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Nigeria has been selected as a country in which Emirates NBD can look to expand into.

Firstly, through research, it is found that Lagos is the most populous city in Nigeria and also the city with the highest percentage of wealthy people. Lagos is also the most prosperous city in Nigeria and most of the nation's wealth and economy is found there. Lagos Island is the central business district along with its presence of high-rise buildings. Therefore, if Emirates NBD were to open a branch in Nigeria, Lagos Island would be the ideal location. This particular branch of NBD will be specifically targeted at wealthy Nigerians and young emerging entrepreneurs hence making the branch easily accessible.

Dealing with the upper class, priority banking would be introduced to the Lagos branch. This would enable the customers to have one on one VIP treatment with their customer representative. For this, the branch would have to have separate VIP rooms depending on the type of customer such as priority, corporate, ladies banking, Islamic banking or general saving. The staff would have to be Nigerian and fluent in the main languages of Nigeria which are English, Yoruba, Ibo and Hausa; English being the official language, in order to cater to the elite.

Secondly, 53% of the population is between the ages of 15-64 years. Thus, a student loan package will be introduced. The branch that will cater to students looking to study abroad will be located in Abuja, which is the capital of Nigeria and one of Nigeria's most populated cities alongside Lagos. The setting of this branch will include a bottom level for general customers and a second level for priority banking.

Thirdly, as 50.4% of Nigerians are Muslim, Islamic banking could be included in both the future NBD branches. The details of the Islamic banking will be explained further in the product section.

Lastly, as face-to-face banking is not practical for all customers regarding minimal transactions, thus a secure website for NBD specifically for Nigerians will be available. This will enable them to access their account online as well as make transactions (with a limit) and view their spending activity.

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Emirates NBD aims to expand its branches around the world. The UAE based firm currently has its headquarters located in Dubai along with 110 other branches. The increasingly influential bank has spread out around the world including India, China and Singapore.

Its new venture extending out to a new region in Africa may potentially be a very successful one. Focusing on Nigeria, the bank aims to introduce the concept of international banking into the market to gain a strong customer base.

With a large number of the population consisting of young adults, Emirates NBD focuses on students aiming to go abroad to study in their dream universities through student loans provided by Emirates NBD with relatively low interest rates and high incentives.

With Nigeria focusing its economic growth by combating illiteracy, it aims to increase its literacy rate from 56.3% to a higher percentage, which would lead to a sustainable development in the growth of the nation. The purpose Emirates NBD will serve is to provide to the young population of students that look to get out of Nigeria for their higher education but lack the financial resources to do so. By using NBD as a source for this loan, it will deliver to student's needs of a loan with some of the lowest interest rates to reduce the burden the student's financial responsibility and widen their opportunity to get a high quality and standard of education. Furthermore, the government would also support this initiative taken by the Emirates NBD as it looks to support its population and seeks new generations of the nation to be literate to make a noticeable change and move the nation forward. Therefore, this step being taken forward by NBD could be a highly successful and supported one.

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Secondly, another package tailor made for the Nigerian population by Emirates NBD would be the Ladies Banking. Spotting a gap in the market, NBD discovered that the top banks in Nigeria such as Zenith did not provide facilities, which are specifically to provide the female population with a system that they could adapt to and use in their everyday lives, managing finances.

With Emirates NBD Ladies Banking you can select from three distinctive banking packages that offer a wide range of banking and lifestyle benefits including a choice of accounts, free insurance, shopping discounts, discounts at spas and health clubs and invitations to exclusive events. This new and unique idea being introduced in the Nigerian market would encourage and attract a customer base.

A plus factor in this package would be the fact that the customer would not benefit only if they were living in the UAE, they could have the account based in the UAE but correspond with the Customer Representatives in Lagos or Abuja to run their account and have accessibility to all forms of assistance and facilities. The selling point of this package would be to target the segment of the market that contains women and provide them with incentives so they can enjoy benefits while shopping, receiving discounts and rewards by having this account affiliated with Emirates NBD. They can continue saving and spending the same way but reaping along the benefits as they go.

Next, the Muslim population of Nigeria is to be targeted. Islam being the most widespread religion in the nation, this opens the market to a big gap for Islamic banking. Islamic banking follows the Shari'ah law with the principle of not having interest rates. Islamic banking complies with this Islamic law and provides Muslims and others the option of banking without interest. This giant market in Nigeria would be a very successful step towards penetrating the market as the country has almost 50% of Muslims currently residing there. Attracting the Muslim population towards this interest free concept would not be problematic as it is a fundamental concept that every Muslim would undoubtedly follow.

Islamic banking, furthermore, promotes the idea of not charging interest, which is the cost of borrowing money. This would be a highly attractive scheme for the entire population after the phenomenon of the recession, which was majorly caused by interest rates and its adverse effects. After this dip in 2009, people would be drawn towards this new venture by Emirates NBD to avoid the ill effects of what has happened in the past.

Another package developed by the bank is for the young, upcoming entrepreneurs in the market. Emirates NBD aims to provide potential business oriented individuals with the sufficient capital to start up businesses with prospective of a successful future. This venture capital could be taken advantage of by a large number of young people who have a need for funds in Nigeria with the advantage of low interest rates in international banking. Emirates NBD would benefit from this, as they would be building an international customer base as well as new account holders as it would be a requirement for all customers to have an account with Emirates NBD in order to qualify to apply for the loan.

This accommodation for young people would also in fact, help the Nigerian economy grow and develop for a better future. This, in turn, would improve international and the government relations between the nations as over 50% of the shares of Emirates NBD are government owned.

Lastly, Emirates NBD would also strive to attend to the general public, giving them an opportunity to save with this UAE based bank. The general public can open their savings accounts from Nigeria itself attending the customer relations' branches in Lagos and Abuja. These accounts would be Dubai based but accessible from Nigeria. The customers can save as much as they would like to internationally giving them security and more attractive interest rates in the UAE.

The packages described above would potentially mean targeting different segments of the market, which would be a strong penetration into the Nigerian banking industry.

to your dream university. Our student loans packages offer some of the lowest interest rates allowing you to take control of your career. Emirates NBD, your bank is your future."

Attached above is the link to the radio ad.

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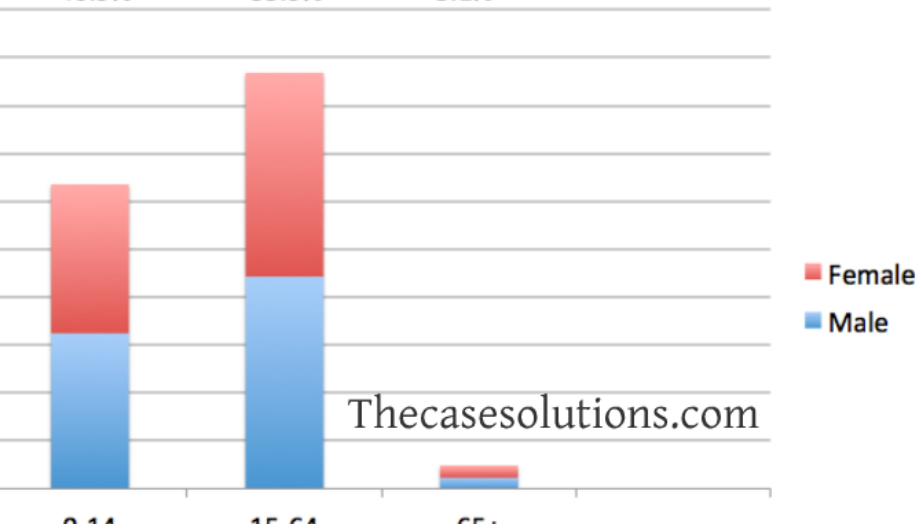
Next are 3 graphs showing demographics of Nigeria. These graphs will support the ideas behind the aforementioned product packages.

Age structure with gender

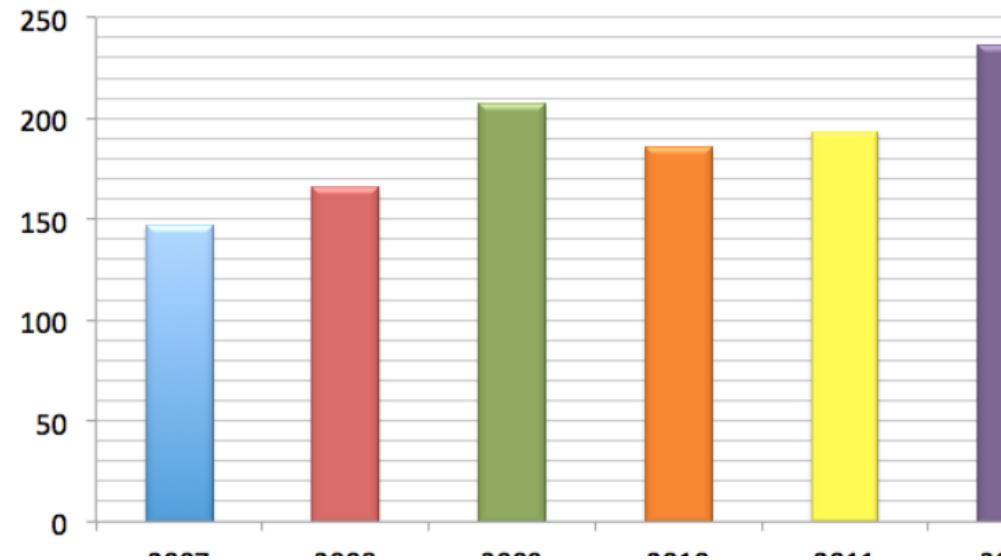
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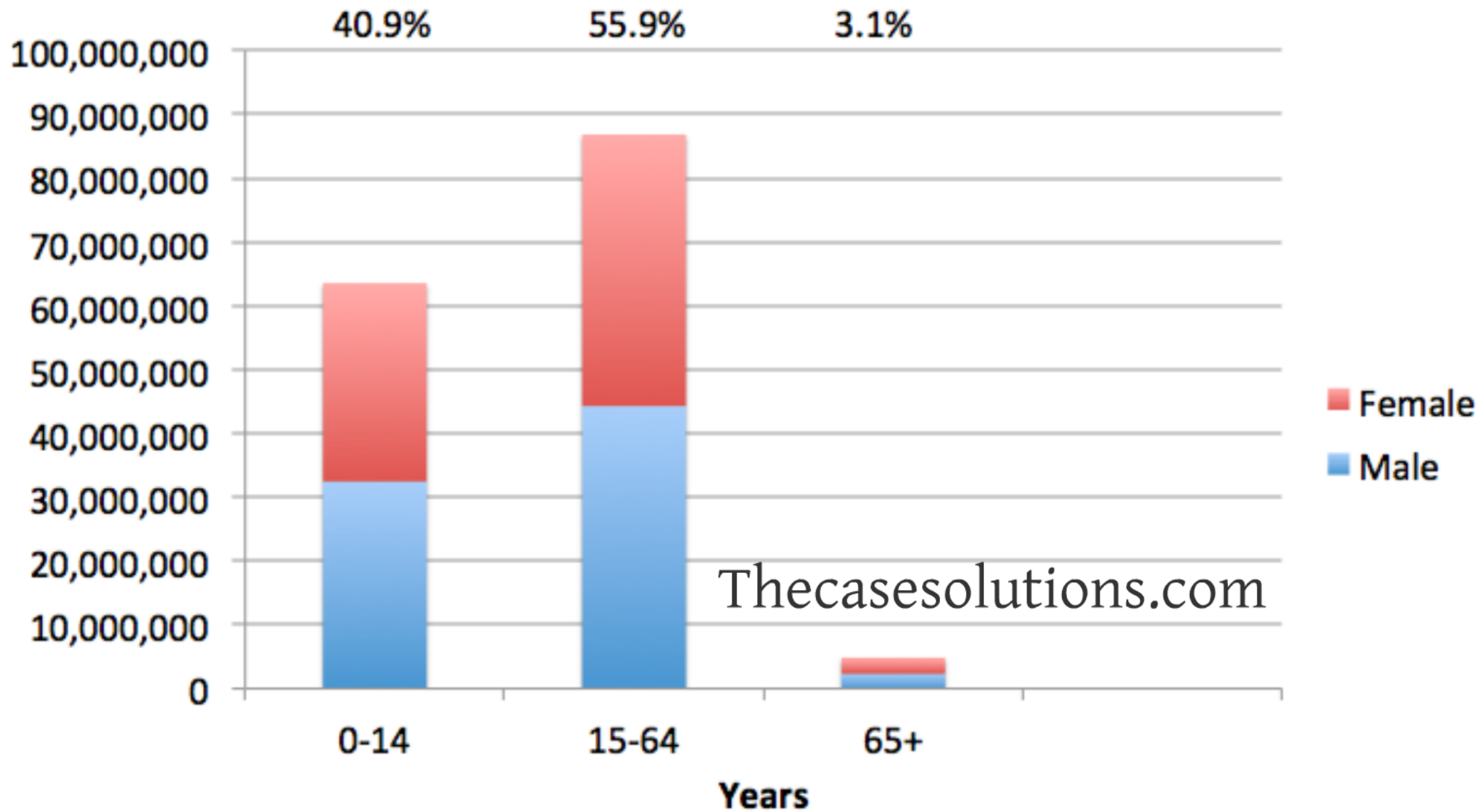
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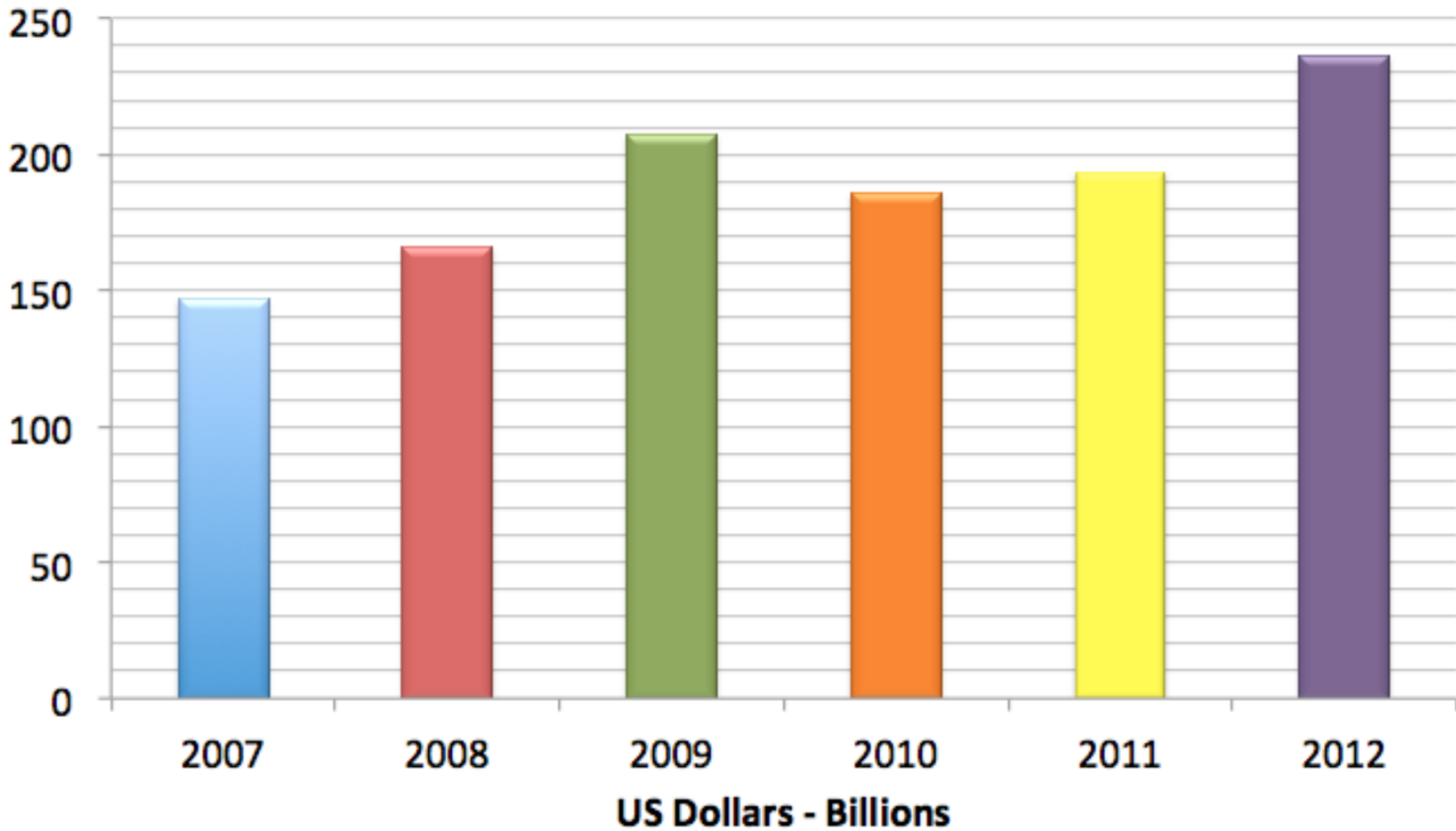


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Religion in Nigeria

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