



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 November 2024 was Ksh. 10,947.43 billion (66.4 percent of GDP¹) equivalent to USD 84.42 billion. The domestic debt stock was Ksh. 5,809.30 billion (35.2 percent of GDP), equivalent to USD² 44.80 billion, while the external debt stock was Ksh. 5,138.13 billion (31.2 percent of GDP), equivalent to USD 39.62 billion. Domestic and external debt stock accounted for 53.1 percent and 46.9 percent of total debt stock, respectively.

I.2 Movement in Exchange Rates

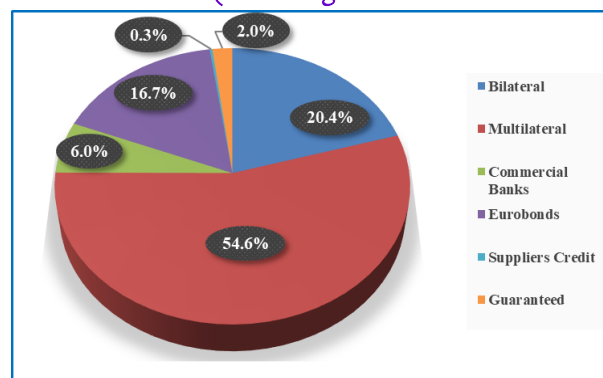
Kenya's public and publicly guaranteed debt is denominated in five major currencies, namely the US Dollar, Japanese Yen, Euro, Chinese Yuan and Sterling Pound. During the month under review, the Kenya shilling depreciated against the US Dollar and Japanese Yen by 0.4 percent, 2.3 percent respectively. Additionally, Kenya Shilling appreciated by 2.2 percent, 1.2 percent and 1.5 percent against Euro, Chinese Yuan and Sterling Pound respectively. The base³ exchange rates for the aforementioned five currencies, notably the USD Dollar, Yen, Euro, Yuan and Sterling Pound were Ksh. 129.20, Ksh. 84.45, Ksh. 140.18, Ksh. 18.14 and Ksh. 167.32 respectively.

I.3 Size of Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt

Overall, the National Government's external debt stock increased by Ksh. 17.81 billion from Ksh. 5,120.31 billion as of the end October 2024 to Ksh. 5,138.13 billion as at end November 2024 due to disbursements. Debt owed to bilateral creditors

increased by Ksh. 8.37 billion from Ksh. 1,042.33 billion to Ksh. 1,055.70 billion while multilateral debt decreased by Ksh. 6.87 billion from Ksh. 2,812.32 billion to Ksh. 2,805.46 billion due to payment of maturing obligations. Commercial debt increased by Ksh. 15.01 billion from Ksh. 1,165.05 billion to Ksh. 1,180.06 billion during the same period. Publicly guaranteed external debt increased by Ksh 1.30 billion from Ksh. 100.61 billion in October 2024 to Ksh. 101.91 billion in November 2024 (**Chart 1**).

Chart 1: External Debt Composition as at end November 2024 (Percentage of total External Debt)



Source: National Treasury

The external debt composition as at end November 2024 composed of Multilateral 54.6 percent, Bilateral 20.4 percent, Euro-bond 16.7 percent, Commercial 6.0 percent, Guaranteed debt 2.0 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 61.7 percent, 25.0 percent, 5.4 percent, 2.5 percent and 5.3 percent respectively. Other currencies⁴

¹ Kshs. 16,496.46 billion

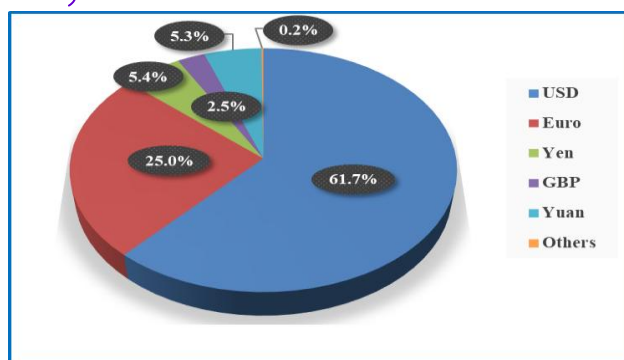
² Kshs. to USD 129.6754

³ End October 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

accounted for 0.2 percent of total external debt (**Chart 2**). The Government is currently focusing on currency diversification with the aim of mitigating the exchange rate risk on external debt.

Chart 2: External Debt by Currency Composition at end of November 2024 (Percent of Total External Debt)



Source: National Treasury

1.5 Actual Cumulative External Debt Service

The actual cumulative external debt service as at end November 2024 was Ksh. 215.01 billion against the financial year target of Ksh. 590.62 billion. Debt service to bilateral creditors accounted for 42.9 percent of the total cumulative debt service while commercial and multilateral creditors accounted for 34.5 percent and 22.5 percent respectively. External debt service during the month of November 2024 was Ksh. 24.34 billion, comprising principal repayments and interest payments of Ksh. 7.39 billion and Ksh. 16.95 billion respectively.

1.6 Size of Domestic Debt

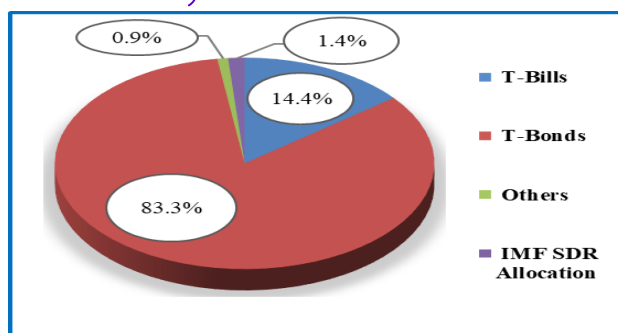
The domestic debt stock increased by Ksh. 115.76 billion from Ksh. 5,693.54 billion as at end October 2024 to Ksh. 5,809.30 billion as at end November 2024. The stock of Treasury bills increased by Ksh. 74.60 billion from Ksh. 760.13 billion to Ksh. 834.73 billion while the stock of Treasury bonds increased by Ksh. 37.59 billion from Ksh. 4,802.76 billion to Ksh. 4,840.35 billion during the same period. Domestic debt also includes pre-1997 Government debt, Government overdraft at the Central Bank of Kenya, advances from commercial banks and IMF funds on-lent to Government which

increased by Ksh. 3.57 billion from Ksh 130.65 billion to Ksh. 134.22 billion during the same period.

1.7 Domestic Debt by Instruments

As at the end of November 2024, the ratio of bonds to 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 accounted for 0.9 percent while IMF SDR Allocation on lent to the Government accounted for 1.4 percent of domestic debt stock during the same period (**Chart 3**).

Chart 3: Stock of Domestic debt instruments at the end of November 2024 (Percentage of Total Domestic Debt)

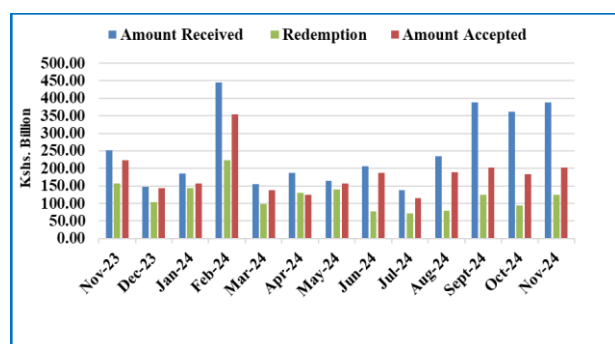


Source: National Treasury

1.8 Domestic Borrowing

During the month of November 2024, Government securities amounting to Ksh. 116.00 billion were advertised, comprising of Ksh. 96.00 billion and Ksh. 20.00 billion from Treasury bills and bonds respectively. Bids worth Ksh. 388.89 billion were received, comprising of Ksh. 333.31 billion and Ksh. 55.58 billion Treasury bills and bonds respectively. Bids worth Ksh. 201.78 billion were successful, out of which Ksh. 171.26 billion and Ksh. 30.52 billion were Treasury bills and bonds respectively. The monthly redemption at cost amounted to Ksh. 123.93 billion, of which 102.43 were from Treasury bills, and Ksh. 21.26 were Bonds. (**Chart 4**).

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



Source: National Treasury

1.9 Net Domestic Financing

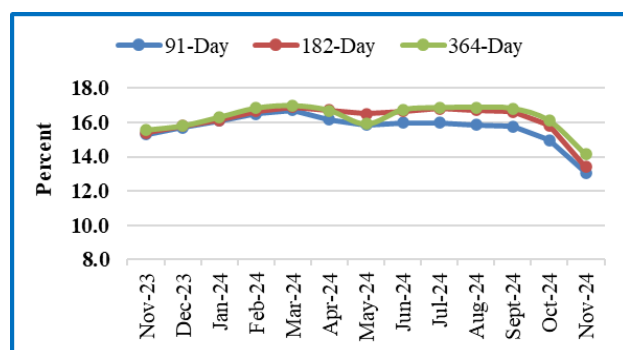
The net domestic financing as at end of November 2024 was Ksh. 407.31 billion against an annual target of Ksh. 605.67 billion for FY 2024/25 supplementary II budget.

1.10 Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills

The average interest rates for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills decreased by 191, 243 and 196 basis points respectively, between October 2024 and November 2024.

The average interest rates for 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day Treasury bills reduced to 13.06 percent, 13.41 percent and 14.15 percent in November 2024 from 14.97 percent, 15.85 percent and 16.11 percent in October 2024 respectively as shown in Chart 5.

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



Source: National Treasury

1.11 Cumulative Domestic Interest Payments

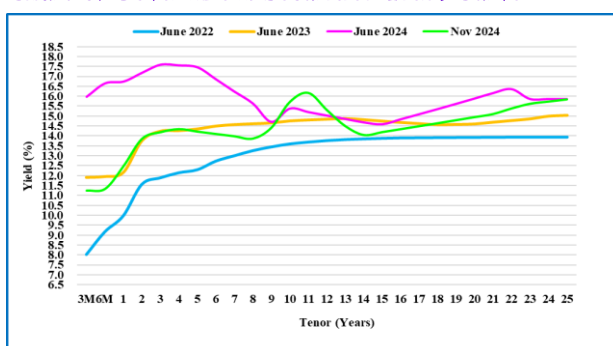
As at end of November 2024, the actual cumulative domestic interest payment amounted to Ksh. 315.25 billion against a cumulative target of Ksh. 767.24 billion for FY 2024/25 in supplementary II budget. Interest payments for Treasury bonds and bills in the month of November 2024 amounted to Ksh. 78.09 billion and Ksh. 9.30 billion, respectively. Total interest payment on the overdraft and interest on Pre-1997 Government debt & overdraft was Ksh. 0.63 billion.

1.12 Government Securities Yields

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

The average 91 Day Treasury bill interest rates increased from 8.0 percent in June 2022 to 11.3 percent as at end November 2024 (324 basis points increase) as shown in Chart 6.

Chart 6: Government Securities Yield Curve



Source: Nairobi Stock Exchange

1.13 Average Time to Maturity for Treasury Bonds

The Average Time to Maturity (ATM) for Treasury Bonds during the month of November 2024 was 7.1 years.

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

CREDITOR	Stock at End October 2024	Stock at End November 2024	CHANGE
BILATERAL			
BELGIUM	23,435.13	\$22,871.48	(563.65)
HUNGARY	-	200.76	200.76
AUSTRIA	1,657.85	1,621.39	
DENMARK	189.02	184.89	(4.12)
FINLAND	166.55	162.88	(3.66)
FRANCE	95,373.34	93,264.77	(2,108.57)
GERMANY	44,055.53	52,004.59	7,949.06
ITALY	28,823.03	29,138.25	315.22
JAPAN	83,914.93	85,828.50	1,913.57
USA	32,129.72	32,247.97	118.25
SPAIN	13,320.82	13,295.62	(25.20)
Other PARIS CLUB	1,137.05	1,141.23	4.18
Other NON -PARIS CLUB	22,972.89	22,942.76	(30.13)
CHINA	695,156.61	695,793.44	636.83
Sub Total	1,042,332.45	1,050,698.52	8,366.07
MULTILATERAL			
ADB/ADF	514,525.41	512,018.83	(2,506.59)
EEC/EIB	24,581.41	24,040.84	(540.57)
IDA	1,562,030.30	1,544,587.90	(17,442.40)
IFAD	34,137.59	35,573.24	1,435.65
IMF	413,503.49	424,708.90	11,205.41
Others	263,544.26	264,525.70	981.44
Sub Total	2,812,322.47	2,805,455.41	(6,867.05)
COMMERCIAL			
Commercial Bank	298,627.07	310,705.02	12,077.95
International Sovereign Bond	852,719.34	855,857.64	3,138.30
Suppliers Credit	13,704.71	13,502.12	(202.59)
Sub Total	1,165,051.12	1,180,064.78	15,013.66
Total Central Government	5,019,706.04	5,036,218.71	16,512.68
GUARANTEED			
JAPAN	70,080.23	71,305.39	1,225.16
GERMANY	1,462.87	1,430.70	(32.17)
Kenya Airways (Commercial Debt)	29,065.62	29,172.59	106.97
Sub Total	100,608.72	101,908.69	1,299.96
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT+ GUARANTEED TOTAL DEBT	5,120,314.76	5,138,127.40	17,812.64

Source: National Treasury

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

HOLDER	Stock at End October 2024	Stock at End November 2024	CHANGE
Commercial Banks			
	2,439,116.64	2,505,151.11	66,034.47
Insurance Companies			
	409,780.72	415,083.32	5,302.60
Pension Funds Including NSSF			
	1,662,465.70	1,682,569.06	20,103.37
Others⁵			
	1,182,172.51	1,206,494.80	24,322.29
TOTAL DOMESTIC DEBT	5,693,535.56	5,809,298.30	115,762.73

Source: National Treasury

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