Central Bank of Kenya

Weekly Bulletin

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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 August 27, 2026. It exchanged at KSh 129.47 per U.S. dollar on August 27, compared to KSh 129.49 per U.S. dollar on August 20 **(Table 1)**.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 14,934 million (6.2 months of import cover) as of August 27. 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 and open market operations remained active during the week ending August 27, 2026. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 25.5 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 26 from 23 in the previous week, while the average value traded increased to KSh 19.1 billion from KSh 17.6 billion in the previous week **(Table 3).**

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of August 27, received bids totalling KSh 56.7 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 28.0 billion, representing a performance of 202.6 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bill declined **(Table 4)**.

During the Treasury bond auction of August 24, the 10-year treasury switch bond received bids totaling KSh 22.6 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 15.0 billion, representing a performance of 150.6 percent **(Table 5)**.

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 0.78 percent, 0.89 percent and 1.65 percent respectively, during the week ending August 27, 2026. Market capitalization also increased by 0.78 percent, while total shares traded and equity turnover decreased by 50.53 percent and 50.17 percent, respectively **(Table 6).**

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market decreased by 5.37 percent during the week ending August 27, 2026 **(Table 6)**. In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds decreased by 12.24 basis points on average while yields for Côte d'Ivoire and Angola increased **(Chart 2)**.

Global Trends

Inflation concerns persisted during the week with U.S. headline Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) inflation remaining elevated at 3.7 percent in July, unchanged from June, while core PCE inflation remained at 3.3 percent. Meanwhile, U.S. real GDP growth moderated to 1.5 percent in the second quarter of 2026, from 2.1 percent in the first quarter, reflecting weaker government spending, slower investment and exports, and a sharp increase in imports, which more than offset stronger consumer spending. Labour market conditions remained resilient, with initial jobless claims declining by 4,000 to 203,000 in the week ending August 22. The U.S. Dollar Index was broadly stable during the week.

Commodity prices were mixed, with Murban crude oil declining to USD 81.78 per barrel on August 27, from USD 84.76 per barrel on August 20, amid increased oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz and expectations of improved supply conditions. However, spot gold prices rose to USD 4,601 per ounce, from USD 4,517.87 in the previous week, supported by safe-haven demand and expectations of lower interest rates.

Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundian Franc*
14-Aug-26	129.23	174.45	149.15	81.12	28.70	20.46	11.36	23.13
17-Aug-26	129.34	175.11	149.60	81.34	28.68	20.48	11.36	23.11
18-Aug-26	129.48	175.56	150.09	81.31	28.72	20.38	11.34	23.09
19-Aug-26	129.54	175.44	150.05	81.20	28.77	20.45	11.34	23.08
20-Aug-26	129.49	176.41	151.07	81.82	28.72	20.42	11.35	23.09
August 14-20	**129.42**	**175.39**	**149.99**	**81.36**	**28.72**	**20.44**	**11.35**	**23.10**
21-Aug-26	129.47	176.48	151.20	81.53	28.74	20.43	11.35	23.10
24-Aug-26	129.45	176.51	151.22	81.49	28.74	20.47	11.35	23.10
25-Aug-26	129.47	176.61	151.07	81.35	28.80	20.46	11.35	23.10
26-Aug-26	129.45	176.46	150.98	81.40	28.85	20.43	11.37	23.06
27-Aug-26	129.47	175.95	150.91	81.26	28.88	20.39	11.38	23.07
August 21-27	**129.46**	**176.40**	**151.08**	**81.41**	**28.80**	**20.44**	**11.36**	**23.09**

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

Table 2: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	23-Jul-26	30-Jul-26	6-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	20-Aug-26	27-Aug-26
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)	13,854	15,400	15,248	15,245	15,155	14,934
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)*	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2

**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)	KESONIA (%)*
14-Aug-26	29	19,825	8.75
17-Aug-26	43	26,362	8.75
18-Aug-26	15	5,900	8.75
19-Aug-26	15	17,400	8.75
20-Aug-26	14	18,740	8.75
Aug 14-20	**23**	**17,645**	**8.75**
21-Aug-26	27	13,890	8.75
24-Aug-26	28	26,640	8.75
25-Aug-26	33	21,600	8.75
26-Aug-26	18	12,650	8.75
27-Aug-26	26	20,950	8.75
Aug 21-27	**26**	**19,146**	**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 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**30-Apr-26**	**28-May-26**	**25-Jun-26**	**30-Jul-26**	**20-Aug-26**	**27-Aug-26**
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	8,024.94	14,093.44	23,013.48	14,403.22	37,674.42	23,697.72
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	8,005.39	14,081.70	14,187.31	14,330.17	32,439.12	23,108.63
Maturities (KSh M)	6,388.25	12,429.60	2,522.70	8,086.30	12,164.50	14,294.95
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.040**	**8.388**	**8.828**	**8.788**	**8.770**	**8.769**
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**30-Apr-26**	**28-May-26**	**25-Jun-26**	**30-Jul-26**	**20-Aug-26**	**27-Aug-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)	3,258.48	1,049.48	2,268.16	8,171.64	18,571.64	26,876.20
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	3,258.48	1,049.48	833.16	8,171.64	9,748.21	15,053.79
Maturities (KSh M)	1,604.85	508.45	721.50	2,303.15	11,675.00	807.80
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.212**	**8.250**	**8.844**	**8.955**	**8.948**	**8.940**
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**30-Apr-26**	**28-May-26**	**25-Jun-26**	**30-Jul-26**	**20-Aug-26**	**27-Aug-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)	7,192.07	1,494.84	2,776.87	4,792.57	15,405.95	6,161.29
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	7,179.77	1,490.29	2,405.42	4,784.06	15,405.95	6,159.48
Maturities (KSh M)	16,387.15	17,213.60	12,917.85	13,090.65	8,034.65	11,190.65
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.513**	**8.627**	**8.993**	**9.017**	**9.036**	**9.032**

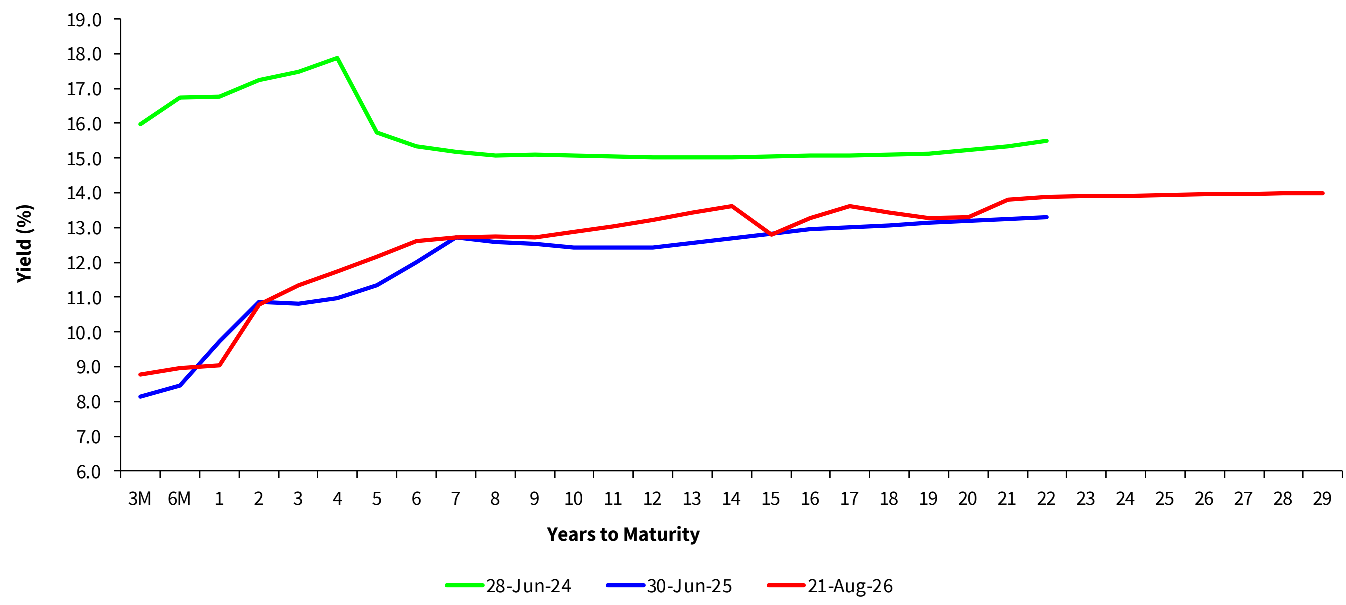
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	**13-Jul-26**	**22-Jul-26**		**12-Aug-26**			**24-Aug-26**
	SWITCH	**RE-OPEN**		**RE-OPEN**			**SWITCH**
Tenor	**FXD1/ 2012/020**	**FXD1/ 2019/020**	**FXD1/ 2022/025**	**IFB1/ 2019/016**	**IFB1/ 2021/018**	**IFB1/ 2021/021**	**FXD4/ 2019/010**
Amount offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	40,000.00		150,000.00			15,000.00
Bids received (KSh M)	8,159.65	23,968.43	61,960.51	166,215.87	154,902.51	139,279.13	22,582.52
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	7,954.71	12,249.13	51,034.12	112,636.78	105,537.34	93,853.22	22,510.93
Maturities (KSh M)				118,137.00			
Average interest Rate (%)	12.81	13.92	14.44	12.20	12.69	13.05	11.24

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve



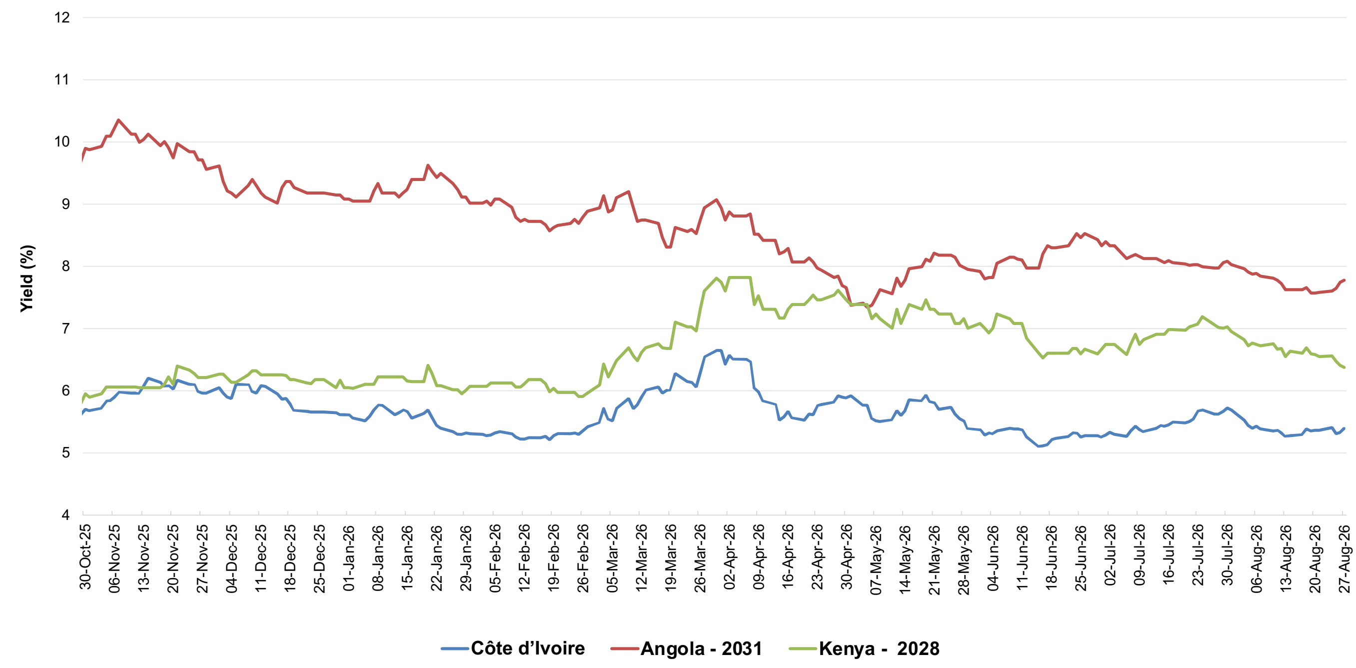
Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

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 Capital-ization (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	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
14-Aug-26	213.13	6,637.29	4,136.12	12,837.00	20.10	959.56	3,996.38	7,982.10	6.64	7.28	7.51	7.96	8.61	8.91	8.91	8.90
17-Aug-26	241.18	6,717.10	4,178.50	13,978.00	25.41	634.48	4,047.48	6,740.85	6.60	7.37	7.56	8.03	8.66	8.96	8.97	8.96
18-Aug-26	241.85	6,730.60	4,178.35	14,230.00	18.36	647.23	4,058.66	40,038.75	6.69	7.44	7.62	8.13	8.75	9.05	9.06	9.05
19-Aug-26	243.26	6,766.28	4,193.03	15,496.00	210.28	7,539.66	4,082.42	32,630.05	6.60	7.37	7.55	8.03	8.67	8.94	8.95	8.96
20-Aug-26	244.38	6,820.58	4,218.75	14,379.00	35.02	1,786.19	4,101.16	23,960.95	6.58	7.38	7.58	8.08	8.72	8.97	9.01	9.03
Aug 14 -20	**244.38**	**6,820.58**	**4,218.75**	**70,920.00**	**309.17**	**11,567.12**	**4,101.16**	**111,352.70**	**6.58**	**7.38**	**7.58**	**8.08**	**8.72**	**8.97**	**9.01**	**9.03**
21-Aug-26	244.69	6,837.07	4,234.11	15,338.00	32.88	1814.88	4,106.45	19449.9	6.55	7.38	7.58	8.08	8.71	8.96	9.00	9.04
24-Aug-26	245.90	6,878.95	4,279.76	15,259.00	24.92	836.90	4,126.67	21137.65	6.57	7.38	7.56	8.10	8.74	8.99	9.03	9.04
25-Aug-26	245.85	6,861.28	4,283.30	13,293.00	27.72	900.79	4,125.88	21087.9	6.48	7.28	7.46	8.02	8.65	8.89	8.95	8.97
26-Aug-26	246.26	6,874.22	4,295.38	13,217.00	35.73	1118.05	4,132.70	14876.3	6.41	7.23	7.43	8.00	8.61	8.86	8.92	8.94
27-Aug-26	246.29	6,881.57	4,288.55	13,677.00	31.69	1093.84	4,133.19	28821.85	6.38	7.22	7.41	7.99	8.62	8.88	8.94	8.94
Aug 21 -27	**246.29**	**6,881.57**	**4,288.55**	**70,784.00**	**152.93**	**5,764.45**	**4,133.19**	**105,373.60**	**6.38**	**7.22**	**7.41**	**7.99**	**8.62**	**8.88**	**8.94**	**8.94**
Weekly Changes (%)	**0.78**	**0.89**	**1.65**	**-0.19**	**-50.53**	**-50.17**	**0.78**	**-5.37**	**-0.201***	**-0.165***	**-0.163***	**-0.17***	**-0.099***	**-0.093***	**-0.07***	**-0.097***

** 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 7: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)

	30-Sep-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	29-May-26	30-Jun-26	31-Jul-26	14-Aug-26	21-Aug-26
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	1,081.71	1,074.45	1,192.39	1,106.91	1,118.15	1,143.64	1,154.85	1,167.36
(As % of total securities)	*16.65*	*16.15*	*17.06*	*15.70*	*15.66*	*15.66*	*15.79*	*15.52*
2. Treasury Bonds	5,415.65	5,578.98	5,798.22	5,944.45	6,021.15	6,157.18	6,157.18	6,353.79
(As % of total securities)	*83.35*	*83.85*	*82.94*	*84.30*	*84.34*	*84.34*	*84.21*	*84.48*
3. Total Securities (1+2)	6,497.35	6,653.43	6,990.61	7,051.36	7,139.31	7,300.82	7,312.03	7,521.15
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	55.02	78.23	53.16	89.49	90.99	70.32	61.50	51.05
5. Other Domestic debt*	108.04	105.85	105.95	98.22	96.90	91.96	92.02	92.01
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	78.93	78.38	78.67	79.04	78.32	73.94	73.94	73.94
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	**6,660.42**	**6,837.51**	**7,149.72**	**7,239.08**	**7,327.20**	**7,463.10**	**7,465.54**	**7,664.21**

** 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-Sep-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	29-May-26	30-Jun-26	31-Jul-26	14-Aug-26	21-Aug-26
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	16.24	15.71	16.68	15.29	15.26	15.32	15.47	15.23
Treasury bonds	81.31	81.59	81.10	82.12	82.18	82.50	82.47	82.90
Overdraft at Central Bank	0.83	1.14	0.74	1.24	1.24	0.94	0.82	0.67
Other domestic debt	1.62	1.55	1.48	1.36	1.32	1.23	1.23	1.20
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.19	1.15	1.10	1.09	1.07	0.99	0.99	0.96
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)

Sector	31-Jul-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	29-May-26	26-Jun-26	31-Jul-26	14-Aug-26	21-Aug-26
Financial Corporations	78.8	78.9	79.9	79.9	79.9	80.0	80.0	80.1
O/W Commercial Banks	35.6	34.9	36.7	35.8	35.7	35.4	35.3	34.9
Pension Funds	14.5	14.7	14.0	14.3	14.3	14.5	14.4	14.2
Insurance Companies	13.1	13.5	13.6	13.9	14.1	14.1	14.2	13.8
General Government	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9
Households	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2
Non-Residents	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4
Nonfinancial corporations	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Non-Profit Institutions	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Total	**100**	**100.0**	**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

	Jun-24	Dec-24	Jun-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	June-26*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,326.01	6,837.51	7,149.72	7,185.77	7,239.08	7,327.20
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD $ Bn)	39.77	39.11	42.44	42.34	43.74	43.89	43.67	43.90
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,150.84	5,057.01	5,484.83	5,461.97	5,683.22	5,670.63	5,657.30	5,684.69
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	**10,561.12**	**10,925.78**	**11,810.84**	**12,299.48**	**12,832.94**	**12,856.40**	**12,896.38**	**13,011.89**

** Provisional*

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya