



THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

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I.1 Introduction

The total nominal public and publicly guaranteed debt stock as at end of December 2024 was Ksh. 10,925.28 billion (60.7 percent of GDP¹) equivalent to USD 84.50 billion. Domestic debt stock was Ksh. 5,868.27 billion (32.3 percent of GDP), equivalent to USD² 45.39 billion, while the external debt stock was Ksh. 5,057.01 billion (30.4 per cent of GDP), equivalent to USD 39.11 billion. Domestic and external debt stock accounted for 53.7 percent and 46.3 percent of total debt stock, respectively.

I.2 Movement in Exchange Rates

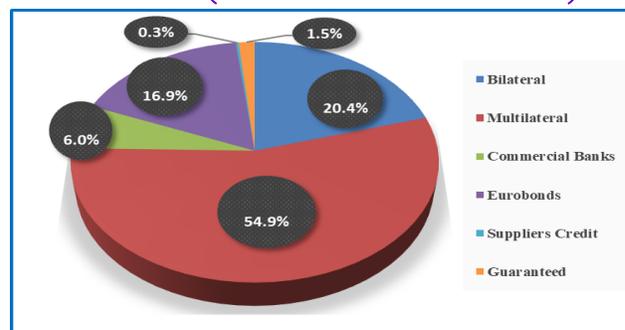
Kenya's public and publicly guaranteed debt is denominated in five major currencies, namely the US Dollar, Japanese Yen, Euro, Chinese Yuan and Sterling Pound. During the month under review, the Kenya shilling appreciated against the currencies by 0.3 percent, 4.9 percent, 2.0 percent, 1.2 percent and 1.6 percent respectively. The base³ exchange rates for the aforementioned five currencies, notably the USD Dollar, Yen, Euro, Yuan and Sterling Pound were Ksh. 129.68, Ksh 86.38, Ksh. 137.09, Ksh. 17.93 and Ksh. 164.82 respectively.

I.3 Size of Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt

Overall, the National Government's external debt stock decreased by Ksh. 81.12 billion from Ksh. 5,138.13 billion as at end November 2024 to Ksh. 5,057.01 billion as at end December 2024. This is majorly attributed to payment of maturing. Debt owed to bilateral creditors reduced by Ksh. 18.16 billion from Ksh.

1,050.69 billion to Ksh. 1,032.54 billion while multilateral debt reduced by Ksh. 27.88 billion from Ksh. 2,805.46 billion to Ksh. 2,777.57 billion. Commercial debt reduced by Ksh. 11.39 billion from Ksh. 1,180.06 billion to Ksh. 1,168.67 billion during the same period. Publicly guaranteed external debt reduced by Ksh. 23.69 billion from Ksh. 101.91 billion in November, 2024 to Ksh. 78.22 billion in December, 2024 (**Chart I**).

Chart I: External Debt Composition as at end December 2024 (Percent of total External Debt)



Source: National Treasury

The external debt composition as at end December 2024 composed of Multilateral 54.9 percent, Bilateral 20.4 percent, Eurobond 16.9 percent, Commercial 6.0 percent, Guaranteed debt 1.5 percent and Suppliers Credit 0.3.

I.4 Currency Composition of External Debt

The proportion of external debt denominated in USD, Euro, Yen, Sterling Pound and Yuan was at 62.0 percent, 24.8 percent, 5.2 percent, 2.5 percent and 5.3 percent respectively. Other currencies + accounted for 0.2 percent of total external debt (**Chart 2**).

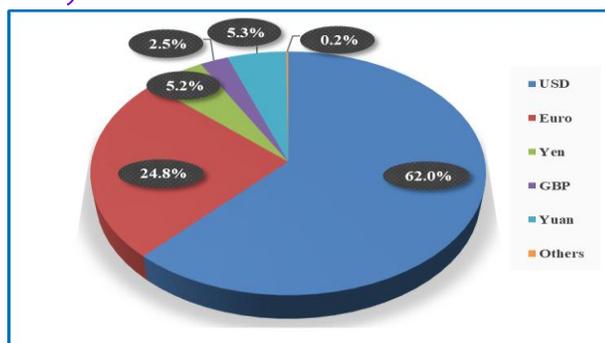
¹ Kshs. 16,630.47 billion

² Kshs. to USD 129.2927

³ End November 2024 is the base month for all parameters

⁴ Other currencies include Danish Kroner, Kuwait Dinar, Korean won, Indian Rupee, Canadian Dollar, Saudi Riyal, Swedish Kroner and Emirati Dirham

Chart 2: External Debt by Currency Composition as at end December 2024 (As percent of Total External Debt)



Source: National Treasury

I.5 Actual Cumulative External Debt Service

The actual cumulative external debt service as at end December 2024 was Ksh. 231.29 billion against the financial year target of Ksh. 590.62 billion. Debt service to bilateral creditors accounted for 44.0 percent of the total cumulative debt service while commercial and multilateral creditors accounted for 33.4 percent and 22.6 percent respectively for the period ending December 2024. External debt service during the month of December 2024 was Ksh 16.28 billion, comprising principal repayments and interest payments of Ksh. 12.99 billion and Ksh. 3.30 billion respectively.

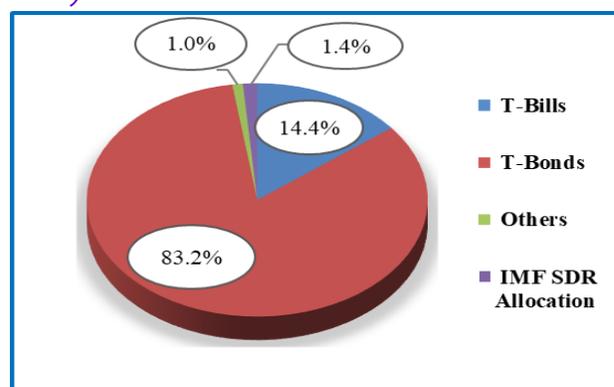
I.6 Size of Domestic Debt

The domestic debt stock increased by Ksh. 58.97 billion from Ksh. 5,809.30 billion as at end November 2024 to Ksh. 5,868.27 billion as at end December 2024. The stock of Treasury bills increased by Ksh. 11.37 billion from Ksh. 834.73 billion to Ksh. 846.10 billion and the stock of Treasury bonds increased by Ksh. 43.70 billion from Ksh. 4,840.35 billion to Ksh. 4,884.05 billion during the same period. Others including pre-1997 Government debt, Government overdraft at the Central Bank of Kenya, advances from commercial banks and IMF SDR Allocation, increased by Ksh. 3.91 billion from Ksh. 134.22 billion to Ksh. 138.13 billion during the same period.

I.7 Domestic Debt by Instruments

As at the end of December 2024, the ratio of Treasury bonds to Treasury bills as a percentage of total domestic debt was 83:14. The Government overdraft at the Central Bank of Kenya and historical bank advances from commercial banks accounted for 1.0 percent while IMF SDR Allocation accounted for 1.4 percent of domestic debt stock during the same period (**Chart 3**).

Chart 3: Stock of Domestic debt instruments as at end December 2024 (Percent of Total Domestic Debt)

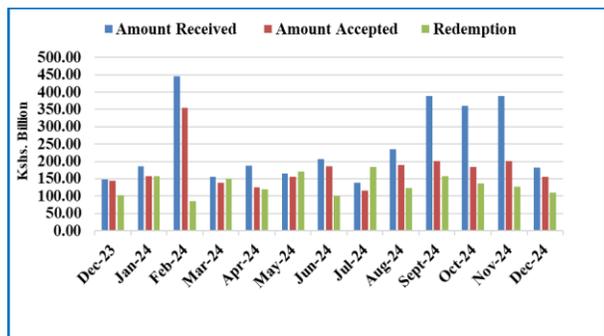


Source: National Treasury

I.8 Domestic Borrowing

During the month of December 2024, Government securities amounting to Ksh. 141.00 billion were advertised. Bids worth Ksh. 173.67 billion were received, comprising of Ksh. 127.52 billion and Ksh. 46.15 billion Treasury bills and bonds respectively. Bids worth Ksh. 147.30 billion were successful, out of which Ksh. 111.30 billion and Ksh. 35.97 billion were Treasury bills and bonds respectively. The monthly redemption amounted to Ksh. 153.69 billion which were Treasury bills. (**Chart 4**). In aggregate, the exchequer had a deficit of Ksh. 6.39 billion during the month.

Chart 4: Government Securities Performance from December 2023 to December 2024 in Ksh. Billions



Source: National Treasury

I.9 Net Domestic Financing

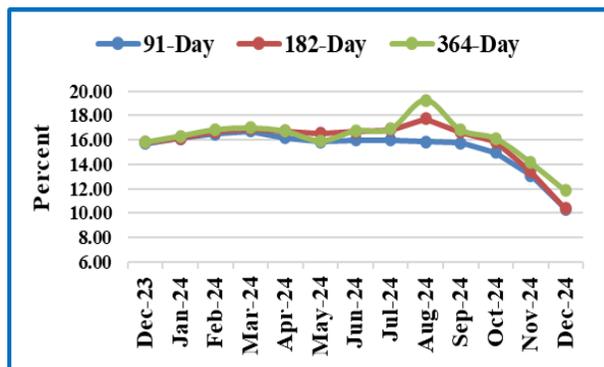
The net domestic financing as at end of December 2024 was Ksh. 414.58 billion against an annual target of Ksh. 607.67 billion for FY 2024/25 supplementary II budget.

I.10 Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills

On average, there was a decrease in interest rate for Treasury bills during the month. The average interest rates for 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day Treasury bills reduced to 10.32 percent, 10.39 percent and 11.83 percent in December 2024 from 13.06 percent, 13.41 percent and 14.15 percent in November 2024 respectively as shown in Chart 5.

The average interest rates for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills decreased by 274, 302 and 232 basis points, respectively.

