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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending February 13. It exchanged at KSh 129.21 per US dollar on February 13, compared to KSh 129.19 per US dollar on February 6 (**Table 1**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The usable foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 9,374 million (4.8 months of import cover) as of February 13. This meets the CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 2**).

Remittances

Remittance inflows in January 2025 totalled USD 427.4 million compared to USD 412.4 million in January 2024, an increase of 3.6 percent (**Chart 1**). The cumulative inflows for the 12 months to January 2025 increased by 16.6 percent to USD 4,961 million compared to USD 4,253 million in a similar period in 2024. The remittance inflows continue to support the current account and the foreign exchange market. The US remains the largest source of remittances to Kenya, accounting for 53.2 percent in January 2025.

Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending February 13. Open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 20.2 billion in relation to the 3.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The average interbank rate was at 10.50 percent on February 13 compared to 10.70 on February 6. During the week, the average number of interbank deals remained relatively stable at 26 compared with 27 the previous week, while the average value traded increased to KSh 14.4 billion from KSh 11.9 billion in the previous week (**Table 3**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of February 13 received bids totalling KSh 44.3 billion against an advertised amount

of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 184.4 percent. Interest rates on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined (**Table 4**).

During the Treasury bond auction of February 12, the reopened 14-year and 17-year infrastructure bonds received bids totalling KSh 193.9 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 70.0 billion, representing a performance of 277.0 percent (**Table 5**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and the NSE 20 share price indices increased by 0.1 percent, 0.7 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively, during the week ending February 13, 2025. Market capitalization, equity turnover and total shares traded decreased by 0.1 percent, 45.6 percent and 42.2 percent, respectively (**Table 6**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market decreased by 9.9 percent during the week ending February 13, 2025 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 12.1 basis points on average. The yield on Eurobond for Angola increased, while that for Côte d'Ivoire decreased (**Chart 3**).

Global Trends

Inflation concerns remained elevated during the week ending February 13. The US inflation rate increased to 3.0 percent in January 2025 from 2.9 percent in January 2024 while the core inflation rate rose to 3.3 percent in January 2025. The United Kingdom economy grew by 0.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024 from a contraction of 0.3 percent in a similar quarter in 2023. The US Dollar Index weakened by 0.3 percent during the week ending February 13.

International oil prices increased, with Murban oil rising to USD 77.07 per barrel on February 13, from USD 76.87 per barrel on February 6, on account of oil inventories draw-down.

Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
31-Jan-25	129.23	160.72	134.49	83.86	28.52	19.81	10.98	22.90
3-Feb-25	129.20	160.16	132.97	83.28	28.52	19.54	10.75	22.91
4-Feb-25	129.22	158.54	132.30	83.05	28.46	19.73	10.94	22.91
5-Feb-25	129.21	161.10	134.06	84.18	28.48	19.93	10.75	22.91
6-Feb-25	129.19	161.37	134.21	84.82	28.48	19.85	10.76	22.91
Jan 31-Feb 6	129.21	160.38	133.61	83.84	28.49	19.77	10.84	22.91
7-Feb-25	129.21	160.09	133.90	84.87	28.44	19.81	11.00	22.91
10-Feb-25	129.21	160.98	134.12	85.22	28.42	19.89	10.81	22.91
11-Feb-25	129.22	159.71	133.14	85.03	28.44	19.77	10.77	22.91
12-Feb-25	129.22	160.79	133.83	84.11	28.44	20.06	10.78	22.91
13-Feb-25	129.21	161.40	134.84	83.74	28.48	20.09	10.78	22.91
Feb 7-13	129.21	160.59	133.97	84.60	28.45	19.93	10.83	22.91

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

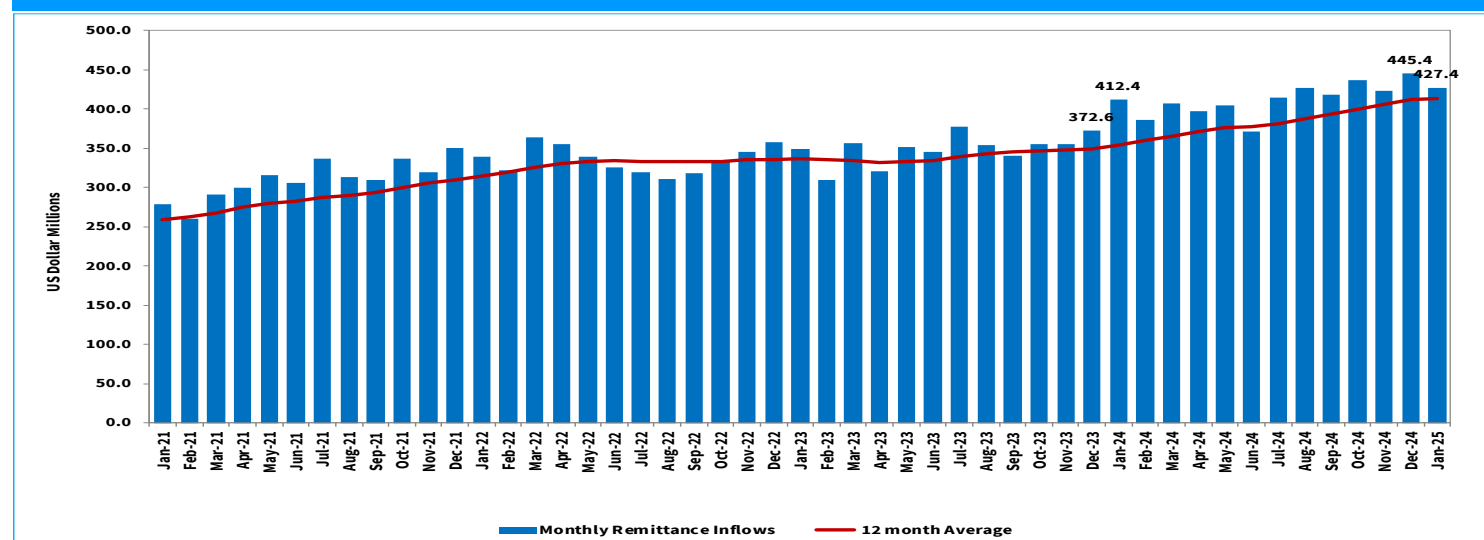
	16-Jan-25	23-Jan-25	30-Jan-25	6-Feb-25	13-Feb-25
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	9,143	8,652	8,877	9,219	9,374
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8

*Excludes encumbered reserves

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 1: Remittances



Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Money Market			
Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
31-Jan-25	21	8,950.00	11.15
3-Feb-25	34	16,300.00	11.11
4-Feb-25	31	13,250.00	11.05
5-Feb-25	24	10,650.00	11.01
6-Feb-25	23	10,500.00	10.70
Jan 31-Feb 6	27	11,930.00	11.00
7-Feb-25	34	20,730.00	10.63
10-Feb-25	26	11,310.00	10.59
11-Feb-25	28	13,610.00	10.54
12-Feb-25	24	13,210.00	10.54
13-Feb-25	20	12,960.00	10.50
Feb 6-13	26	14,364.00	10.56

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions						
91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	6-Feb-25	13-Feb-25
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)	8,516.51	4,361.03	2,242.28	2,465.23	9,999.95	2,526.20
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	6,986.46	2,745.34	2,208.47	2,450.72	9,933.99	2,504.74
Maturities (KSh M)	3,254.55	3,922.10	3,443.00	7,518.90	10,829.15	3,983.85
Average Interest Rate (%)	15.983	15.977	9.895	9.522	9.116	8.970
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	6-Feb-25	13-Feb-25
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)	322.85	1,494.42	435.30	2,863.29	23,998.17	23,624.18
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	322.85	1,479.67	435.30	2,520.57	15,076.79	10,944.81
Maturities (KSh M)	1,365.20	293.25	1,534.00	8,280.55	20,303.55	11,763.85
Average Interest Rate (%)	15.967	16.764	10.022	10.028	9.519	9.410
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	6-Feb-25	13-Feb-25
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)	1,661.91	1,833.64	2,189.12	8,133.60	37,184.92	18,105.46
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,661.91	1,828.51	2,189.12	8,117.07	34,726.86	11,694.56
Maturities (KSh M)	1,858.45	1,679.00	1,918.60	4,035.60	7,069.55	5,495.45
Average Interest Rate (%)	16.100	16.791	11.410	11.313	10.758	10.594

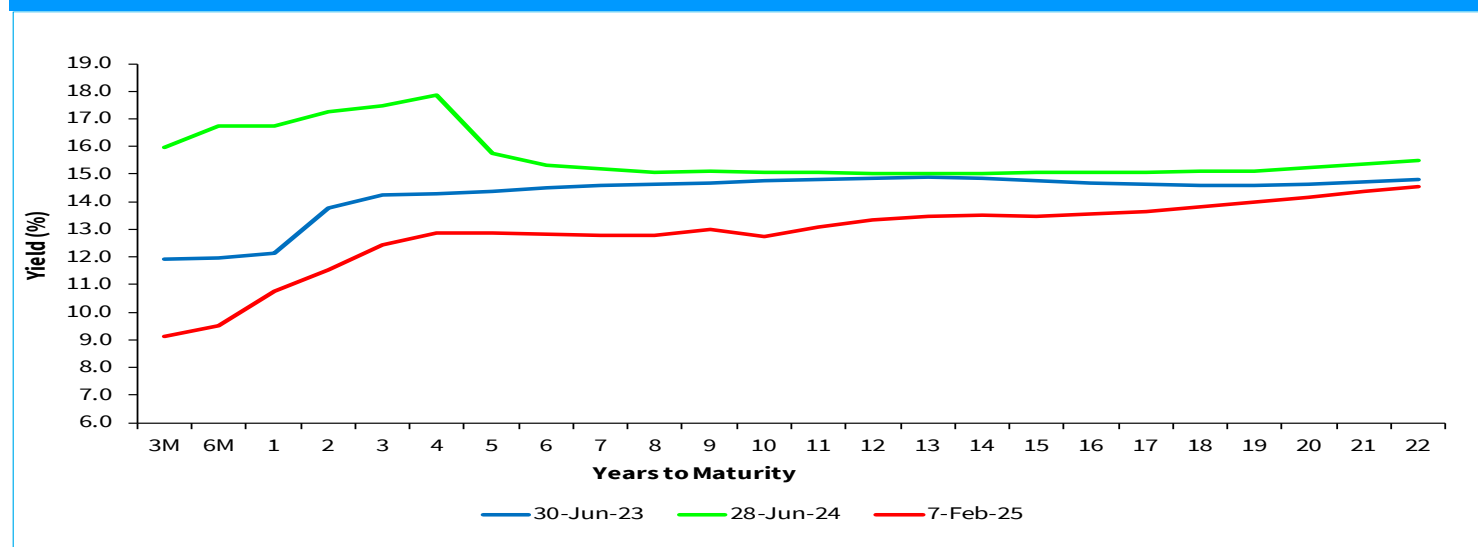
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	13-Nov-24	4-Dec-24		13-Dec-24	15-Jan-25		12-Feb-25	
	RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	
Tenor	FXD1/ 2024/010	FXD1/ 2023/010	FXD1/ 2018/020	FXD1/ 2024/10	FXD1/ 2018/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	IFB1/ 2022/014	IFB1/ 2023/017
Amount offered (KSh M)	20,000.00	25,000.00		20,000.00	30,000.00		70,000.00	
Bids received (KSh M)	55,575.58	47,395.28	23,922.30	53,628.95	30,576.60	28,421.50	93,132.02	100,765.93
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	30,515.91	34,922.07	18,488.38	43,448.79	23,753.07	24,728.62	65,255.75	65,553.12
Maturities (KSh M)								
Average interest Rate (%)	15.86	14.69	15.11	14.69	14.21	15.68	13.98	14.28

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 2: Government Securities Yield Curve



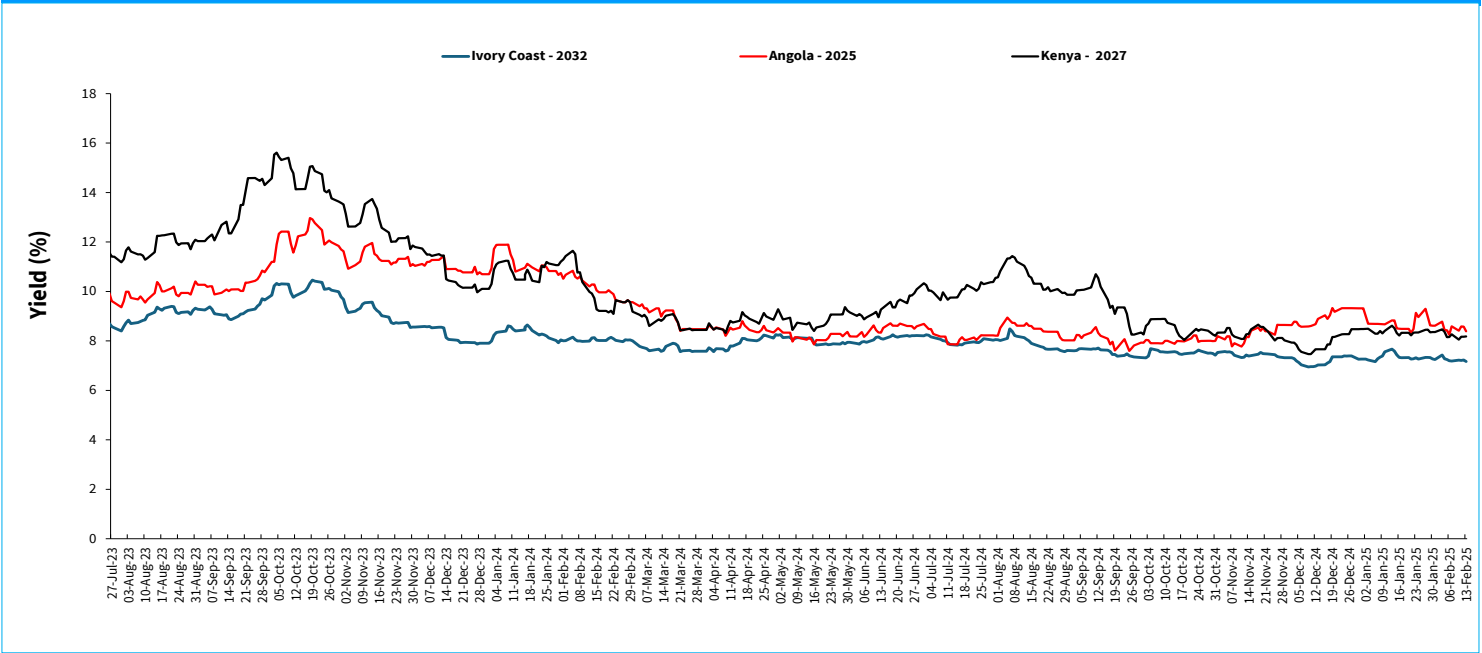
Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

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 Turn- over (KSh Million)	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	Eurobond Yields (%)					
									7-Year 2027	10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
31-Jan-25	128.28	3436.04	2162.58	2,876.00	55.82	686.64	1983.70	3211	8.358	8.908	10.007	9.902	9.965	10.223
3-Feb-25	127.71	3464.70	2159.74	2,471.00	24.81	412.67	2006.10	5058	8.468	9.057	10.073	10.077	10.095	10.290
4-Feb-25	128.96	3484.60	2181.38	2,375.00	45.26	668.57	2025.86	8248	8.363	8.911	10.008	9.874	9.993	10.240
5-Feb-25	130.69	3517.65	2190.99	2,577.00	34.00	634.61	2052.98	9165	8.151	8.524	9.716	9.646	9.738	10.092
6-Feb-25	130.01	3513.25	2188.21	2,224.00	30.94	586.43	2042.32	10379	8.159	8.576	9.749	9.676	9.74	10.092
Jan 31-Feb 6	130.01	3513.25	2188.21	12,523.00	190.83	2,988.92	2,042.32	36,060.96	8.159	8.576	9.749	9.676	9.740	10.092
7-Feb-25	129.58	3508.72	2194.48	2,203.00	30.31	421.80	2,035.56	6061.45	8.269	8.674	9.781	9.762	9.817	10.141
10-Feb-25	129.71	3519.20	2186.40	2,355.00	27.26	281.30	2,037.55	8174.85	8.055	8.578	9.749	9.677	9.742	10.109
11-Feb-25	129.22	3514.41	2178.88	2,190.00	17.26	335.58	2,029.83	7727.15	8.166	8.677	9.847	9.792	9.819	10.158
12-Feb-25	129.66	3539.82	2198.11	2,052.00	17.16	238.00	2,036.83	1103.40	8.168	8.776	9.944	9.851	9.922	10.224
13-Feb-25	130.16	3536.07	2208.92	1,804.00	18.22	350.27	2,044.59	9422.75	8.179	8.684	9.912	9.824	9.925	10.192
Feb 7-13, 2024	130.16	3536.07	2208.92	10,604.00	110.21	1,626.96	2,044.59	32,489.60	8.179	8.684	9.912	9.824	9.925	10.192
Weekly Changes (%)	0.12	0.65	0.95	-15.32	-42.24	-45.57	-0.11	-9.90	0.020*	0.108*	0.163*	0.148*	0.185*	0.100*

* 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)

	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	31-Jan-25	7-Feb-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	614.73	546.90	615.89	712.45	834.73	846.10	856.32	850.45
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	13.28	11.35	11.75	12.96	14.71	14.77	14.78	14.70
2. Treasury Bonds	4,013.89	4,271.82	4,627.12	4,785.63	4,840.35	4,884.05	4,936.77	4,936.77
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	86.72	88.65	88.25	87.04	85.29	85.23	85.22	85.30
3. Total Securities (1+2)	4,628.62	4,818.72	5,243.01	5,498.08	5,675.08	5,730.15	5,793.08	5,787.22
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	76.46	94.13	61.02	0.00	31.77	37.48	35.24	63.05
5. Other Domestic debt*	127.04	137.26	106.25	103.64	101.95	101.15	100.66	100.65
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	95.52	104.24	83.54	82.63	81.08	80.29	79.58	79.58
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	4,832.11	5,050.11	5,410.28	5,601.71	5,808.80	5,868.77	5,928.98	5,950.92

* 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)

	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	31-Jan-25	7-Feb-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	12.72	10.83	11.38	12.72	14.37	14.42	14.44	14.29
Treasury bonds	83.07	84.59	85.52	85.43	83.33	83.22	83.27	82.96
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.58	1.86	1.13	0.00	0.55	0.64	0.59	1.06
Other domestic debt	2.63	2.72	1.96	1.85	1.76	1.72	1.70	1.69
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.98	2.06	1.54	1.48	1.40	1.37	1.34	1.34
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)

	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	31-Jan-25	7-Feb-25
Banking Institutions	46.17	46.07	45.12	44.38	45.36	45.05	44.96	45.15
Insurance Companies	7.31	7.23	7.23	7.22	7.15	7.32	7.32	7.30
Parastatals	5.98	5.47	5.13	5.35	5.43	5.60	5.93	5.94
Pension Funds*	33.42	29.93	29.60	29.44	28.94	28.88	28.82	28.70
Other Investors	7.13	11.30	12.92	13.60	13.13	13.16	12.97	12.91
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

* Includes pension funds and custodial/ Nominee Accounts

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 10: Public Debt

	Dec-22	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24*
Domestic debt (KSh Bn)	4,472.84	4,832.11	4,917.47	5,050.11	5,235.19	5,410.28	5,453.00	5,558.35	5,601.71
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD Bn)	37.88	38.76	38.27	38.92	39.18	39.77	39.74	40.07	40.16
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (KSh Bn)	4,673.14	5,446.56	5,667.80	6,089.58	5,163.42	5,150.84	5,162.85	5,176.10	5,188.37
Public debt (KSh Bn)	9,145.98	10,278.67	10,585.27	11,139.69	10,398.61	10,561.12	10,615.85	10,734.45	10,790.08

* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya