

**Central Bank of Kenya** 

# PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS AND OUTLOOK OF KENYA'S BANKING SECTOR

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- 1. The Banking Sector
- 2. Kenya's Banking Sector Policy Response to COVID-19

#### Banking Sector remains stable and resilient

- Strong liquidity and capital adequacy ratios at the end of April:
  - Capital adequacy ratio was 18.43 percent (statutory minimum of 14.5 percent).
  - Liquidity ratio stood at 51.17 percent (statutory minimum of 20 percent).
- The ratio of gross non-performing loans (NPLs) to gross loans stood at 13.1 percent in April compared to 12.5 percent in March 2020.
- Private sector credit grew by 9.0 percent in the 12 months to April, with strong growth in credit observed in manufacturing, trade, transport and communication, building and construction, and consumer durables.

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### Measures By CBK to Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

- **Digital Platforms:** On March 16, CBK announced a set of measures to facilitate increased use of mobile money transactions instead of cash.
- **Bank borrowers:** On March 18, CBK announced emergency measures to mitigate the adverse economic effects on bank borrowers.
- Monetary Policy: On March 23, the CBK's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) lowered.
  - The Central Bank Rate (CBR) from 8.25 percent to 7.25 percent.
  - The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) from 5.25 percent to 4.25 percent.
- **Business Continuity:** On March 25, CBK instructed banks to activate their precautionary measures to ensure continuity of operations.
- **Pandemic Planning:** On March 27, CBK issued further guidance on Pandemic Planning for the banking sector.
- Monetary Policy: On April 29, the MPC lowered the CBR from 7.25 percent to 7.00 percent.

### Impact of COVID-19 Mitigation Measures on the Banking Sector Personal/Household Loans Extended – April 30, 2020

|                  |                               | March                                 | 2020                                |                                       | April 2020                    |                                       |                                     |                                       |  |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|                  | Number<br>of Loan<br>Accounts | % of Total<br>Extensions<br>(Accounts | Amount<br>Outstanding<br>(Ksh.'000) | % of Total<br>Extensions<br>(Amounts) | Number<br>of Loan<br>Accounts | % of Total<br>Extensions<br>(Accounts | Amount<br>Outstanding<br>(Ksh.'000) | % of Total<br>Extensions<br>(Amounts) |  |
| 1 - 3 Months     | 231                           | 3.59                                  | 567,823                             | 5.76                                  | 11,022                        | 27.75                                 | 16,767,150                          | 16.36                                 |  |
| 3 - 6 Months     | 5,018                         | 78.04                                 | 4,446,754                           | 45.13                                 | 26,188                        | 65.92                                 | 23,152,493                          | 22.58                                 |  |
| 6 - 9 Months     | 4                             | 0.06                                  | 13,251                              | 0.13                                  | 1,315                         | 3.31                                  | 13,743,698                          | 13.41                                 |  |
| 9 - 12<br>Months | 1,177                         | 18.30                                 | 4,824,378                           | 48.97                                 | 1,200                         | 3.02                                  | 48,853,397                          | 47.65                                 |  |
| Grand Total      | 6,430                         | 100.00                                | 9,852,207                           | 100.00                                | 39,725                        | 100.00                                | 102,516,738                         | 100.00                                |  |

- The extended Personal/Household loans at as end April were:
  - 39,725 loan accounts; from 6,430 loan accounts in March .
  - Worth Ksh.102.5 billion; from Ksh.9.9 billion in March.

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- 13.1 percent of the banking sector Personal/Household gross loans of Ksh.780.0 billion, from 1.2 percent in March.
- 3.6 percent of the total banking sector loan book as at April (Ksh.2,868.05 billion) compared to 0.35 percent in March 2020 (Ksh.2,847.44 billion).
- Most of the loans extended were for 9-12 months, which accounted for 47.7 percent of the Personal/household sector loans extended.
- 26 out of 39 banks reported having extended Personal/Household loans in April, an increase from 13 banks in March 2020.

### Impact of COVID-19 Mitigation Measures on the Banking Sector Restructured Loans in Other Sectors - April 2020

| umber of Accounts Restruc         | ctured  |   |                                |                                |        |                        |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Nature of restructuring           |   |   |                                |                                |        |                        |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Renegotiated<br>Terms (maturity,<br>interest rates, fees) | Moratorium<br>(on Principal or<br>interest) | Interest rates/<br>Fees freeze | Other Form of<br>Restructuring | Total  | % of tota<br>per secto |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture                       | 427   | 2,972                                       | 1                              | 7                              | 3,407  | 7.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing                     | 192   | 576   | 1                              | 35                             | 804    | 1.8                    |  |  |  |  |
| Building and construction         | 65  | 339   | -                              | 7                              | 411    | 0.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Mining and Quarrying              | 5   | 53  | -                              | -                              | 58     | 0.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Energy and water                  | 8   | 94  | -                              | 3                              | 105    | 0.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Trade                             | 1,034   | 35,736                                      | 3                              | 81                             | 36,854 | 80.                    |  |  |  |  |
| Tourism, Restaurant and<br>Hotels | 68  | 263   | 1                              | 16                             | 348    | 0.8                    |  |  |  |  |
| Transport and<br>Communication    | 160   | 1,645                                       | -                              | 18                             | 1,823  | 4.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate                       | 246   | 1,253                                       | -                              | 16                             | 1,515  | 3.                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Financial Services</b>         | 43  | 167   | -                              | 2                              | 212    | 0.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Total                             | 2,248   | 43,098                                      | 6                              | 185                            | 45,537 | 100.                   |  |  |  |  |

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### Impact of COVID-19 Mitigation Measures on the Banking Sector Restructured Loans in Other Sectors - April 2020

#### Values Restructured in Ksh '000' Number of Accounts Restructured Nature of restructuring Reneaotiated Interest rates/ Other Form of Total % of total Moratorium Terms (maturity, (on Principal or Fees freeze Restructuring per sector interest rates. interest) fees) Agriculture 2,065,116 9,614,594 4,734 184.037 11,868,481 7.0 23,116,070 Manufacturing 11.793.396 10,804,090 9.267 509,317 13.6 Building and construction 5.578.752 3,381,363 156,537 9,116,652 5.3 Mining and Quarrying 49,519 480,170 529,688 0.3 2,763,400 Energy and water 14,520 24,315 2,802,235 1.6 11,043,421 31,320,034 16,350 2,510,360 44,890,165 26.3 Trade Tourism, Restaurant and 11,458,487 10,472,160 517 1,190,577 23,121,742 13.6 Hotels Transport and 10,520,541 12.2 10,109,671 252,684 20,882,896 Communication Real Estate 7,308,487 23,928,382 437,579 31,674,448 18.6 5,295 **Financial Services** 122,759 2,433,075 2,561,128 1.5 Total 59,544,127 105,717,809 30,868 5,270,701 170,563,505 100.0

### Impact of COVID-19 Mitigation Measures on the Banking Sector Restructured Loans in Other Sectors - April 2020

- In April, the restructured loans in the other ten (10) sectors were:
  - Worth Ksh.170.6 billion, which accounted for 5.95 percent of the total loan book as at April (Ksh.2,868.05 billion) compared to Ksh.81.6 billion in March , which accounted for 2.84 percent of the total loan book (Ksh.2,847.44 billion).
  - 45,537 loan accounts; an increase from 1,841 loan accounts restructured in March.
  - 8.73 percent of the total 521,851 loan accounts in the ten sectors as at April.
  - For Trade Sector with 36,854 (80.9 percent of total loans restructured) of loan accounts restructured.
    - This accounted for 13.9 percent of the total loan accounts (264,636) in the Trade Sector as at April.
- In total, 32 out of 39 banks restructured loans in the other ten sectors.
- In value terms, the sectors that recorded the highest restructuring in April are:
  - Trade (26.3 percent).

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- Real Estate (18.6 percent).
- Tourism, Restaurants and Hotels (13.6 percent).
- Manufacturing (13.6 percent).
- Total restructured loans in April amounted to Ksh.273.1 billion or 9.6 percent of the total banking sector loan book of Ksh.2.8 trillion.

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### **Profile of Restructured Loans**

#### Agriculture Sector

- Cereal Millers
- Horticultural and Flower Farms
- Farmers Cooperatives
- Farms and Ranches
- Individual Farmers
- Agricultural Produce
  Processors

### Real Estate Sector



- Building Contractors
- Construction Material
  Suppliers
- Property Agents
- Malls and Business Parks
- Property Developers
- Construction Material Manufacturers

### Building and Construction Sector



- Small and Medium Construction firms
- Construction material suppliers
- Construction Consultants
- Large Construction
  Companies

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### Profile of Restructured Loans



- Food Products
  Manufacturers
- Packaging Materials
  Manufacturers



### Profile of Restructured Loans



- Tea Brokers
- Schools

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- Churches
- Spare Parts Traders
- Oil Traders
- Dairy Co-operatives
- Tea Exporters

### Energy



- Petroleum Distributors
- Petroleum Products
  Manufacturers
- Electrical Works
- Drilling Companies
- Energy Products
  Suppliers

# Transport & Communication



- Bus Companies
- Airlines
- Vehicle Assemblers
- Freighters and Logistics
  Companies
- IT Systems Integrators
- Tours Transport
  Companies

### Impact of Reduced Cash Reserve Ratio

- As at May 15, 2020, eighteen commercial banks and two microfinance banks had been granted approval to access Ksh.29.08 billion freed from the reduction in CRR.
- This accounted for 82.61 percent of the Ksh.35.2 billion freed by the 1 percent reduction in CRR.
- With 82.61 percent having been used in just one and half months, depicts the relief provided to borrowers to address the impact of COVID-19.
- The main sectors funded are Tourism (34.51 percent), Transport and Communication (13.76 percent), Trade (12.38 percent), Real Estate (12.37 percent), Manufacturing (11.77 percent), and Agriculture (10.91 percent).

| Economic Sectors               | Total Amount Approved, Ksh.'Million   |           | Percentage of Total (%) |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| Manufacturing                  |                                       | 3,422,080 |                         | 11.77 |
| Real Estate                    |                                       | 3,595,348 |                         | 12.37 |
| Agriculture                    |                                       | 3,172,524 |                         | 10.91 |
| Energy and Water               |                                       | 31,368    |                         | 0.11  |
| Tourism, Restaurant and Hotels | 10                                    | 0,033,540 |                         | 34.51 |
| Transport and Communication    |                                       | 4,001,210 |                         | 13.76 |
| Personal/Household             | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 1,041,368 |                         | 3.58  |
| Trade                          |                                       | 3,600,272 |                         | 12.38 |
| Financial Services             |                                       | 18,390    |                         | 0.06  |
| Building and Construction      |                                       | 143,919   |                         | 0.49  |
| Mining and Quarrying           |                                       | 16,206    |                         | 0.06  |
| Grand Total                    | 29                                    | 9,076,224 |                         | 100   |

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### Profile of Borrowers of CRR Funds



- Property Agents
- Residential and Commercial Property Owners
- Property Developers

Agriculture Sector



- Horticultural Farms and
- Traders
- Sisal Estate
- Flower Farms
- Individual Farmers
- Agricultural Produce
  Processors

### Manufacturing Sector



- Tea Processing Factories
- Book Publishers
- Chemical Manufacturers
- Steel Milling Companies
- Food Processors

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### Profile of Borrowers of CRR Funds

### Tourism Sector

- Tour Firms
- Domestic Hotels
- Estate Hotel Establishments
- Restaurants and Clubs

TradeImage: Spare Parts TradersOil Traders

- Motor Vehicle Dealing Companies
- Health Provider

# Transport & Communication



- Bus Companies
- Local Transport firms
- Airlines
- Tours & Transport
  Companies

### Impact of Emergency Measures on Mobile Money Transactions

| Number of Trai | nsactions |              |              |          | Value of Transo | actions, Ksh.'M | illion        |               |           |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
|                | Pre-      | Daily        | Daily        | Change   |                 | Pre-            | Daily         | Daily         | Change    |
|                | Measures, | Average      | Average      |          |                 | Measures,       | Average       | Average       | _         |
|                | Daily     | No. of       | No. of       |          |                 | Daily           | Value of      | Value of      |           |
|                | Average   | Transactions | Transactions |          |                 | Average         | Transactions, | Transactions, |           |
|                | No. of    | (16.03 –     | (20.04 –     |          |                 | Value of        | (16.03 –      | (20.04 –      |           |
|                |           | 19.04.2020)  | 10.05.2020)  |          |                 | Transactions    | 19.04.2020)   | 10.05.2020)   |           |
|                | Α         | В            | C            | C - A    |                 | Α               | В             | С             | C - A     |
| 1 - 49         | 476,574   | 407,637      | 422,193      | -54,381  | 1 - 49          | 10.02           | 8.58          | 9.19          | -0.83     |
| 50 - 100       | 1,486,858 | 1,058,463    | 1,057,807    | -429,051 | 50 - 100        | 130.41          | 86.86         | 84.86         | -45.55    |
| 101 - 500      | 1,226,440 | 1,832,588    | 2,083,781    | 857,341  | 101 - 500       | 385.85          | 55.23         | 621.42        | 235.57    |
| 501 - 1000     | 712,998   | 1,245,553    | 1,405,383    | 692,385  | 501 - 1000      | 532.50          | 1,084.94      | 1,229.95      | 697.45    |
| 1001 - 10000   | 1,228,053 | 745,628      | 727,354      | -500,699 | 1001 - 10000    | 3,629.46        | 2,494.68      | 2,454.11      | -1,175.35 |
| 10001-35000    | 115,680   | 96,117       | 97,840       | -17,840  | 10001-30000     | 1,927.81        | 1,703.37      | 1,734.87      | -192.94   |
| 35001-70000    | 27,205    | 16,518       | 16,635       | -10,570  | 30001-70000     | 1,275.43        | 820.15        | 819.55        | -455.88   |
| 70001-150000   | -         | 4,199        | 5,457        | 5,457    | 70001-150000    | -               | 428.53        | 564.48        | 564.48    |
| TOTAL          | 5,273,809 | 5,406,703.23 | 5,816,449.81 | 542,641  | Total           | 7,891.48        | 6,682.33      | 7,518.44      | -373.04   |

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- The bands 101-500 and 501-1000 have recorded increased transaction volumes and values.
  - This confirms that the waiver of fees for up to Ksh.1,000 encouraged more mobile money transactions.
- The new Ksh.70,001 Ksh.150,000 band recorded an average 5,457 transactions worth Ksh.564.48 million per day.
  - This justifies the introduction of the higher limit for mobile money as part of the emergency measures.

| Bank to E-Wall | et   |   |   |         |   |               |               |           |
|----------------|--|---|---|---------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|
|                | Pre-<br>measures,<br>Average<br>No. of<br>Transactions | Weekly<br>Average<br>No. of<br>Transactions,<br>16.03 –<br>19.04.2020 | Weekly<br>Average<br>No. of<br>Transactions,<br>20.04 –<br>10.05.2020 | Change  | Post-<br>measures,<br>Average<br>weekly Value<br>of Transactions<br>(Ksh.000) | Transactions, | Transactions, | Change    |
|                | Α  | В   | С   | C-A     | A   | В             | С             | C-A       |
| 1 - 49         | 4,285  | 11,397  | 11,336  | 7,051   | 276   | 279           | 277           | 1         |
| 50 - 100       | 26,810   | 73,714  | 85,870  | 59,060  | 6,267   | 6,780         | 7,924         | 1,657     |
| 101 - 500      | 185,783  | 290,745   | 339,451   | 153,668 | 93,466  | 97,906        | 114,565       | 21,099    |
| 501 - 1000     | 209,962  | 349,320   | 386,380   | 176,418 | 256,257   | 323,508       | 351,721       | 95,464    |
| 1001 - 10000   | 889,620  | 858,433   | 994,454   | 104,834 | 4,139,887   | 3,803,129     | 4,307,614     | 167,727   |
| 10001-35000    | 348,765  | 302,391   | 337,080   | -11,685 | 7,123,740   | 6,418,644     | 7,085,710     | (38,030)  |
| 35001-70000    | 84,867   | 61,218  | 63,468  | -21,399 | 3,755,778   | 3,266,817     | 3,334,722     | (421,056) |
| 70001-150000   | -  | 16,740  | 19,949  | 19,949  | 1,844,036   | 1,841,923     | 2,183,303     | 339,267   |
| TOTAL          | 1,750,091  | 1,963,958   | 2,237,989   | 487,898 | 17,219,707  | 15,758,985    | 17,385,837    | 166,130   |

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- The new band of Ksh.70,001 to Ksh.150,000 recorded an increased average of 19,949 transactions per week worth an average of Ksh.339 million over the last two months.
- Except for bands 10001-35,000 and 35001-70000, all the other bands recorded increased volume and value of transactions.
- The increase in values of bank to e-wallet transfers may imply some success in the measure of reducing use of physical cash by Kenyans.

### Impact of Emergency Measures on Mobile Money Transactions

| E-Wallet to Bank |   |  |  |         |   |            |   |            |  |  |  |
|------------------|---|--|--|---------|---|------------|---|------------|--|--|--|
|                  | Pre-mea-<br>sures, Av-<br>erage No.<br>Transactions | Weekly Av-<br>erage No.<br>of Transac-<br>tions, 16.03<br>– 19.04.2020 | Weekly Av-<br>erage No.<br>of Transac-<br>tions, 20.04<br>– 10.05.2020 | Change  | Pre-mea-<br>sures, Aver-<br>age weekly<br>Value of<br>Trans-<br>actions,<br>Ksh.000 | Ksh.'000,  | Weekly Aver-<br>age Value of<br>Transactions,<br>Ksh.'000,<br>20.04 –<br>10.05.2020 | Change     |  |  |  |
| 1 - 49           | Α   | В  | С  | C-A     | Α   | В          | С   | C-A        |  |  |  |
| 1 - 49           | 15,102  | 13,833   | 14,704   | -398    | 10.02   | 263        | 281   | 271        |  |  |  |
| 50 - 100         | 68,451  | 42,805   | 45,595   | -22,856 | 130.41  | 3,662      | 3,858   | 3,728      |  |  |  |
| 101 - 500        | 60,887  | 90,984   | 118,233  | 57,346  | 385.85  | 30,319     | 39,276  | 38,890     |  |  |  |
| 501 - 1000       | 54,886  | 95,339   | 112,470  | 57,584  | 532.50  | 89,866     | 103,436   | 102,904    |  |  |  |
| 1001 - 10000     | 253,466   | 239,466  | 316,220  | 62,754  | 3,629.46  | 1,149,955  | 1,492,360   | 1,488,731  |  |  |  |
| 10001-35000      | 129,758   | 128,550  | 167,858  | 38,100  | 1,927.81  | 2,569,383  | 3,358,648   | 3,356,720  |  |  |  |
| 35001-70000      | 60,479  | 65,227   | 96,485   | 36,006  | 1,275.43  | 3,418,939  | 4,995,600   | 4,994,325  |  |  |  |
| 70001-150000     | -   | 38549.00   | 65,208   | 65,208  | -   | 4,291,545  | 7,370,576   | 7,370,576  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL            | 643,029   | 714,753  | 936,774  | 293,745 | 7,891.48  | 11,553,931 | 17,364,034  | 17,356,143 |  |  |  |

- All bands registered increased volume and value of transactions.
- Generally, the highest increase is under the higher bands.

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• The increase is a pointer of increased adoption of electronic depositing of funds in bank accounts.

### COVID-19 Response Support by Banking Sector

- Cash contributions to COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.
- Donation of critical medical equipment in particular ventilators.
- In kind contributions-Personal Protective Equipment.
  - Face masks.
  - Gloves.

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- COVID-19 awareness and sensitization.
- Support of community initiatives on promoting sanitization-handwashing.
- Most importantly, banks have continued to provide services in the pandemic period even in locked down areas while ensuring health and safety of staff and customers.

#### 3.

### Support for SMEs by Banks

- Banks have developed 'anytime anywhere' digital products for SMEs-Stawi, DADA, M-Jeki, MobiGrow.
- SME value chain products.
- Dedicated SME funds-Equity, ABSA, Family Bank.
- Finance Plus Support-Training and market development for SMEs:-
  - Co-op/IFC partnership.
  - KCB/Mastercard.
  - Standard Chartered/Strathmore College.



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