



THE NATIONAL TREASURY MONTHLY DEBT BULLETIN MAY 2021

I.1 Introduction

The total nominal public and publicly guaranteed debt as at end of May 2021 was Kshs. 7,485.91 billion (66.4 per cent of GDP). Domestic debt stock was Kshs. 3,686.89 billion (32.7 per cent of GDP) equivalent to USD 34.27 billion while the External debt stock was Kshs. 3,799.02 billion (33.7 per cent of GDP) equivalent to USD 35.31 billion. Domestic debt accounted for 49 per cent of total debt while external debt accounted for 51 per cent.

I.2 Movement in Exchange Rates

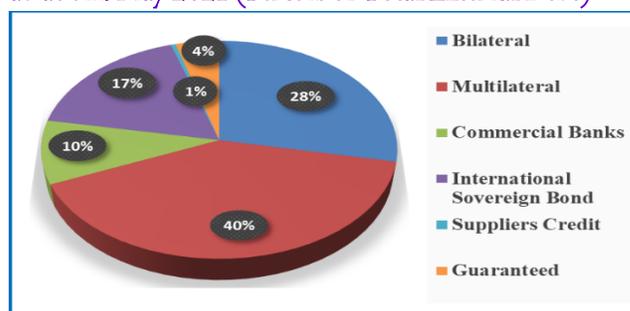
Kenya's public debt is denominated in five major currencies namely the US Dollar (USD), Euro, Yen, Yuan, and Sterling Pound. The Kenya Shilling remained relatively stable against the major world currencies. The Shilling appreciated marginally against the USD and Yen by 0.2 and 1.2 per cent respectively. However, against Euro, Chinese Yuan and Sterling Pound, the Shilling depreciated marginally by 0.2, 1.3 and 1.4 per cent respectively. The base¹ exchange rate for the afore-mentioned currencies notably the USD, Euro, Yen, Yuan and Sterling Pound was Kshs. 107.84, Kshs. 130.63, Kshs. 98.93, Kshs. 16.67 and Kshs. 150.27 respectively.

I.3 Size of Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt

Overall, the National Government external debt increased by Kshs. 10.08 billion from Kshs. 3,788.94 billion in April 2021. Debt owed to bilateral creditors decreased by Kshs. 0.64 billion from Kshs. 1,069.82 billion while multilateral debt increased by Kshs. 12.08 billion from Kshs 1,521.86 billion.

Commercial debt decreased by Kshs. 1.35 billion from Kshs. 1,033.63 billion during the same period. Publicly guaranteed external debt marginally decreased from Kshs. 163.63 billion in April 2021 to Kshs. 163.62 billion in May 2021.

Chart I: External Debt Composition by Creditor Category as at end May 2021 (Percent of Total External Debt)

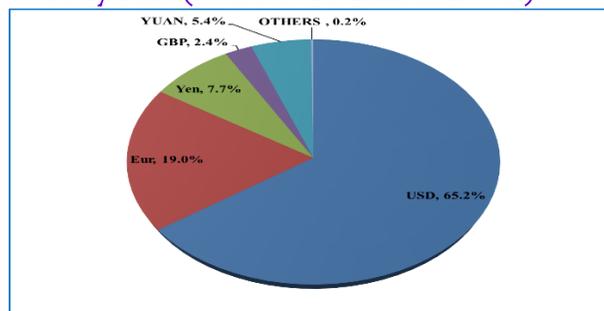


Source: National Treasury

I.4 Currency composition of external debt

The proportion of external debt denominated in USD, Euro, Yen, Yuan and Sterling Pound was 65.2 per cent, 19.0 per cent, 7.7 percent, 5.4 percent and 2.4 percent respectively. Other currencies combined accounted for 0.2 per cent of external debt.

Chart 2: External Debt by Currency Composition as at end May 2021 (Percent of Total External Debt)



Source: National Treasury

¹ End April 2021 is the base month for all parameters

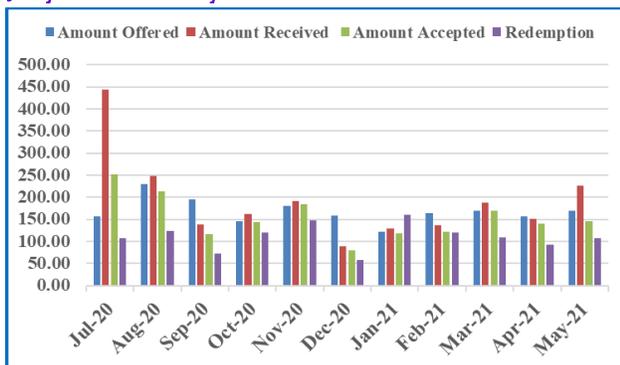
I.5 Actual Cumulative External Debt Service

The actual cumulative external debt service as at end May 2021 was Kshs. 218.67 billion. External debt service during the month of May 2021 was Kshs. 15.09 billion comprising principal and interest payments of Kshs. 2.57 billion and Kshs. 12.52 billion respectively. Cumulatively, debt service to bilateral creditors accounted for 23.8 per cent of the total debt service while commercial and multilateral creditors accounted for 58.4 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively.

I.6 Government Domestic Borrowing

During the month of May 2021, Government securities amounting to Kshs. 170.00 billion were advertised. Bids worth Kshs. 226.75 billion were received comprising of Kshs. 163.47 billion and Kshs. 63.28 billion Treasury Bills and Bonds respectively. Bids worth Kshs. 145.54 billion were successful; out of which Kshs. 104.56 billion and Kshs. 40.98 billion were Treasury Bills and Bonds respectively. The monthly redemptions amounted to Kshs. 107.56 billion; out of which Kshs. 99.31 billion and Kshs. 8.25 billion were Treasury Bills and Bonds respectively. In aggregate, the exchequer had a surplus of Kshs. 37.98 billion during the period under review.

Chart 3: Government Securities Performance from July 2020 to May 2021 in Kshs. Billions



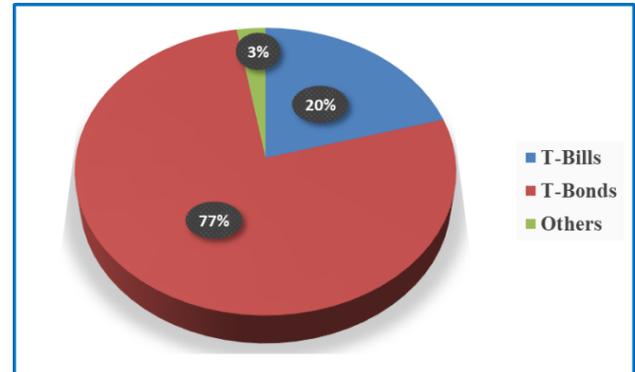
Source: National Treasury

I.7 Domestic Debt by Instruments

The ratio of Treasury Bonds to Treasury Bills during the month was 77:21 indicating an inclination towards long term debt instruments. The Government overdraft at the Central Bank of Kenya, Tax Reserve Certificates and bank advances

accounted for 2.7 per cent of domestic debt during the same period.

Chart 4: Stock of Domestic debt instruments as at end May 2021 (Percent of Total Domestic Debt)



Source: National Treasury

I.8 Net Domestic Financing

The net domestic financing as at end May 2021 was Kshs. 616.97 billion against an annual target of Kshs. 544.46 billion for FY2020/21.

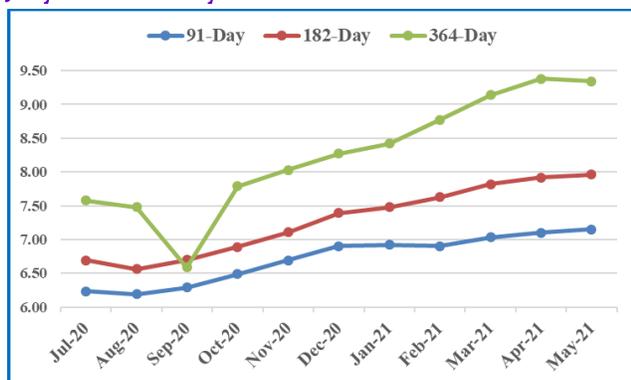
I.9 Cumulative Domestic Interest Payments

The actual cumulative domestic debt interest payment as at end of May 2021 stood at Kshs. 360.12 billion. For the Month of May 2021, interest payments for Treasury Bonds and Bills amounted to Kshs. 34.13 billion and Kshs. 6.29 billion respectively. The interest payment on overdraft was Kshs. 0.39 billion.

I.10 Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills

On average, interest rates for Treasury bills increased during the month. The 91-day and 182-day Treasury bills increased to 7.2 per cent and 8.0 per cent from 7.1 per cent and 7.9 per cent in April 2021 respectively. The interest rate for 364-day Treasury bills decreased to 9.3 per cent from 9.4 percent in April 2021 (see chart 5 below).

Chart 5: Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills from July 2020 to May 2021



Source: National Treasury

The average interest rates for the 91-day T-bills and 182-day T-bills increased marginally by 5 and 4 basis points respectively while the interest rate for 364-day T-bill decreased by 4 basis points.

I. II Average Time to Maturity for Treasury Bonds

The Average Time to Maturity (ATM) for Treasury Bonds in the month of May 2021 was 8.7 years.

ANNEX I: STOCK OF PUBLIC AND PUBLICLY GUARANTEED EXTERNAL DEBT BY SOURCE AS AT END MAY 2021 IN KSHS MILLIONS

CREDITOR	Stock at the End April 2021	Stock at the End May 2021	CHANGE
BILATERAL			
BELGIUM	13,070.61	13,039.88	(30.73)
AUSTRIA	1,498.41	1,501.33	2.93
DENMARK	482,076,252	481.98	(0.10)
FINLAND	1,241.62	1,244.04	2.42
FRANCE	92,768.63	92,931.67	163.04
GERMANY	30,959.69	31,387.07	427.38
ITALY	40,810.36	40,890.02	79.67
JAPAN	88,873.22	87,814.93	(1,058.29)
NETHERLANDS	-	-	-
USA	1,269.00	1,266.03	(2.98)
SPAIN	13,858.51	13,881.20	22.69
Other PARIS CLUB	3,136.64	3,129.28	(7.36)
Other NON -PARIS CLUB	17,289.37	17,161.02	(128.35)
CHINA	764,557.86	764,448.64	(109.22)
Sub Total	1,069,815.98	1,069,177.09	(638.89)
MULTILATERAL			
ADB/ADF	318,322.04	318,557.99	235.95
EEC/EIB	19,988.19	22,037.10	2,048.92
IDA	981,282.17	991,769.26	10,487.09
IFAD	21,906.76	21,980.30	73.54
IMF	139,034.68	138,429.18	(605.50)
Others	41,329.79	41,172.01	(157.79)
Sub Total	1,521,863.63	1,533,945.84	12,082.21
COMMERCIAL			
Commercial Bank	357,930.55	358,164.88	234.33
International Sovereign Bond	657,849.01	656,306.32	(1,542.69)
Suppliers Credit	17,849.72	17,807.86	(41.86)
Sub Total	1,033,629.28	1,032,279.07	(1,350.22)
Total Central Government	3,625,308.90	3,635,402.00	10,093.10
GUARANTEED			
JAPAN	72,764.04	72,764.04	0.00
GERMANY	5,128.09	5,128.09	0.00
IDA (KR Concessionaire)	4,852.98	4,841.60	(11.38)
Kenya Airways (Commercial Debt)	80,883.08	80,883.08	0.00
Sub Total	163,628.19	163,616.81	(11.38)
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT+ GUARANTEED TOTAL DEBT	3,788,937.09	3,799,018.81	10,081.72

Source: National Treasury

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