Central Bank of Kenya

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October 31, 2025

RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Inflation

Headline inflation remained stable at 4.6 percent in October and September 2025, largely supported by easing prices of select food items. Core inflation declined to 2.7 percent from 2.9 percent in September, while non-core inflation increased to 9.9 percent from 9.6 percent over the same period **(Chart 1)**. The increase in the non-core inflation was mainly driven by energy and transport costs.

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending October 30, 2025. It exchanged at KSh 129.24 per U.S. dollar on October 30, unchanged from October 23 **(Table 1)**.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 12,194 million (5.3 months of import cover) as of October 30. This meets the 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 October 30. Open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 12.4 billion above the 3.25 percent Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement. The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (KESONIA) was stable at 9.26 percent on October 30, unchanged from October 23. During the week, the average number of interbank transactions declined to 23 from 30 in the previous week, while the average value traded decreased to KSh 11.3 billion from KSh 14.5 billion **(Table 3)**.

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of October 30 received bids totalling KSh 24.3 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 101.1 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined while interest rate on the 182-day Treasury bill increased marginally **(Table 4)**.

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 3.45 percent, 2.52 percent and 1.92 percent respectively, during the week ending October 30, 2025. Market capitalization, equity turnover and total shares traded also increased by 3.45 percent, 55.23 percent and 105.83 percent, respectively **(Table 6)**.

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 22.10 percent during the week ending October 30, 2025 **(Table 6)**. In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds decreased by 11.67 basis points on average. Yields for Angola and Côte d'Ivoire also decreased **(Chart 3)**.

Global Trends

Inflation concerns in advanced economies eased during the week ending October 30. The US Federal Reserve lowered the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to a target range of 3.75 – 4.00 percent, reflecting elevated US inflation outcomes, subdued economic activity and labour market weakness. The Bank of Canada also cut its policy rate by 25 basis points to 2.25 percent while the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan left their interest rate unchanged at 2.0 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively. The U.S. Dollar index strengthened by 0.6 percent during the week after the US Federal Reserve's press conference, as financial markets repriced expectations to rule out any further rate cuts at the December Fed meeting.

International oil prices declined on account of oil inventories build-up and easing trade tensions following US trade negotiations with China and South Korea. Murban oil price decreased to USD 65.51 per barrel on October 30, from USD 66.85 per barrel on October 23.

Chart 1: Inflation developments (Percent)

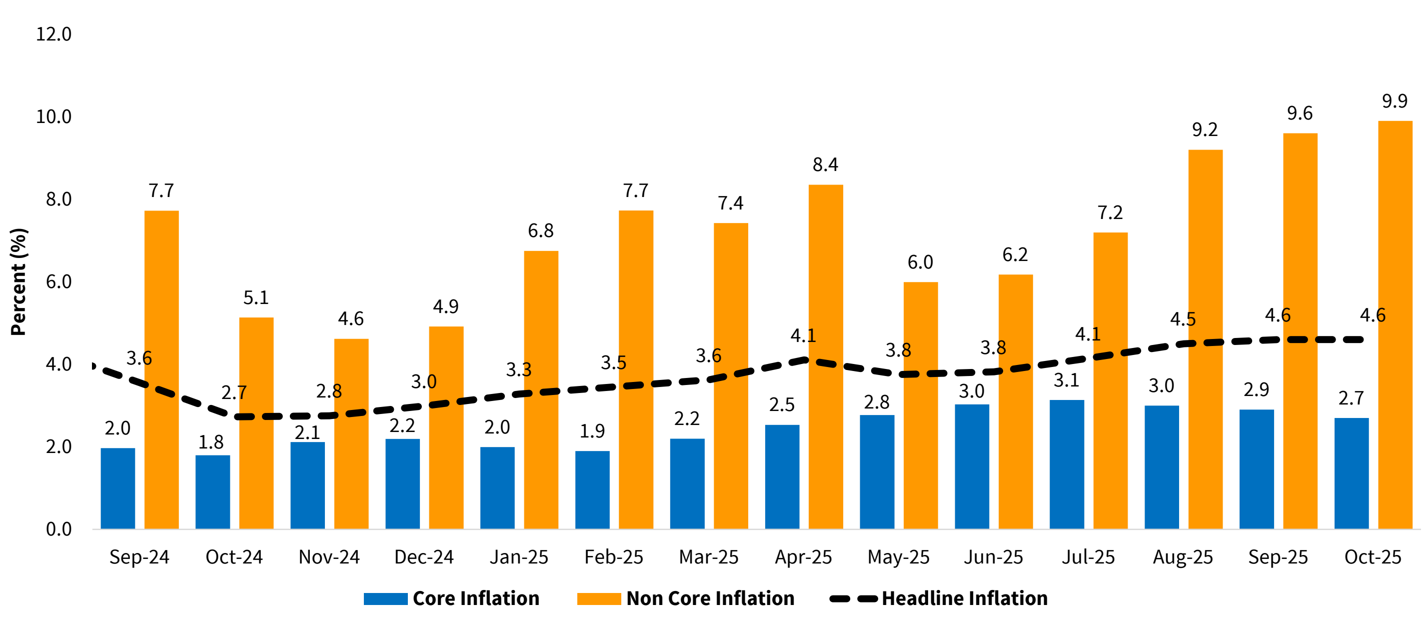


Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates (Indicative Mean Rates)

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
17-Oct-25				Public Holiday				
20-Oct-25				Public Holiday				
21-Oct-25	129.24	172.85	150.28	85.32	26.86	19.07	11.24	22.81
22-Oct-25	129.24	172.79	150.07	85.19	26.93	19.03	11.24	22.81
23-Oct-25	129.24	172.23	149.76	85.03	26.97	19.36	11.24	22.81
Oct 17-23	**129.24**	**172.62**	**150.04**	**85.18**	**26.92**	**19.16**	**11.24**	**22.81**
24-Oct-25	129.24	171.92	150.31	84.60	26.93	19.23	11.24	22.82
27-Oct-25	129.24	171.92	150.31	84.60	26.93	19.23	11.24	22.82
28-Oct-25	129.24	172.24	150.40	84.43	26.90	19.11	11.24	22.82
29-Oct-25	129.24	171.55	150.63	85.00	26.85	19.03	11.24	22.82
30-Oct-25	129.24	170.75	150.43	85.09	26.83	19.03	11.24	22.82
Oct 24-30	**129.24**	**171.61**	**150.44**	**84.78**	**26.88**	**19.10**	**11.24**	**22.82**

**Units of currency per Kenya Shilling*
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	02-Oct-25	08-Oct-25	15-Oct-25	23-Oct-25	30-Oct-25
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)	10,717	11,228	12,072	12,080	12,194
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)*	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.3

**Based on 36 months average of imports of goods and non–factor services*
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Interbank Deals, Volumes and Interest Rates

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	KESONIA (%)*
17-Oct-25		Public Holiday	
20-Oct-25		Public Holiday	
21-Oct-25	22	10,890.00	9.24
22-Oct-25	35	20,650.00	9.25
23-Oct-25	32	12,050.00	9.26
Oct 17-23	**30**	**14,530.00**	**9.25**
24-Oct-25	24	19,350.00	9.26
27-Oct-25	27	9,960.00	9.26
28-Oct-25	23	12,960.00	9.26
29-Oct-25	22	10,175.00	9.25
30-Oct-25	17	3,855.00	9.26
Oct 24-30	**23**	**11,260.00**	**9.26**

** 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**	**31-Jul-25**	**16-Oct-25**	**23-Oct-25**	**30-Oct-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)	2,790.24	1,449.26	1,973.68	3,638.95	12,999.92	1,868.60
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,704.14	1,442.77	1,969.82	3,638.95	12,988.04	1,865.67
Maturities (KSh M)	2,191.25	2,682.00	2,171.90	1,954.95	16,505.95	1,984.25
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.791**	**8.139**	**8.111**	**7.859**	**7.829**	**7.810**
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**27-Mar-25**	**26-Jun-25**	**31-Jul-25**	**16-Oct-25**	**23-Oct-25**	**30-Oct-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)	1,706.31	1,200.39	2,141.04	2,552.87	7,032.89	1,561.81
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,701.35	1,198.53	2,102.68	2,552.87	7,032.89	1,556.63
Maturities (KSh M)	3,580.40	321.35	2,609.60	7,785.15	15,786.65	1,321.25
Average Interest Rate (%)	**9.058**	**8.461**	**8.410**	**7.909**	**7.865**	**7.900**
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**27-Mar-25**	**26-Jun-25**	**31-Jul-25**	**16-Oct-25**	**23-Oct-25**	**30-Oct-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)	10,249.39	11,839.57	11,978.10	21,346.90	5,372.05	20,823.16
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	10,104.04	11,798.48	11,951.23	21,105.56	5,363.37	20,823.16
Maturities (KSh M)	8,813.10	2,094.10	1,049.65	18,156.50	13,206.15	17,174.20
Average Interest Rate (%)	**10.412**	**9.722**	**9.718**	**9.365**	**9.347**	**9.340**

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	13-Aug-25		20-Aug-25		03-Sep-25	17-Sep-25		15-Oct-25	
	RE-OPEN		TAP SALE		RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	
Tenor	IFB1/ 2018/015	IFB1/ 2022/019	IFB1/ 2018/015	IFB1/ 2022/019	SDB1/ 2011/030	FXD1/ 2018/020	FXD1/ 2022/025	FXD1/ 2018/015	FXD1/ 2021/020
Amount offered (KSh M)	90,000.00		50,000.00		20,000.00	40,000.00		50,000.00	
Bids received (KSh M)	215,941.68	107,489.73	130,339.80	77,114.65	8,069.30	33,376.76	63,908.93	44,992.22	73,895.55
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	50,658.38	44,355.22	127,982.99	51,791.91	2,398.97	23,505.27	37,934.37	31,570.20	53,704.48
Maturities (KSh M)									
Average interest Rate (%)	12.99	14.00	12.99	14.00	13.96	13.58	14.14	12.65	13.53

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 2: Government Securities Yield Curve

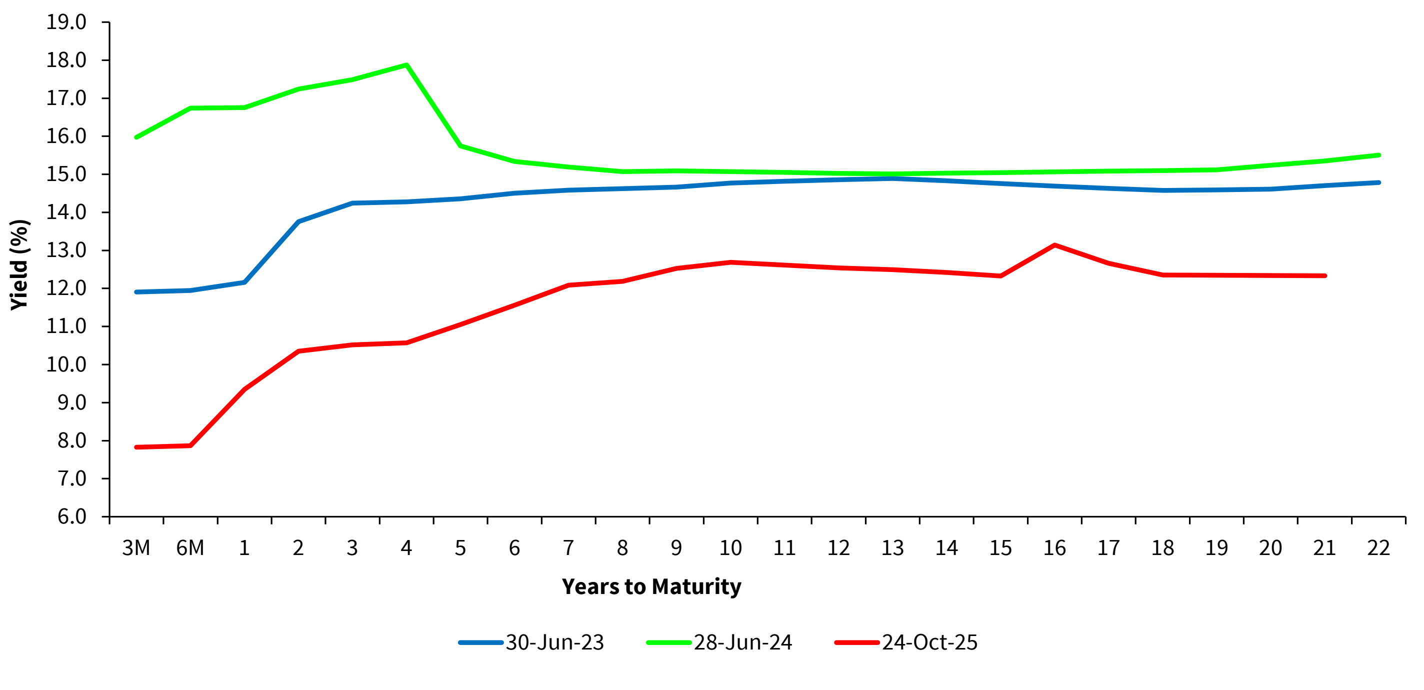


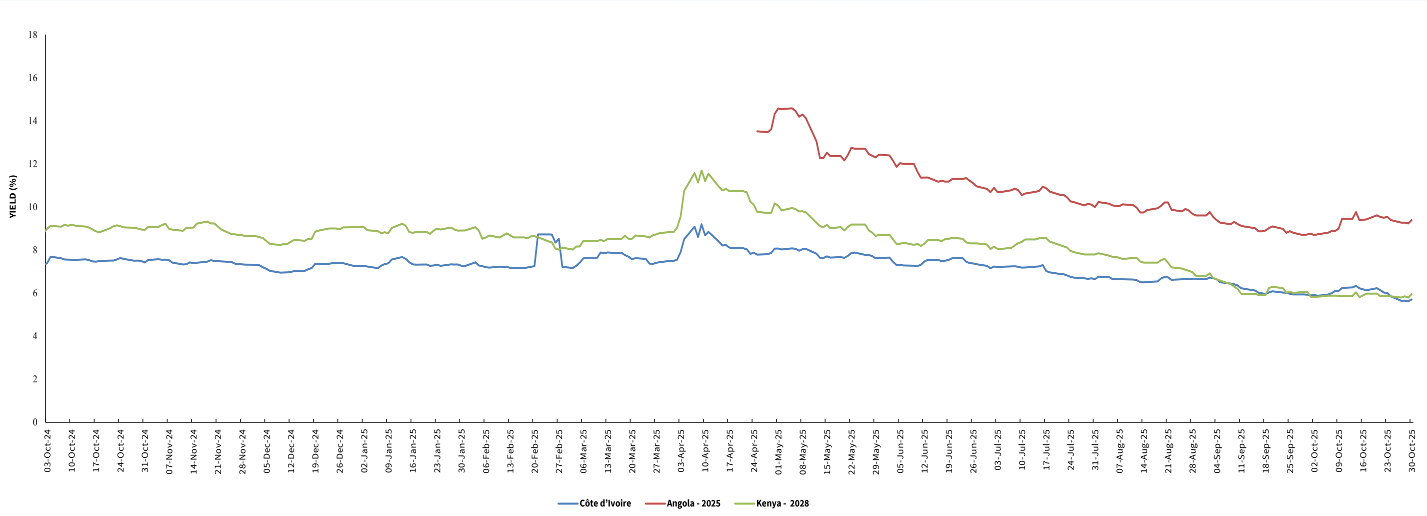
Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators

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
17-Oct-25	**Public Holiday**								5.9746	8.1302	8.3689	8.7071	9.4821
20-Oct-25	**Public Holiday**								5.9732	8.028	8.2539	8.6096	9.3637
21-Oct-25	177.70	4,745.80	3,006.77	4,344.00	30.44	992.73	2,800.03	2,723.50	5.8583	7.9262	8.1682	8.5128	9.2908
22-Oct-25	178.36	4,776.45	3,010.70	3,908.00	23.98	865.23	2,809.98	20,830.30	5.8567	7.9252	8.1969	8.5134	9.3053
23-Oct-25	178.80	4,780.64	3,032.53	3,717.00	16.05	441.55	2,816.90	14,884.55	5.852	7.9223	8.2548	8.5884	9.3199
Oct 17-23	**178.80**	**4,780.64**	**3,032.53**	**11,969.00**	**70.47**	**2,299.51**	**2,816.90**	**38,438.35**	**5.852**	**7.922**	**8.255**	**8.588**	**9.320**
24-Oct-25	179.81	4,792.90	3,041.37	4,500.00	63.90	1,868.02	2,832.89	16,059.95	5.851	7.888	8.112	8.492	9.248
27-Oct-25	181.06	4,814.08	3,058.83	4,111.00	13.51	184.59	2,852.58	3,543.75	5.792	7.786	8.026	8.347	9.147
28-Oct-25	183.22	4,834.70	3,061.14	3,881.00	28.31	671.82	2,886.55	8,316.90	5.847	7.785	8.027	8.348	9.147
29-Oct-25	183.23	4,837.81	3,055.75	4,153.00	23.51	559.92	2,886.71	11,254.00	5.790	7.685	7.941	8.276	9.077
30-Oct-25	184.97	4,900.89	3,090.70	4,242.00	15.83	285.24	2,914.13	7,759.55	5.957	7.782	8.055	8.398	9.162
Oct 24-30	**184.97**	**4,900.89**	**3,090.70**	**20,887.00**	**145.05**	**3,569.59**	**2,914.13**	**46,934.15**	**5.957**	**7.782**	**8.055**	**8.398**	**9.162**
Weekly Changes (%)	**3.45**	**2.52**	**1.92**	**74.51**	**105.83**	**55.23**	**3.45**	**22.10**	**0.105***	**-0.141***	**-0.200***	**-0.191***	**-0.158***

** 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)

	31-Dec-24	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	29-Aug-25	26-Sep-25	16-Oct-25	24-Oct-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	846.10	915.44	1,036.87	1,055.07	1,075.73	1,075.23	1,076.28
(As % of total securities)	*14.77*	*15.41*	*16.87*	*16.43*	*16.57*	*16.57*	*16.36*
2. Treasury Bonds	4,884.05	5,025.43	5,110.01	5,367.27	5,415.65	5,415.65	5,501.05
(As % of total securities)	*85.23*	*84.59*	*83.13*	*83.57*	*83.43*	*83.43*	*83.64*
3. Total Securities (1+2)	5,730.15	5,940.87	6,146.88	6,422.34	6,491.37	6,490.87	6,577.33
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	37.48	86.51	67.63	34.86	55.02	83.39	52.82
5. Other Domestic debt*	101.15	99.32	111.50	108.46	108.23	108.04	108.04
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	80.29	78.71	80.56	78.47	78.93	78.93	78.93
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	**5,868.77**	**6,126.70**	**6,326.01**	**6,565.67**	**6,654.63**	**6,682.31**	**6,738.20**

**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)

	31-Dec-24	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	29-Aug-25	26-Sep-25	16-Oct-25	24-Oct-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	14.42	14.94	16.39	16.07	16.17	16.09	15.97
Treasury bonds	83.22	82.03	80.78	81.75	81.38	81.04	81.64
Overdraft at Central Bank	0.64	1.41	1.07	0.53	0.83	1.25	0.78
Other domestic debt	1.72	1.62	1.76	1.65	1.63	1.62	1.60
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.37	1.28	1.27	1.20	1.19	1.18	1.17
Total	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Composition of Government Securities by Sector (Percent)

	31-Jul-25	31-Aug-25	12-Sep-25	19-Sep-25	26-Sep-25	16-Oct-25	24-Oct-25
Financial Corporations	78.8	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.4	78.5
O/W Commercial Banks	35.6	35.1	35.5	35.6	35.3	35.2	35.0
Pension Funds	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.5
Insurance Companies	13.1	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.0
General Government	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3
Households	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.5
Non-Residents	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
Nonfinancial corporations	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Non-Profit Institutions	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total	**100**	**100**	**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

	Jun-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	June-25	Jul-25	August-25*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,126.70	6,164.10	6,203.54	6,326.01	6,386.24	6,564.52
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD $ Bn)	39.77	39.11	40.51	41.19	41.07	42.44	41.67	41.81
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,150.84	5,057.01	5,238.30	5,327.88	5,308.18	5,484.83	5,385.30	5,403.28
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	**10,561.12**	**10,925.78**	**11,364.99**	**11,491.98**	**11,511.72**	**11,810.84**	**11,771.54**	**11,967.80**

** Provisional*
Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya