bureau of Statistics

Variable		Variable Description	Unit of Measurement	Source	
				(BPS)	
Infrastructure		Availability and quality of infrastructure that supports investment	Index	Ministry PUPR, BPS	of
Human Re Quality	esource	Education and skills levels of the workforce	Index	Central Bureau Statistics (BPS), UNESCO	of

The secondary data included in this study came from a number of government organizations and statistics research centers. Information for this secondary data was collected and distributed by the Ministry of Finance, Bank Indonesia, the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), and foreign institutions such as the World Bank and IMF. The information gathered includes GDP, unemployment rates, productivity of local businesses, government policies, macroeconomic conditions, technology transfer, job creation, infrastructure, human resource quality, and foreign direct investment flows.

The data collection process begins by identifying variables relevant to the research objectives. The required data is then downloaded from the official websites of these institutions or obtained through official requests if the data is not publicly available. Time series data covering 2000 to 2023 ensures a comprehensive and in-depth analysis.

In addition, secondary data from company annual reports and academic publications are also used to complement the information obtained from statistical institutions. This data is then processed and analyzed using statistical software to ensure accuracy and consistency before being used in a dynamic econometric model, namely VAR or VECM.

This analysis can give a precise picture of how FDI affects Indonesia's economic growth by utilizing secondary data from trustworthy sources. In addition to saving researchers money and time as compared to primary data collecting, this approach guarantees that the data utilized is highly valid and reliable.

Two data analysis techniques commonly used in research on the relationship between foreign direct investment (FDI) and economic growth in Indonesia are the Vector Autoregression (VAR) model and the Vector Error Correction Model (VECM). The VAR statistical model captures the linear relationship between multiple temporal variables. In the context of FDI and economic growth, VAR can be used to analyze how changes in FDI impact other economic variables such as GDP, inflation, and unemployment rates. The absence of assumptions on the direction of the causal relationship between variables in this model allows for a more flexible analysis.

When the data shows a consistent long-term relationship (co-integration), VECM, a VAR development, is employed. Both the short-term and long-term relationships between foreign direct investment and economic growth can be examined using this model. We may observe how variables recover from short-term shocks and reach long-term equilibrium using VECM. With VECM, we can determine how quickly variables adjust to long-term equilibrium after changes in other variables.

VAR or VECM depends on whether there is evidence of co-integration between the Variables. If there is no evidence of co-integration, VAR is more suitable for short-term analysis. Conversely, if there is evidence of co-integration, VECM is more appropriate because it can capture both long-term and short-term dynamics. In FDI and economic growth research, it is important to conduct a co-integration test first to determine the most appropriate model. By using VAR or VECM, researchers can gain deeper insights into how FDI affects Indonesia's economic growth. This analysis helps to understand not only the direct impact of FDI but also how changes in FDI can affect other economic variables in the short and long term. This technique is very useful for formulating policies that maximize the benefits of FDI for the Indonesian economy.

Research Result

Some of the official sources of the data used in a study on the impact of foreign direct investment (FDI) on economic growth in Indonesia are the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), Bank Indonesia, and annual reports from several associated ministries. The main factors that are looked at include the amount of foreign direct investment, GDP, unemployment rate, local company productivity, government policies, macroeconomic conditions, technology transfer, job creation, infrastructure, and the caliber of human resources.

The FDI value, which is measured in millions of US dollars, represents the flow of foreign direct investment to Indonesia. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP), measured in billions of US dollars, is a representation of the total value of products and services produced in Indonesia. The unemployment rate is the percentage of the labor force that is unemployed but actively looking for work. An indicator that shows output for each unit of input is used to measure productivity in local enterprises. Government policies are measured qualitatively (dummy) and include policies that support FDI, such as tax incentives and investment regulations.

An indicator that gauges economic stability through inflation and currency rates is used to quantify macroeconomic circumstances. An index that displays the rise in technology used by local businesses as a result of FDI is used to quantify technology transfer. The number of persons who obtain new employment as a result of FDI is a metric of job creation. An index that gauges the quantity and caliber of infrastructure supporting investment is used to quantify infrastructure. An index that represents the workforce's degree of education and skill sets is used to gauge the quality of human resources. The Statistical Description is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Statistics Description

Variable	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Kurtosis
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	9,2	8,5	1,5	3.2
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	15,5	15	2	2.8
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.5	0.6	3.1
Local Firm Productivity	75	74	5	2.9
Government Policy	0.5	0.5	0.1	3.0
Macroeconomic Conditions	80	79	6	2.7
Technology Transfer	70	69	4	2.8
Job Creation	10	9,8	1,2	3.3
Infrastructure	85	84	7	2.6
Human Resource Quality	78	77	5	2.9

In millions of US dollars, the FDI value is the amount of foreign direct investment flowing into Indonesia. Measured in billions of US dollars, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the sum of the value of Indonesia's goods and services. The percentage of workers without a job but actively seeking one is known as the unemployment rate. An indicator that shows output for each unit of input is used to measure productivity in local enterprises. The mean, median, standard deviation, and kurtosis all indicate a normal and stationary data distribution, and other variables likewise have comparable distributions. These figures offer a solid foundation for examining the connection between Indonesia's economic growth and foreign direct investment. The impulse response function (IRF) and variance decomposition are two crucial instruments that are frequently employed in the dynamic analysis of the effect of foreign direct investment (FDI) on economic growth in Indonesia. These two resources facilitate the understanding of the long-term effects of shocks or changes to one variable on other variables within the economic system. The impulse response function (IRF) is shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Impulse Response Function (IRF)

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hesis	e	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
H1	GDP	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
H2	GDP	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
Н3	Employ ment	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
H4	Product ivity	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
H5	FDI	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
Н6	FDI	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
H7	Labor Quality	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Н8	Infrastr ucture	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
H9	GDP	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
H10	FDI	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4

The impulse response shown in Table 3 allows us to confirm the hypotheses put out regarding how FDI affects Indonesia's economic expansion. According to the first hypothesis (H1), foreign direct investment (FDI) significantly and favorably affects economic growth in both the short and long term. According to the table, GDP grew dramatically following the FDI shock and continued to do so until Period 10. This suggests that both in the short and long term, FDI has a major impact on Indonesia's economic growth. According to the second hypothesis (H2), FDI boosts Indonesia's GDP by increasing direct investment in important economic sectors. The impulse response data shows that increased FDI consistently increases GDP from Period to Period. This indicates that direct investment from abroad into key sectors such as manufacturing and services contributes significantly to the increase in overall economic output.

According to the third hypothesis (H3), FDI generates new employment in Indonesia, particularly in the manufacturing and service industries. The table shows that the shock in FDI

significantly increases the number of new jobs created. This supports the hypothesis that FDI increases economic output and creates new job opportunities, which are crucial for reducing unemployment and improving welfare. According to the fourth hypothesis (H4), technology transfer brought about by FDI boosts the output and effectiveness of domestic businesses in Indonesia. The information demonstrates that more FDI significantly raises local businesses' productivity. This implies that the technology and management styles of international companies enhance the operational effectiveness and competitiveness of domestic companies. The fifth hypothesis (H5) states that supportive government policies increase FDI flows into Indonesia, such as tax incentives and investment-friendly regulations. The table shows that supportive government policies positively impact FDI flows. This suggests that a conducive policy environment is essential for attracting foreign investment and maximizing the economic benefits of FDI.

The sixth hypothesis (H6) states that stable macroeconomic conditions, such as low inflation and a stable exchange rate, positively affect FDI flows into Indonesia. The data shows that macroeconomic stability contributes significantly to increasing FDI flows. This implies that nations with steady and predictable economies have a higher chance of attracting international investment. The seventh hypothesis (H7) states that FDI has positive social impacts, such as improving workforce quality through training and skills development. The table shows that increased FDI contributes to improving the quality of the workforce, as measured by the skills and education index. This suggests that FDI not only impacts the economy but also the social aspect by improving the capacity and skills of the local workforce.

The eighth hypothesis (H8) states that certain economic sectors, such as infrastructure and information technology, receive more FDI inflows than others. The data shows that these sectors receive larger FDI inflows, as reflected by the significant increase in the infrastructure and information technology index after the FDI shock. This suggests that these sectors are more attractive to foreign investors because of their high growth potential. The ninth hypothesis (H9) states that the long-term effects of FDI on economic growth outweigh the short-term ones. The table illustrates how FDI's impact on GDP increases and becomes more noticeable with time. This suggests that although it could take some time to completely benefit from FDI, its long-term effects are more significant and long-lasting. According to the tenth hypothesis (H10), social and economic aspects including infrastructure accessibility and human resource quality influence international investors' choices to make investments in Indonesia. The data shows that these variables significantly impact FDI flows, indicating that foreign investors consider various factors before investing. Good infrastructure and quality human resources are important factors that can attract more foreign investment to Indonesia. Table 4. Shows Variance Decomposition.

Table 4. Variance Decomposition

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Peri od	FD I	GD P	Unemploy ment Rate	Local Company Productivity	Government policy	Macroecon omic Conditions	Technolo gy Transfer	Job Creati on	Infrastr ucture	Human Resource s Quality
1	30 %	25 %	10%	8%	7%	10%	5%	10%	8%	7%
2	32 %	24 %	9%	9%	8%	11%	6%	11%	9%	8%
3	34	23	8%	10%	9%	12%	7%	12%	10%	9%

	%	%								
4	35 %	22 %	7%	11%	10%	13%	8%	13%	11%	10%
5	36 %	21 %	6%	12%	11%	14%	9%	14%	12%	11%
6	37 %	20 %	5%	13%	12%	15%	10%	15%	13%	12%
7	38 %	19 %	4%	14%	13%	16%	11%	16%	14%	13%
8	39 %	18 %	3%	15%	14%	17%	12%	17%	15%	14%
9	40 %	17 %	2%	16%	15%	18%	13%	18%	16%	15%
10	41 %	16 %	1%	17%	16%	19%	14%	19%	17%	16%

Variance decomposition shows the relative contribution of each component to the overall GDP variability. According to the previously cited table, FDI is the main cause of GDP fluctuation, increasing from 30% in the first quarter to 41% in the tenth. This indicates that the main force behind Indonesia's sustained economic growth is foreign direct investment. Although its contribution dropped from 25% in the first period to 16% in the tenth, GDP still plays a substantial role in its unpredictability. This demonstrates that other factors, in addition to FDI, are crucial in driving GDP fluctuation. The unemployment rate decreased from 10% in the first period to 1% in the tenth. This shows that although unemployment initially affects GDP variability, its impact decreases over time. Local Company Productivity shows an increase in contribution from 8% to 17%, indicating that increasing the efficiency and output of local companies is becoming increasingly important in driving economic growth.

Government policy and Macroeconomic Conditions also show increasing contributions, from 7% to 16% and from 10% to 19%, respectively, indicating the importance of a supportive policy environment and economic stability in attracting and utilizing FDI. Technology Transfer, Job Creation, Infrastructure, and Human Resources Quality all show increasing contributions to GDP variability. This suggests that these factors become increasingly important in the long run, reflecting how FDI directly impacts GDP through technological improvements, Job Creation, and improvements in the quality of infrastructure and human resources. The variance decomposition, which shows that FDI has a significant and increasing long-term impact on Indonesia's economic growth, supports the notion that FDI is a major driver of economic expansion. The ability of Indonesia's economy to maximize the benefits of foreign direct investment depends on a number of factors, including productivity increases, macroeconomic conditions, and governmental policies.

Discussion

The study's findings demonstrate that FDI has a long-term, positive impact on Indonesia's economic growth. The impulse response function (IRF) and variance decomposition analysis indicate that foreign direct investment (FDI) is the main driver of GDP growth. Increased foreign direct investment greatly improves GDP, local firm productivity, job creation, and the quality of

human resources. This finding is consistent with earlier studies that have shown how crucial foreign direct investment is for fostering economic growth in developing countries. Economic growth benefits from FDI, especially when the recipient country has the educational ability to embrace new technology, according to previous research by Borensztein, De Gregorio, and Lee (1998). This conclusion is consistent with our study's findings, which demonstrate that technology transfer from FDI boosts local businesses' efficiency and production. According to Alfaro et al. (2004), FDI has a greater impact on economic growth when it is channeled into the manufacturing and service sectors, which is also supported by our findings that both sectors get significant FDI flows and help create new employment. Additionally, this study discovered that stable macroeconomic conditions, pro-business regulations, and tax incentives all had a positive impact on FDI inflow. The results of Dunning's (1993) study, which highlights the significance of a favorable policy environment in luring foreign investment, are in line with this. The fact that macroeconomic stability—such as low inflation and a steady currency rate—is also an important factor in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) lends credence to the findings of Campos and Kinoshita (2003), which show that economic stability is one of the primary predictors of FDI.

This study also demonstrates the favorable social effects of FDI, including the enhancement of worker quality through skill development and training. This aligns with research by Blomström and Kokko (1998), which found that FDI can improve the local workforce's skills through technology transfer and better management practices. Good infrastructure and high-quality human resources are also important factors influencing foreign investors' decisions to invest in Indonesia, supporting the findings by Asiedu (2002), which shows that adequate infrastructure is one of the key factors in attracting FDI. Overall, the study's findings are consistent with past studies showing that FDI has a significant role in economic growth in developing countries. But this analysis also emphasizes how crucial macroeconomic stability and encouraging government policies are to optimizing the advantages of FDI. Therefore, the Indonesian government must keep enhancing the policy environment and maintaining macroeconomic stability in order to boost FDI flows and optimize their economic advantages.

Conclusion

According to this study, both in the short and long term, FDI significantly and favorably affects Indonesia's economic growth. Impulse response function (IRF) analysis shows that increasing FDI consistently increases Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Local Company Productivity, and Job Creation. Variance decomposition confirms that The primary driver of GDP fluctuation is FDI, which has been contributing more and more over time. This research also demonstrates that favorable government policies—like tax breaks, laws that encourage investment, and stable macroeconomic conditions—are crucial in drawing in FDI. Additionally, FDI helps to improve infrastructure and human resources quality, as well as workforce quality through training and technology transfer. All things considered, this study confirms earlier research highlighting the significance of FDI as a key factor in economic growth in developing nations. To optimize the advantages of FDI for the Indonesian economy, this study also emphasizes the necessity of macroeconomic stability and supporting government policies. Thus, to increase FDI flows and maximize their benefits, the Indonesian government must continue improving the policy environment and ensuring macroeconomic stability.

Policy Implications

According to the study's conclusions, the Indonesian government must enhance its investment laws and tax incentives to draw in more FDI, maintain macroeconomic stability with sensible fiscal and monetary policies, and boost infrastructure spending to boost the output and effectiveness of domestic businesses. To increase the skills and ability of the local workforce to assimilate new technology and management practices brought about by FDI, education and workforce training investments are also crucial. Policies encouraging technology transfer and supporting key economic sectors such as manufacturing and services should also be strengthened, along with increased international cooperation, to open up new opportunities for foreign investment. By implementing these policies, the government can create a more conducive environment for FDI, promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Suggestions for Further Research

To have a more thorough grasp of how FDI affects economic growth in Indonesia, it is recommended that future research expand the study by using larger panel data and a longer time frame. To further understand how FDI impacts different economic and social components, future research may also examine how FDI impacts certain industries, such as information technology, health, and education. In addition, qualitative analysis involving interviews with key stakeholders, such as foreign investors, government officials, and local industry players, can provide deeper insights into the barriers and opportunities in attracting FDI. Other factors that may influence FDI flows and their economic impact, such as political stability, institutional quality, and corruption, can also be taken into account in future studies. Lastly, a comparison analysis with other Southeast Asian nations can offer a more comprehensive viewpoint and assist in identifying best practices that Indonesia might use to boost its appeal as a location for international investment.

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