Chart 5: Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills from December 2023 to December 2024



Source: National Treasury

I.II Cumulative Domestic Interest Payments

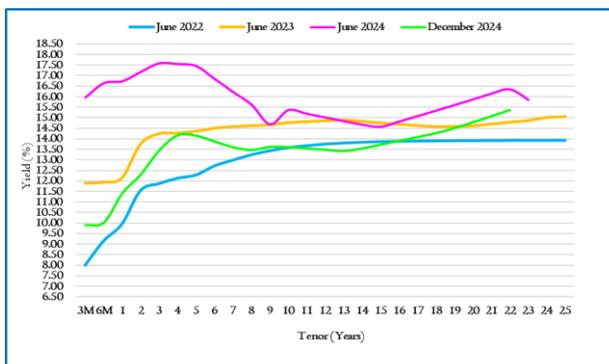
As at end of December 2024, the actual cumulative domestic interest payment amounted to Ksh. 421.86 billion against a cumulative target of Ksh. 767.24 billion for FY 2024/25 in supplementary II budget. Interest payments for Treasury bonds and bills in the month of December 2024 amounted to Ksh. 100.54 billion and Ksh. 5.52 billion, respectively. Total interest payment on the overdraft and interest on Pre-1997 Government Overdraft was Ksh. 0.55 billion.

I.I2 Government Securities Yields

Interest rates remain elevated in the advanced and developing economies to contain inflationary pressures.

The average 91 Day Treasury bill interest rates increased from 8.0 percent at end June 2022 to 9.9 percent as at end December 2024 (188 basis points increase) as shown in Chart 6.

Chart 6: Government Securities Yield Curve



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange

I.I3 Average Time to Maturity for Treasury Bonds

The Average Time to Maturity (ATM) for Treasury Bonds during the month of December 2024 was 7.05 years.

ANNEX I: STOCK OF PUBLIC AND PUBLICLY GUARANTEED EXTERNAL DEBT BY SOURCE AS AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2024 IN KSH (MILLIONS)

CREDITOR	Stock at the End Nov 2024	Stock at the End Dec 2024	CHANGE
BILATERAL			
BELGIUM	22,871.48	22,219.48	(652.01)
AUSTRIA	1,621.39	1,521.50	(99.89)
DENMARK	184.89	181.07	(3.83)
FINLAND	162.88	159.55	(3.33)
FRANCE	93,264.77	90,230.43	(3,034.33)
GERMANY	52,004.58	49,833.45	(2,171.14)
ITALY	29,138.25	27,377.55	(1,760.70)
JAPAN	85,828.50	79,542.94	(6,285.56)
HUNGARY	200.76	200.17	(0.59)
USA	32,247.97	32,125.52	(122.45)
SPAIN	13,295.62	12,672.15	(623.47)
Other PARIS CLUB	1,141.23	1,137.86	(3.37)
Other NON -PARIS CLUB	22,942.76	22,739.54	(203.22)
CHINA	695,793.44	692,601.62	(3,191.81)
Sub Total	1,050,698.52	1,032,542.81	(18,155.71)
MULTILATERAL			
ADB/ADF	512,018.83	506,651.07	(5,367.75)
EBC/EIB	24,040.84	23,522.60	(518.25)
IDA	1,544,587.90	1,528,562.74	(16,025.16)
IFAD	35,573.24	34,952.16	(621.09)
IMF	424,708.90	420,525.74	(4,183.17)
Others	264,525.37	263,356.79	(1,168.58)
Sub Total	2,805,455.08	2,777,571.09	(27,884.00)
COMMERCIAL			
Commercial Bank	310,705.02	302,045.97	(8,659.05)
International Sovereign Bond	855,857.64	853,331.82	(2,525.82)
Suppliers Credit	13,502.12	13,293.64	(208.48)
Sub Total	1,180,064.78	1,168,671.43	(11,393.35)
Total Central Government	5,036,218.38	4,978,785.33	(57,433.06)
GUARANTEED			
JAPAN	71,305.39	67,475.37	(3,830.02)
GERMANY	1,430.70	1,051.09	(379.61)
Kenya Airways (Commercial Debt)	29,172.59	9,693.99	(19,478.60)
Sub Total	101,908.69	78,220.45	(23,688.23)
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT+ GUARANTEED TOTAL DEBT	5,138,127.07	5,057,005.78	(81,121.29)

Source: National Treasury

ANNEX II: STOCK OF DOMESTIC DEBT BY HOLDERS AS AT THE END DECEMBER 2024 IN KSH (MILLIONS)

HOLDER	Stock at End November 2024	Stock at End December 2024	CHANGE
Commercial Banks	2,505,151.11	2,509,146.38	3,995.26
Insurance Companies	415,083.32	429,461.31	14,377.99
Pension Funds Including NSSF	1,682,569.06	1,696,264.46	13,695.40
Others⁵	1,206,494.80	1,233,401.01	26,906.21
TOTAL DOMESTIC DEBT	5,809,298.30	5,868,273.16	58,974.86

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

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⁵ Others include Financial Institutions, Parastatals, Building Societies, Non-resident and Central Bank of Kenya.