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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Economic Growth

Kenya's economy grew by 5.1 percent in the second quarter of 2026 compared to 4.9 percent in the same quarter of 2025. Growth in the quarter was supported by improved performance in transport and storage, accommodation and food services, information and communication, finance and insurance, electricity and water supply and manufacturing. The services sector continued to support economic activities and grew by 5.8 percent in 2026Q2 from 5.5 percent in 2025Q2. However, agriculture and industry sectors slowed down to 3.5 percent and 4.4 percent in 2026Q2, compared to a growth of 4.0 percent and 4.6 percent in 2025Q2, respectively (**Table 1**).

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending October 22, 2026. It exchanged at KSh 129.91 per U.S. dollar on October 22, compared to KSh 129.81 per U.S. dollar on October 15 (**Table 2**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 14,693 million (5.9 months of import cover) as of October 22. This meets CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 3**).

Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending October 22, 2026, and open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 32.1 billion above the 3.25 percent Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement. The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA) remained stable at 8.75 percent. During the week, the average number of interbank transactions increased to 29 from 28 in the previous week, while the average value traded increased to KSh 19.8 billion from KSh 14.9 billion in the previous week (**Table 4**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of October 22, received bids totalling KSh 28.8 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 28.0 billion, representing a performance of 103.0 percent. Interest rates on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined (**Table 5**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices decreased by 4.56 percent, 0.51 percent and 0.39 percent, respectively, during the week ending October 22. Market capitalization decreased by 0.38 percent while total shares traded and equity turnover increased by 6156.13 percent and 1420.48 percent respectively. The high changes in shares traded and equity turnover is attributed to a block trade of KPLC shares worth 4.5 billion shares amounting to KSh 42.5 billion (**Table 7**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market decreased by 28.36 percent during the week ending October 22 (**Table 7**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 2.17 basis points on average. Yields for Côte d'Ivoire and Angola also increased (**Chart 2**).

Global Trends

Inflation concerns remained during the week ending October 22. The U.K. headline inflation rose to 3.5 percent in September 2026 from 3.1 percent in August, driven mainly by higher fuel prices. The U.S. Dollar Index weakened by 0.44 percent during the week.

Murban crude oil prices rose to USD 108.23 per barrel on October 22, up from USD 102.39 per barrel on October 15, reflecting elevated geopolitical risks in the Middle East and Europe. Over the same period, spot gold prices fell to USD 4,024.24 per ounce on October 22 from USD 4,170.25 per ounce on October 15, driven by a technology and artificial intelligence sell-off that prompted investors to reallocate assets to safe havens.



Table 1: Real GDP Growth by Sector (Percent)

	Annual	2025				2026	
	2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Agriculture	3.1	5.3	4.0	3.8	-1.3	3.8	3.5
2. Non-Agriculture (o/w)	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.5
2.1 Industry	4.7	4.0	4.6	5.5	4.7	5.4	4.4
Mining & Quarrying	14.9	12.7	13.7	15.0	17.8	9.1	5.8
Manufacturing	2.0	2.8	1.3	2.7	1.1	4.4	2.2
Electricity & water supply	5.2	4.1	6.5	4.8	5.5	4.3	7.7
Construction	6.8	4.5	7.3	8.1	7.3	6.6	6.0
2.2 Services	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3.6	4.3	2.6	3.1	4.0	4.1	4.7
Accommodation & Food Services	15.6	8.0	12.8	23.6	18.3	14.7	7.4
Transport & Storage	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.1	4.7	3.6	4.4
Information & Communication	4.8	5.5	5.9	4.0	4.0	5.0	7.2
Financial & Insurance	6.5	5.3	7.1	6.1	7.4	6.3	6.1
Public administration	8.3	9.5	8.7	6.3	8.7	5.7	7.0
Professional, Administration & Support Services	5.0	4.1	7.0	7.1	2.1	2.4	3.7
Real estate	3.9	4.6	4.3	3.7	2.9	5.0	5.5
Education	2.8	1.8	3.8	3.9	2.1	6.2	5.2
Health	5.5	4.7	7.0	4.4	5.9	4.3	4.5
Other services	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.2
FISIM	0.2	0.6	2.2	2.0	-3.9	-4.0	-3.6
2.3 Taxes on products	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.1	1.7	4.3	5.3
Real GDP Growth	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.0	5.1	5.1

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Table 2: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
09-Oct-26	129.91	172.04	145.92	82.18	31.47	20.35	11.33	23.05
12-Oct-26	129.75	171.67	145.32	81.94	31.21	20.34	11.36	23.10
13-Oct-26	129.71	171.64	145.00	81.77	32.03	20.35	11.37	23.07
14-Oct-26	129.79	171.92	145.29	81.95	31.82	20.26	11.36	23.10
15-Oct-26	129.81	171.30	144.43	81.70	30.46	20.26	11.36	23.10
Oct 9-15	129.79	171.71	145.19	81.91	31.40	20.31	11.36	23.08
16-Oct-26	129.89	172.74	145.81	82.27	31.17	20.36	11.35	23.06
19-Oct-26	129.92	173.14	145.79	82.16	31.97	20.35	11.37	23.10
20-Oct-26	Public Holiday							
21-Oct-26	129.92	173.76	145.82	82.14	32.17	20.39	11.35	23.08
22-Oct-26	129.91	173.92	145.83	82.18	32.26	20.35	11.35	23.08
Oct 16-22	129.91	173.39	145.81	82.19	31.89	20.36	11.36	23.08

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	24-Sep-26	01-Oct-26	08-Oct-26	15-Oct-26	22-Oct-26
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)	15,042	14,930	14,736	14,689	14,693
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)*	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9

*Based on 36 months average of imports of goods and non –factor services

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 4: Interbank Deals, Volumes and Interest Rates

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	KESONIA (%)*
9-Oct-26	26	17,250	8.75
12-Oct-26	26	11,350	8.75
13-Oct-26	36	20,350	8.75
14-Oct-26	28	15,320	8.75
15-Oct-26	23	10,100	8.75
Oct 9-15	28	14,874	8.75
16-Oct-26	34	19,000	8.75
19-Oct-26	19	19,600	8.75
20-Oct-26	Public Holiday		
21-Oct-26	25	17,295	8.75
22-Oct-26	36	23,300	8.75
Oct 16-22	29	19,799	8.75

* The overnight interbank rate has been officially named Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA) from September 1, 2025

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-May-26	25-Jun-26	30-Jul-26	24-Sep-26	15-Oct-26	22-Oct-26
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	14,093.44	23,013.48	14,403.22	17,739.93	49,796.45	14,336.63
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	14,081.70	14,187.31	14,330.17	16,546.14	34,244.17	14,334.18
Maturities (KSh M)	12,429.60	2,522.70	8,086.30	14,471.40	13,144.90	13,523.70
Average Interest Rate (%)	8.388	8.828	8.788	8.778	8.750	8.748
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-May-26	25-Jun-26	30-Jul-26	24-Sep-26	15-Oct-26	22-Oct-26
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	1,049.48	2,268.16	8,171.64	12,756.12	12,058.22	7,693.14
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,049.48	833.16	8,171.64	10,260.23	11,478.98	7,685.02
Maturities (KSh M)	508.45	721.50	2,303.15	2,731.85	7,945.05	835.40
Average Interest Rate (%)	8.250	8.844	8.955	8.895	8.860	8.859
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-May-26	25-Jun-26	30-Jul-26	24-Sep-26	15-Oct-26	22-Oct-26
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	1,494.84	2,776.87	4,792.57	11,228.23	6,643.43	6,801.35
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,490.29	2,405.42	4,784.06	6,543.85	6,592.62	6,773.91
Maturities (KSh M)	17,213.60	12,917.85	13,090.65	12,347.70	22,999.00	5,798.60
Average Interest Rate (%)	8.627	8.993	9.017	9.043	9.038	9.027

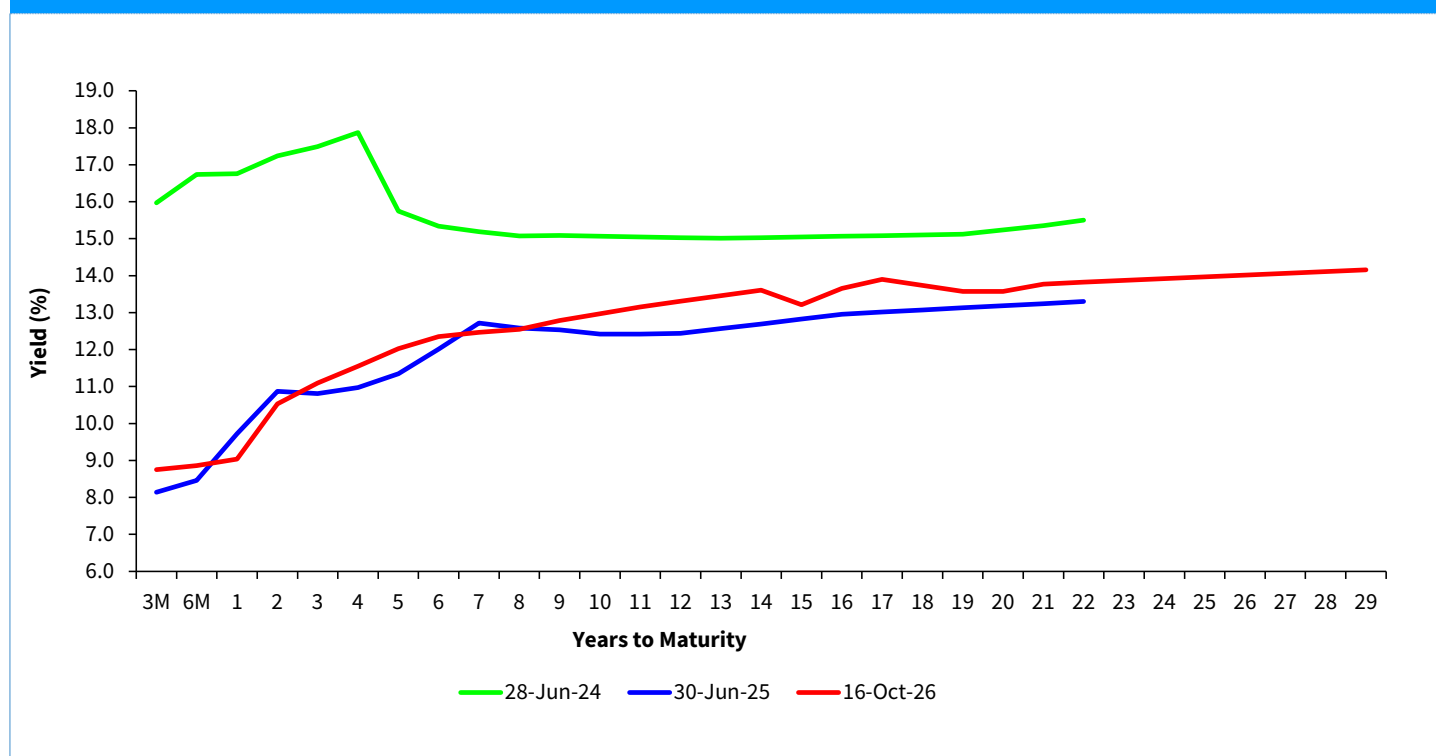
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 6: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	16-Sep-26		30-Sep-26		05-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	
	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN		SWITCH	RE-OPEN	
Tenor	FXD1/ 2019/020	FXD1/ 2026/030	FXD3/ 2019/015	FXD1/ 2019/020	FXD1/ 2018/015	SDB1/ 2011/030	FXD1/ 2026/030
Amount offered (KSh M)	60,000.00		50,000.00		10,000.00	50,000.00	
Bids received (KSh M)	43,803.82	37,601.48	34,559.26	46,003.11	9,080.58	23,722.22	60,103.63
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	33,456.74	16,718.32	28,602.50	28,902.51	8,963.83	19,161.61	33,883.42
Maturities (KSh M)							
Average interest Rate (%)	13.61	14.24	12.73	13.60	12.61	13.65	14.18

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

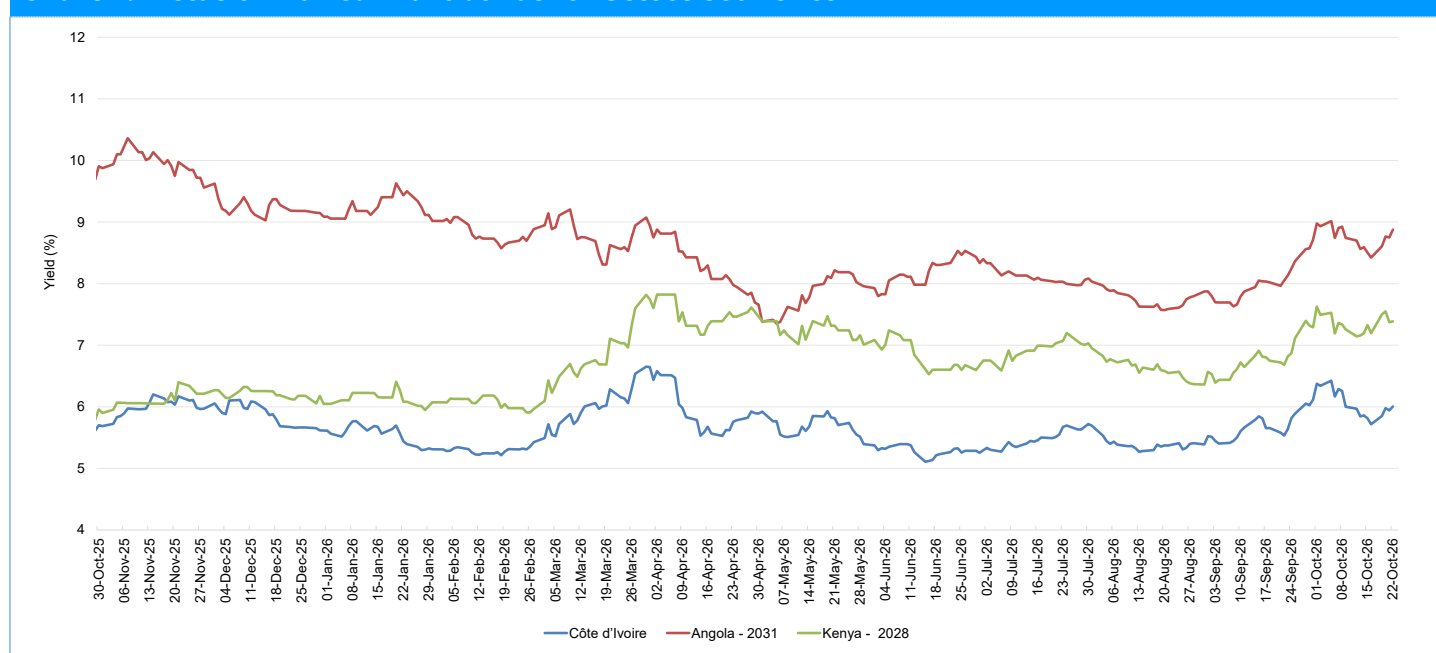
Table 7: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turnover (KSh Million)	Market Capital- ization (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Mil- lion)	EuroBond Yields (%)							
									10- Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12- Year 2032	13- Year 2034	11-Year 2036	12-year 2038	12- year 2039	30-Year 2048
9-Oct-26	244.93	6,964.04	4,315.49	10,459.00	8.51	329.88	4,110.46	8,870.40	7.257	7.910	8.590	9.151	9.545	9.836	9.868	9.868
12-Oct-26	245.32	6,976.74	4,313.55	12,771.00	18.68	872.75	4,116.94	1,336.20	7.143	7.911	8.567	9.087	9.541	9.819	9.847	9.847
13-Oct-26	242.62	6,900.83	4,287.37	11,462.00	16.05	507.10	4,071.64	15,244.40	7.156	7.833	8.487	9.003	9.412	9.746	9.754	9.754
14-Oct-26	238.10	6,767.33	4,238.80	11,984.00	20.13	886.85	3,995.88	12,458.40	7.197	7.887	8.572	9.100	9.480	9.829	9.861	9.861
15-Oct-26	239.03	6,791.85	4,238.19	10,370.00	10.51	394.78	4,011.39	6,086.10	7.327	7.970	8.676	9.182	9.596	9.925	9.931	9.931
Oct 9-15	239.03	6,791.85	4,238.19	57,046.00	73.88	2,991.37	4,011.39	43995.50	7.327	9.786	8.676	9.182	9.596	9.925	9.931	9.931
16-Oct-26	240.50	6,828.77	4,249.24	9,976	10.30	513	4,036.1	5,446	7.1956	9.9283	8.6632	9.2197	9.6398	9.9684	9.9886	9.7859
19-Oct-26	241.68	6,865.94	4,263.83	11,324	4552.46	42,700	4,055.9	12,911	7.5001	10.0327	8.8898	9.4585	9.8501	10.165	10.1803	9.9283
20-Oct-26	Public Holiday								7.5489	9.9126	9.0519	9.632	9.9983	10.2914	10.313	10.0327
21-Oct-26	238.30	6,789.47	4,250.43	13,302	14.71	479	3,999.2	22,797	7.3731	9.9643	8.9423	9.4551	9.8768	10.1242	10.1462	9.9126
22-Oct-26	228.13	6,757.32	4,221.67	10,499	44.31	1,792	3,996.2	15,319	7.387	8.2369	9.0186	9.5683	9.9477	10.1889	10.2166	9.9643
Oct 16-22	228.13	6,757.32	4,221.67	45,101	4,622	45,483	3,996.2	56,474	7.387	8.237	9.019	9.568	9.948	10.189	10.217	9.964
Weekly Changes (%)	-4.56	-0.51	-0.39	-20.94	6156.13	1420.48	-0.38	28.36	0.060*	-1.549*	0.342*	0.387*	0.352*	0.264*	0.285*	0.033*

* Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

Chart 2: Yields on 10-Year Eurobonds for Select Countries



Source: London Stock Exchange

Table 8: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)

	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	30-Jun-26	31-Jul-26	31-Aug-26	25-Sep-26	9-Oct-26	16-Oct-26
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	1,074.45	1,192.39	1,118.15	1,143.64	1,202.59	1,201.41	1,215.68	1,214.87
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	16.15	17.06	15.66	15.66	15.89	15.66	15.70	15.74
2. Treasury Bonds	5,578.98	5,798.22	6,021.15	6,157.18	6,365.63	6,468.61	6,527.94	6,501.44
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	83.85	82.94	84.34	84.34	84.11	84.34	84.30	84.26
3. Total Securities (1+2)	6,653.43	6,990.61	7,139.31	7,300.82	7,568.22	7,670.02	7,743.62	7,716.30
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	78.23	53.16	90.99	70.32	7.55	14.30	3.44	6.28
5. Other Domestic debt*	105.85	105.95	96.90	92.02	100.25	100.25	98.90	98.94
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	78.38	78.67	78.32	73.94	74.54	74.54	74.06	74.06
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	6,837.51	7,149.72	7,327.20	7,463.16	7,676.02	7,784.57	7,845.96	7,821.53

* Other domestic debt includes clearing items in transit, advances from commercial banks and Pre-1997 Government Overdraft.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)

	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	30-Jun-26	31-Jul-26	31-Aug-26	25-Sep-26	09-Oct-26	16-Oct-26
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	15.71	16.68	15.26	15.32	15.67	15.43	15.49	15.53
Treasury bonds	81.59	81.10	82.18	82.50	82.93	83.10	83.20	83.12
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.14	0.74	1.24	0.94	0.10	0.18	0.04	0.08
Other domestic debt	1.55	1.48	1.32	1.23	1.31	1.29	1.26	1.26
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.15	1.10	1.07	0.99	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.95
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 10: Government Securities by Sector (Percent)

	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	26-Jun-26	31-Jul-26	28-Aug-26	25-Sep-26	09-Oct-26	16-Oct-26
Financial Corporations	78.87	79.86	79.90	79.95	79.99	79.79	79.89	79.84
<i>O/W Commercial Banks</i>	34.91	36.66	35.72	35.42	34.63	34.03	33.52	33.40
<i>Pension Funds</i>	14.67	14.03	14.33	14.51	14.04	13.95	13.81	13.86
<i>Insurance Companies</i>	13.47	13.57	14.06	14.10	13.82	13.91	13.86	13.92
General Government	7.37	6.96	7.09	7.10	6.85	7.00	6.96	6.99
Households	6.45	6.28	6.33	6.23	6.24	6.19	6.20	6.19
Non-Residents	4.68	4.40	4.18	4.21	4.50	4.57	4.53	4.54
Nonfinancial corporations	1.79	1.56	1.52	1.54	1.51	1.54	1.51	1.52
Non-Profit Institutions	0.85	0.94	0.98	0.97	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

*Data has been re-classified to adopt a sectorization that is aligned with global best practices, including Government Finance Statistics Manual (GFSM) 2014, Public Sector Debt Statistics 2014 Manual, System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008, and Monetary and Financial Statistics (MFS) 2016. The new classification leverages on the Dhow Central Securities Depository (DhowCSD) system which has the capability to identify the ultimate holders of government securities. The new classification also captures information on any transfer of government securities that take place in the secondary market.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 11: Public Debt

	Jun-24	Dec-24	Jun-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-2026*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,326.01	6,837.51	7,149.72	7,327.20	7,463.16	7,676.02
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD Bn)	39.77	39.11	42.44	42.34	43.74	43.90	44.56	44.80
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,150.84	5,057.01	5,484.83	5,461.97	5,683.22	5,684.69	5,765.73	5,799.13
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	10,561.12	10,925.78	11,810.84	12,299.48	12,832.94	13,011.89	13,228.89	13,475.15

* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya