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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Inflation

Headline inflation declined marginally to 4.4 percent in January 2026 from 4.5 percent in December 2025, largely on account of moderation of the non-core inflation. Non-core inflation declined to 10.3 percent from 11.6 percent in December 2025, while core inflation increased to 2.2 percent from 2.0 percent over the same period (**Chart 1**). The decline in non-core inflation was mainly driven by moderation of prices of select food items.

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending January 29, 2026. It exchanged at KSh 129.03 per U.S. dollar on January 29, compared to 129.02 per U.S. dollar on January 22 (**Table 1**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 12,334 million (5.3 months of import cover) as of January 29. This meets CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 2**).

Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending January 29, 2026, with open market operations remaining active. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 6.8 billion above the 3.25 percent Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement. The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (KESONIA) remained relatively stable at 8.99 percent on January 29 compared to 8.98 percent on January 22. During the week, the average number of interbank transactions increased to 21 from 18 in the previous week, while the average value traded also increased to KSh 12.5 billion from KSh 12.1 billion (**Table 3**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of January 29 received bids totalling KSh 47.2 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 196.7 percent. Interest rate on the 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills increased, while interest rate on the 91-day Treasury bill declined (**Table 4**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 0.29 percent 0.16 percent and 0.73 percent, respectively, during the week ending January 29, 2026. Market capitalization, equity turnover and total shares traded also increased 0.28 percent, 67.55 percent and 67.01 percent respectively (**Table 6**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market decreased by 14.64 percent during the week ending January 29, 2026 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds decreased by 9.59 basis points on average. Yields for Angola and Côte d'Ivoire also decreased (**Chart 3**).

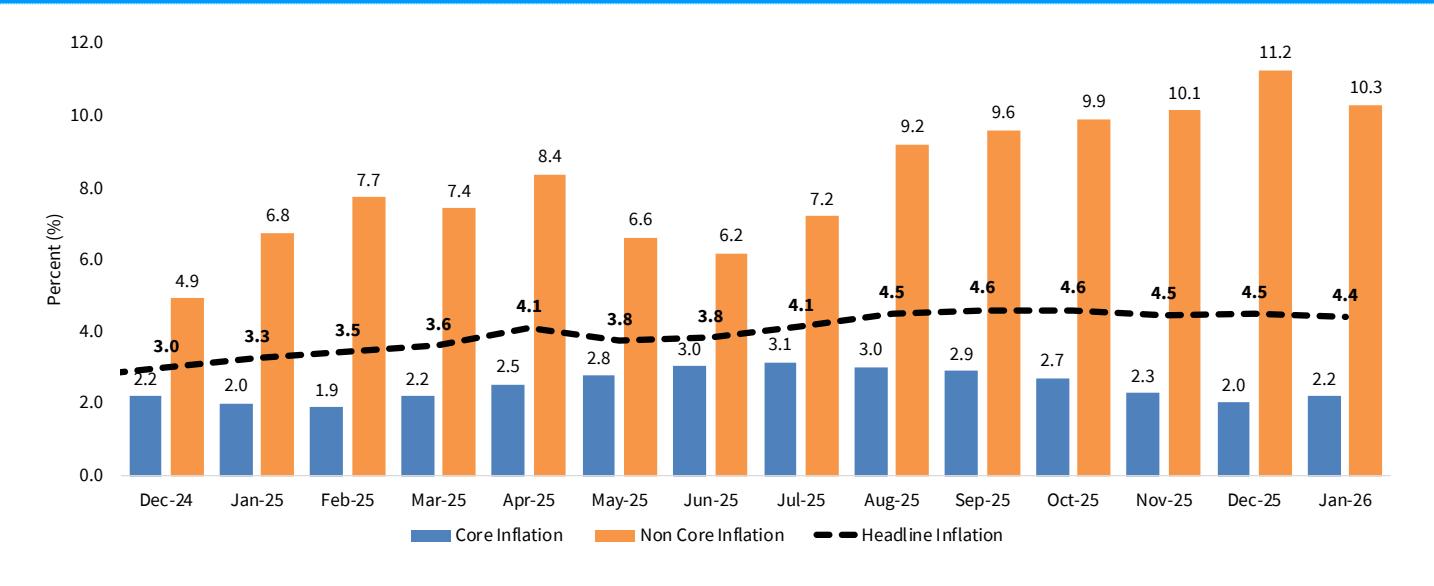
Global Trends

The U.S. Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan, and Bank of Canada held their policy rates amid uncertain global demand and geopolitical risks. U.S. economy grew by 4.4 percent in quarter three of 2025, while labour market conditions remained weak despite weekly jobless claims falling. The U.S. Dollar Index weakened by 2.11 percent during the week ending January 29, 2026.

International oil prices increased during the week. Murban crude oil traded at USD 68.46 per barrel on January 29, from USD 64.10 per barrel on January 22, reflecting increased concerns about rising U.S.-Iran geopolitical tension which could disrupt oil supplies.



Chart 1: Inflation Developments (Percent)



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
16-Jan-26	129.03	172.60	149.75	81.27	27.55	19.49	11.26	22.94
19-Jan-26	129.02	172.93	149.89	81.60	27.55	19.53	11.29	22.94
20-Jan-26	129.03	173.07	150.08	81.69	26.93	19.58	11.30	22.94
21-Jan-26	129.05	173.55	151.40	81.78	26.80	19.56	11.26	22.94
22-Jan-26	129.02	173.32	151.26	81.65	26.81	19.76	11.29	22.94
Jan 16-22	129.03	173.09	150.48	81.60	27.13	19.58	11.28	22.94
23-Jan-26	129.02	174.15	151.63	81.35	27.35	19.64	11.27	22.95
26-Jan-26	129.02	174.51	151.44	81.51	27.35	19.84	11.27	22.95
27-Jan-26	129.02	176.46	153.24	83.47	27.47	19.68	11.27	22.95
28-Jan-26	129.03	178.09	154.75	84.58	27.70	19.72	11.27	22.95
29-Jan-26	129.03	177.78	154.38	84.53	27.74	19.84	11.27	22.95
Jan 23-29	129.02	176.20	153.09	83.09	27.52	19.74	11.27	22.95

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	31-Dec-25	08-Jan-26	15-Jan-26	22-Jan-26	29-Jan-26
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	12,394	12,384	12,477	12,219	12,334
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3

*Excludes encumbered reserves

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Money Market

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
16-Jan-26	18	14,200.00	9.00
19-Jan-26	21	9,010.00	8.99
20-Jan-26	24	21,250.00	8.99
21-Jan-26	16	9,700.00	8.99
22-Jan-26	12	6,300.00	8.98
Jan 16-22	18	12,092.00	8.99
23-Jan-26	23	15,875.00	8.98
26-Jan-26	19	13,350.00	8.99
27-Jan-26	25	14,575.00	8.98
28-Jan-26	12	8,290.00	8.98
29-Jan-26	27	10,360.00	8.99
Jan 23-29	21	12,490.00	8.99

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	27-Nov-25	31-Dec-25	22-Jan-26	29-Jan-26
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	2,790.24	1,449.26	17,943.16	6,327.87	1,373.63	6,351.83
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,704.14	1,442.77	17,938.26	6,327.87	1,369.71	6,351.83
Maturities (KSh M)	2,191.25	2,682.00	20,191.65	1,596.50	13,193.40	1,874.35
Average Interest Rate (%)	8.791	8.139	7.779	7.729	7.727	7.633
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	27-Nov-25	31-Dec-25	22-Jan-26	29-Jan-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)	1,706.31	1,200.39	515.21	11,290.24	8,825.09	2,278.70
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,701.35	1,198.53	515.21	11,290.24	8,801.47	2,251.20
Maturities (KSh M)	3,580.40	321.35	9,095.80	11,531.30	3,266.15	2,178.20
Average Interest Rate (%)	9.058	8.461	7.800	7.800	7.793	7.800
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	27-Nov-25	31-Dec-25	22-Jan-26	29-Jan-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)	10,249.39	11,839.57	26,354.15	8,299.70	8,151.47	38,580.81
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	10,104.04	11,798.48	26,350.23	8,291.31	8,041.22	38,573.56
Maturities (KSh M)	8,813.10	2,094.10	16,207.70	1,750.20	13,506.30	8,980.10
Average Interest Rate (%)	10.412	9.722	9.376	9.210	9.200	9.207

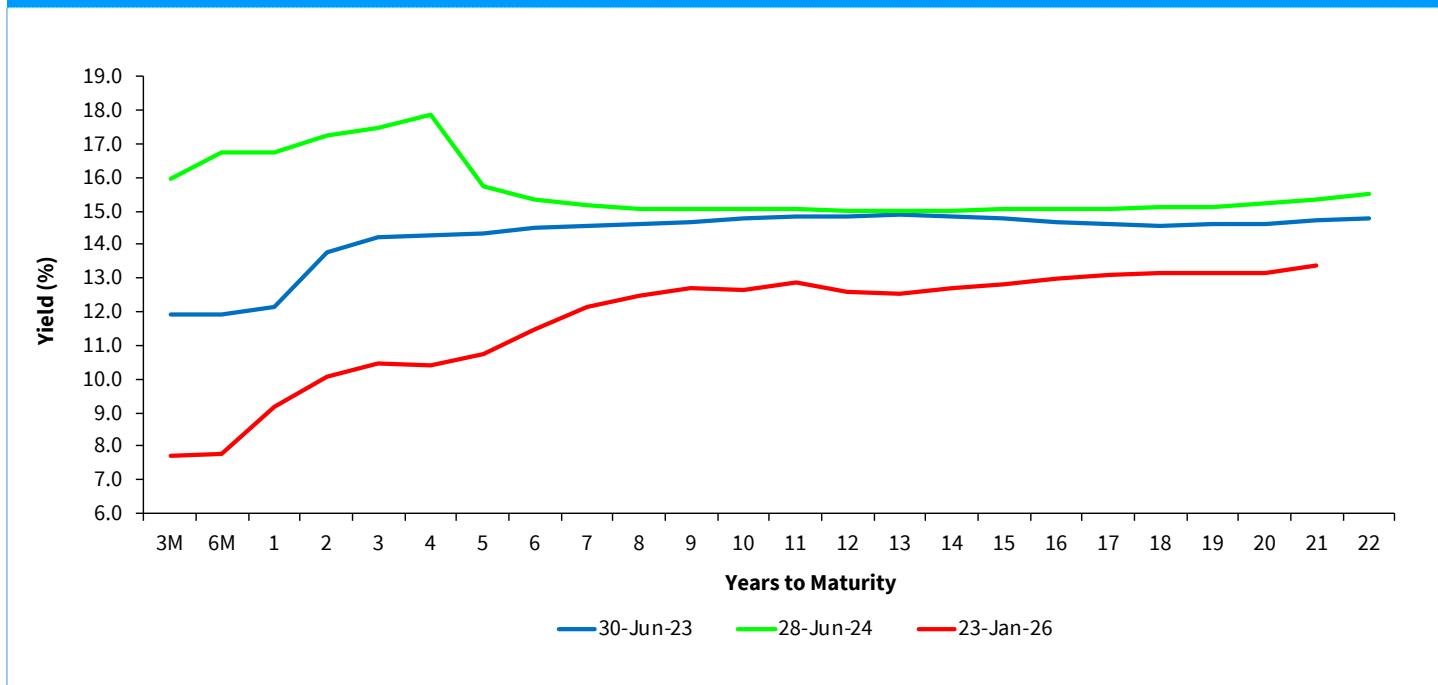
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	19-Nov-25		03-Dec-25		07-Jan-26		19-Jan-26
	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN		SWITCH
Tenor	FXD3/ 2019/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	SDB1/ 2011/030	FXD1/ 2021/025	FXD1/ 2019/020	FXD1/ 2022/025	FXD1/ 2022/015
Amount offered (KSh M)	40,000.00		40,000.00		60,000.00		20,000.00
Bids received (KSh M)	33,714.18	82,144.11	4,589.49	48,542.38	23,363.01	48,180.98	26,491.24
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	20,188.58	34,572.16	3,901.19	43,208.92	20,239.59	40,341.94	25,173.83
Maturities (KSh M)			25,199.80				
Average interest Rate (%)	12.57	15.07	13.32	13.62	13.26	13.76	13.17

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 2: Government Securities Yield Curve



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

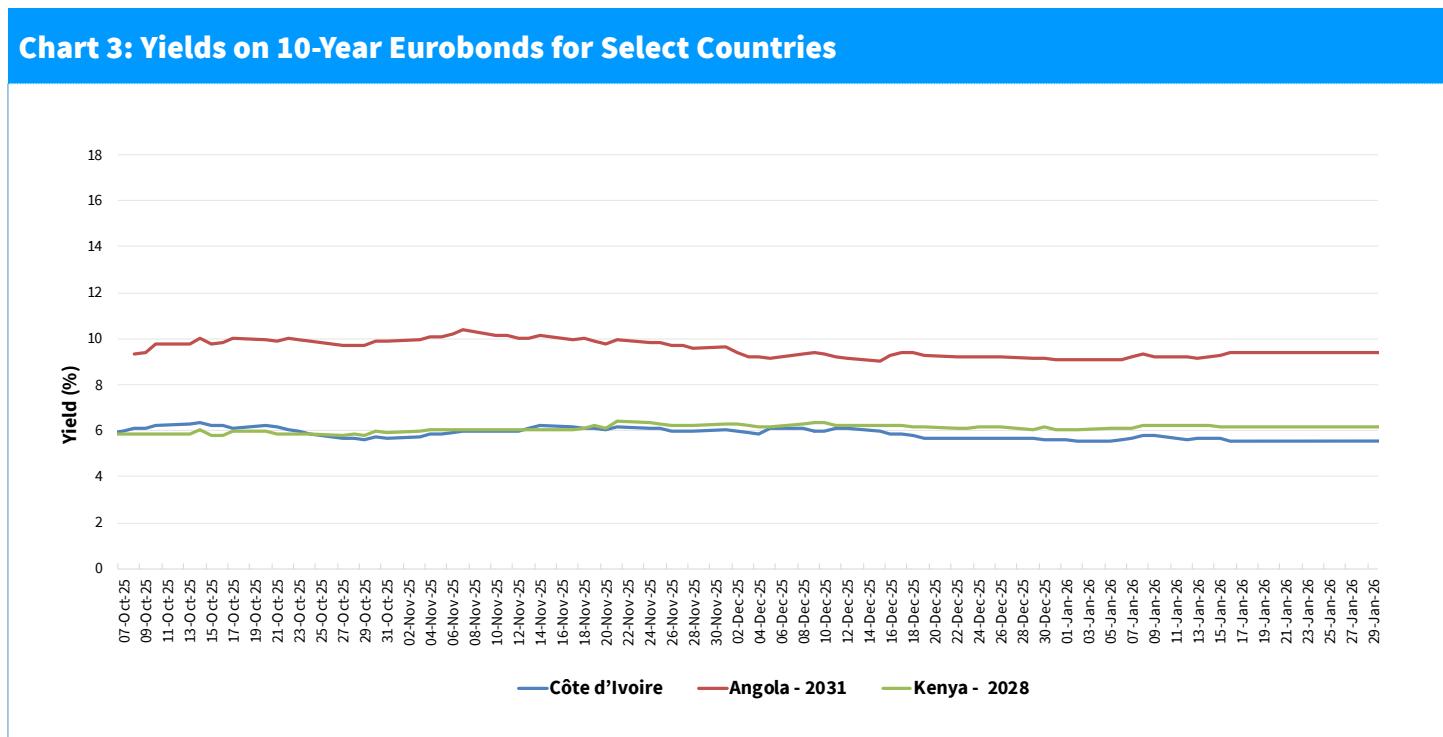
Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators

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 Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	EuroBond Yields (%)				
									10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
16-Jan-26	193.87	5,280.48	3,256.54	5,627.00	11.25	250.60	3,059.46	7061.45	6.15	7.04	7.22	7.94	8.91
19-Jan-26	193.60	5,267.78	3,256.69	6,022.00	14.62	545.31	3,055.20	15455.35	6.15	7.04	7.22	7.94	8.91
20-Jan-26	193.84	5,266.89	3,258.49	5,774.00	11.65	331.52	3,059.08	21603.75	6.41	7.28	7.53	8.20	9.07
21-Jan-26	193.43	5,254.47	3,251.33	5,476.00	19.14	750.45	3,052.52	17694.70	6.28	7.14	7.36	8.01	8.94
22-Jan-26	194.49	5,299.15	3,270.85	5,847.00	17.02	675.72	3,069.34	17394.10	6.08	6.93	7.19	7.85	8.80
Jan 16-22	194.49	5,299.15	3,270.85	28,746.00	73.68	2,553.59	3,069.34	79,209.35	6.08	6.93	7.19	7.85	8.80
23-Jan-26	194.60	5,301.84	3,267.16	6,125.00	17.45	640.59	3,071.05	11,426.90	6.08	6.93	7.22	7.85	8.79
26-Jan-26	194.42	5,283.40	3,267.95	7,342.00	26.87	1,127.60	3,068.22	8,943.25	6.02	6.93	7.22	7.82	8.78
27-Jan-26	194.95	5,297.82	3,283.08	7,775.00	32.61	1,033.89	3,076.56	17,849.45	6.01	6.90	7.16	7.80	8.71
28-Jan-26	195.71	5,328.58	3,289.12	6,739.00	20.19	590.31	3,088.56	10,527.30	5.95	6.76	7.10	7.75	8.67
29-Jan-26	195.05	5,307.50	3,294.85	6,552.00	25.93	886.21	3,078.07	18,863.95	6.01	6.79	7.10	7.78	8.70
Jan 23-29	195.05	5,307.50	3,294.85	34,533.00	123.04	4,278.61	3,078.07	67,610.85	6.01	6.79	7.10	7.78	8.70
Weekly Changes (%)	0.29	0.16	0.73	20.13	67.01	67.55	0.28	-14.64	-0.072*	-0.145*	-0.087*	-0.067*	-0.107*

* Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

Chart 3: Yields on 10-Year Eurobonds for Select Countries



Source: London Stock Exchange

Table 7: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)

	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	28-Nov-25	24-Dec-25	16-Jan-26	23-Jan-26
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	915.44	1,036.87	1,081.71	1,057.05	1,050.19	1,074.00	1,095.42	1,103.98
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	15.41	16.87	16.65	16.12	15.82	16.14	16.27	16.37
2. Treasury Bonds	5,025.43	5,110.01	5,415.65	5,501.06	5,587.54	5,578.98	5,638.54	5,639.04
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	84.59	83.13	83.35	83.88	84.18	83.86	83.73	83.63
3. Total Securities (1+2)	5,940.87	6,146.88	6,497.35	6,558.11	6,637.73	6,652.98	6,733.96	6,743.02
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	86.51	67.63	55.02	73.05	40.01	94.19	6.94	39.57
5. Other Domestic debt*	99.32	111.50	108.04	106.41	106.41	107.60	107.60	105.85
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	78.71	80.56	78.93	78.38	78.38	78.38	78.38	78.38
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	6,126.70	6,326.01	6,660.42	6,737.57	6,784.15	6,854.78	6,848.50	6,888.44

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 8: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)

	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	28-Nov-25	24-Dec-25	16-Jan-26	23-Jan-26
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	14.94	16.39	16.24	15.69	15.48	15.67	16.00	16.03
Treasury bonds	82.03	80.78	81.31	81.65	82.36	81.39	82.33	81.86
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.41	1.07	0.83	1.08	0.59	1.37	0.10	0.57
Other domestic debt	1.62	1.76	1.62	1.58	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.54
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.28	1.27	1.19	1.16	1.16	1.14	1.14	1.14
TOTAL	100.00							

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)

Sector	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	28-Nov-25	24-Dec-25	16-Jan-26	23-Jan-26
Financial Corporations	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.9	79.0	79.1
O/W Commercial Banks	35.4	35.0	34.6	34.8	34.8	35.1
Pension Funds	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7
Insurance Companies	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.6
General Government	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2
Households	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4
Non-Residents	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7
Nonfinancial corporations	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
Non-Profit Institutions	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*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 10: Public Debt

	Dec-23	Jun-24	Dec-24	Jun-25	Jul-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	5,050.11	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,326.01	6,386.24	6,660.42	6,737.57	6,784.15
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD \$ Bn)	38.92	39.77	39.11	42.44	41.67	41.73	42.18	42.13
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	6,089.58	5,150.84	5,057.01	5,484.83	5,385.30	5,393.53	5,451.89	5,469.19
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	11,139.69	10,561.12	10,925.78	11,810.84	11,771.54	12,053.95	12,189.46	12,253.34

* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya