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1.0 PUBLIC DEBT

1.1 Introduction

As at end August 2012, public and publicly guaranteed debt stood at Kshs 1,674.79 billion or 50.62 percent of GDP (see Table 1). The increase of 2.1 percent over the end July 2012 position is attributed to increase in domestic debt. External debt increased by Ksh 4.37 billion to stand at Ksh 771.76 billion, while domestic debt increased by Ksh 29.77 billion to stand at Ksh 903.03 billion in August 2012. (See Table 1).

Table 1: Size of public debt, in billion

Debt Category	Kshs	USD
Domestic Debt	903.03	10.71
External Debt	771.76	9.15
Total	1,674.79	19.86

Source: Ministry of Finance

The structure of public and publicly guaranteed debt shows that 53.9 percent of the total debt is domestic debt while the rest is external debt as shown in Chart 1.

Chart 1: Composition of public debt



Source: Ministry of Finance

1.2 Cost/Risk Characteristics of Public Debt

Reflecting Government external debt strategy of contracting or guaranteeing external loans with highly concessional terms to minimise interest rate cost, the average interest rate and grace period on the external debt portfolio was 1.0 percent and 7.3 years, respectively. In addition, the average maturity period for external loans was 25.7 years while the average grant element was 63.4 percent.

As an indication of the success in lengthening the maturity structure of domestic debt to minimise refinancing risk in line with the Medium Term Debt Strategy, the average maturity profile of outstanding Government domestic debt stood at 5 years 2 months at end July 2012 compared to 5 years 4 months at end August 2012.

1.3 Movement in Exchange Rates

Table 2 shows market indicative end-month foreign exchange rates for the period June 2012 to August 2012. The Kenya shilling appreciated against the Japanese Yen by 0.2 percent and depreciated against the US dollar, Sterling Pound and the Euro by 0.1 percent, 0.6 percent and 2.0 percent respectively. The Kenya shilling stood at Kshs 84.32 to the US Dollar at end of August 2012. The depreciation of the Kenya Shilling against the foreign currencies leads to increase of the external debt stock and the cost of debt service.

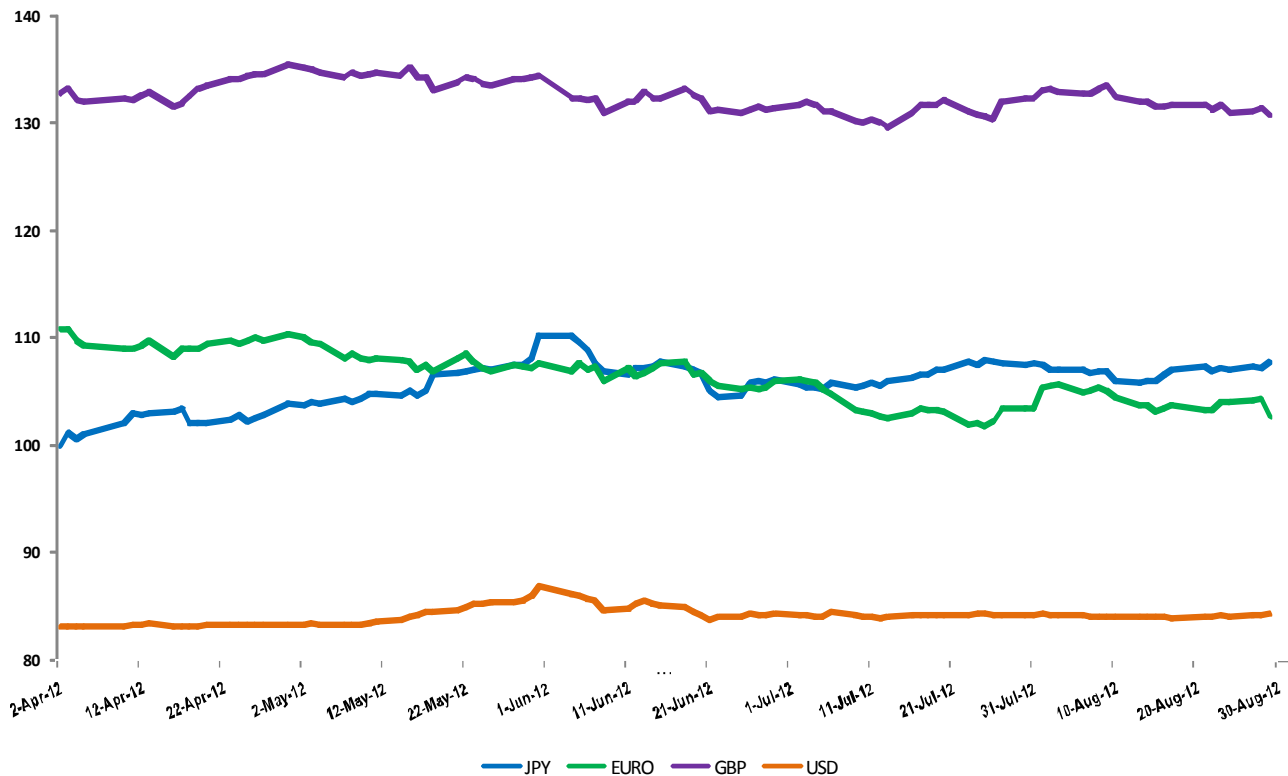
Table 2: Movement in exchange rates

Currency	June 2012	July 2012	August 2012
US Dollar	84.23	84.21	84.32
STG Pound	131.42	132.37	133.13
Euro	105.96	103.41	105.43
JPY(100)	106.15	107.69	107.45

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 2 shows the trends in daily exchange rates between Kenya Shilling and the four major foreign currencies from April 2012 to August 2012. From the last quarter of the fiscal year 2011/12, the US Dollar, Sterling Pound and the Euro have remained relatively stable.

Chart 2: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rate



Source: Central Bank of Kenya

2.0 EXTERNAL DEBT

2.1 Size of Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt

Overall, public and publicly guaranteed external debt increased by Kshs 4.37 billion to Kshs 771.76 billion in August 2012 from Kshs 767.39 billion in July 2012 as shown in Table 3.

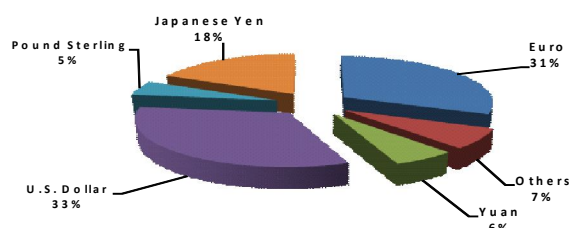
Table 3: External debt stock, in billions

	July 2012		August 2012	
	K shs	USD	K shs	USD
Bilateral	199.55	2.37	214.74	2.55
Multilateral	455.09	5.40	444.20	5.27
Guaranteed	47.60	0.57	47.52	0.56
Others	14.61	0.17	14.70	0.17
Commercial Banks	50.54	0.60	50.59	0.60
Total	767.39	9.11	771.76	9.15

Source: Ministry of Finance

The external debt stock increased from all the major creditor categories, with Multilateral debt stock declining by Ksh 10.89 billion. These decrease can be attributed to the strengthening of the Kenya Shilling against the Euro. Chart 3 below illustrates that 31 percent of Kenya's external debt is denominated in the Euro while about 7 percent is in other currencies including Kuwait Dinar and Swiss Franc among others.

Chart 3. Currency Composition



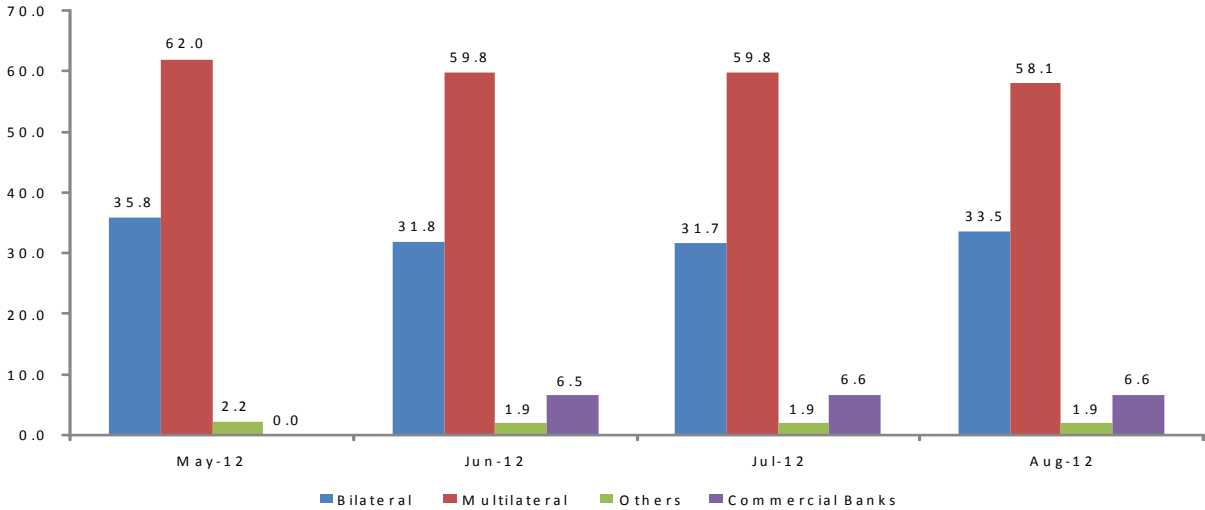
Source: Ministry of Finance

2.2 Structure of External Debt by Creditor

Official creditors account for 91.54 percent of the total public and publicly guaranteed external debt, out of which debts owed to multilateral creditors (Ksh 448.00 billion including Ksh 3.79 billion guaranteed debt owed to IDA) dominate the portfolio (58.05 percent of the total). Bilateral debt stands at Kshs 258.47 billion (33.49 percent of the total), which includes Kshs 43.73 billion guaranteed debt, as shown in Chart 4 and Annex 1.

In the multilateral category, IDA, ADB/ADF, IMF and EEC/EIB account for the largest proportion of external credit, while Japan, France and Germany are the leading creditors in the bilateral category. The Commercial Syndicated Loan constitutes 6.56 percent of the total public and publicly guaranteed external debt.

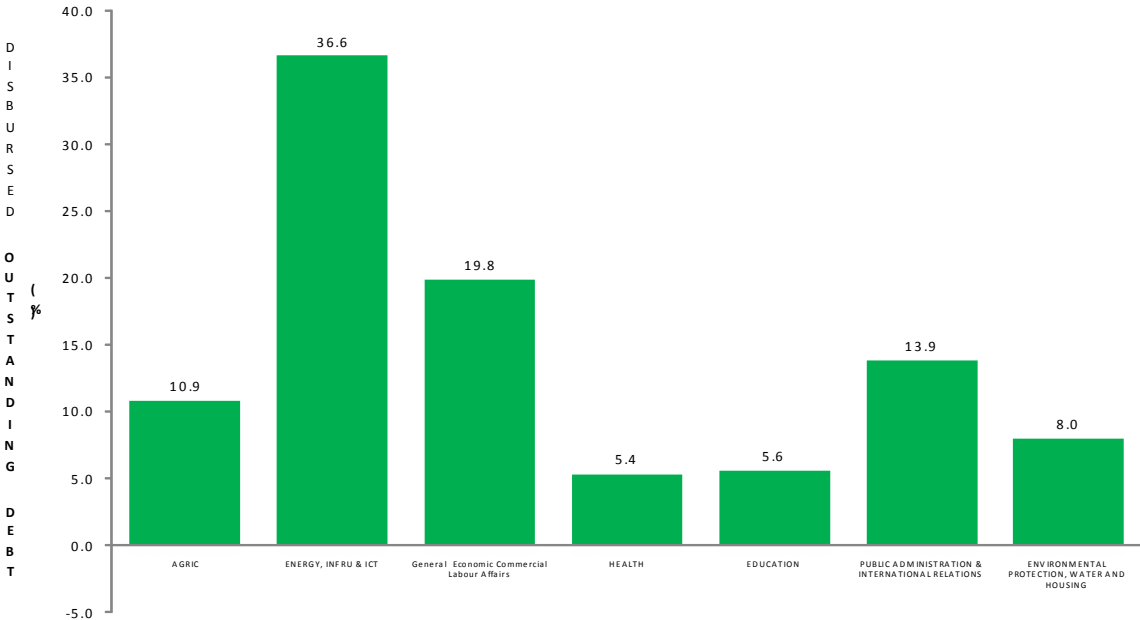
Chart 4: External Debt by Creditor



Source: Ministry of Finance

2.3 External Debt by Sector

Energy and Infrastructure sector has been receiving the biggest share of the external loan funding receiving more than 36 percent of the total while agriculture received 11 percent.



2.4 Projected Cumulative External Debt Service

Projected cumulative external debt service for the period to end August, 2012 stood at Kshs 5.84 billion. Principal and interest projections for the month of August 2012 were Kshs 1.55 billion and Kshs 0.99 billion, respectively. Multilateral and bilateral creditors constitute 55.7 percent and 36.1 percent of the cumulative projected debt service respectively during the period under review as shown in Table 4.

Creditor category	Principal	Interest	Total
Bilateral	1,170.91	339.84	2110.75
Multilateral	2,386.28	871.93	3,258.21
Commercial	-	474.68	474.68
Total	4,157.19	1,686.45	5,843.64

Source: Ministry of Finance

2.5 Actual Cumulative External Debt Service

Actual cumulative debt service as at end August 2012 was Kshs 5.61 billion as reflected in Table 5. Actual principal and interest payments for the month of August 2012 was Kshs 2.31 billion and Kshs 0.87 billion respectively.

Table 5: Actual cumulative external debt service as at end of July 2012, in Kshs million

Credit category	Principal	Interest	Total
Bilateral	1,139.25	417.95	1,557.20
Multilaterals	3,170.19	466.93	3,637.12
Commercials	-	624.13	624.13
Totals	4,309.44	1,509.01	5,818.45

Source: Ministry of Finance

2.6 Budget Deviation

The actual cumulative debt service for August 2012 was below the projected debt service by Kshs 0.25 billion. Which is explained by changes in exchange rates between the actual and projected.

2.7 Guaranteed External Debt

Under the National Government Loans Guarantee Act, 2011, the government may issue guarantees so long as it does not exceed the Statutory ceiling set by Parliament which currently stands at Kshs 200 billion. The guaranteed external debt decreased by Kshs 78.42 billion to Kshs 47.52 billion in August 2012 from Ksh 47.60 billion in July 2012. The decrease is due to the appreciation of the Kenya shilling against the Japanese Yen in which the guaranteed debt is denominated.

Table 6: Guaranteed outstanding debt by creditor, in Kshs million

Creditor	June 2012	July 2012	August 2012
Japan	43,015.86	43,236.23	43,152.66
Canada	362.22	362.17	362.59
U.S.A	214.79	214.76	215.02
IDA (KR Concessionaire)	3,790.50	3,789.97	3,794.44
Totals	47,383.37	47,603.13	47,524.71

Source: Ministry of Finance

3.0 DOMESTIC DEBT

3.1 Central Government Domestic Debt

As indicated in Table 7, Government net domestic debt increased by Kshs 37.26 billion to Kshs 746.44 billion in August 2012 from Ksh 709.18 billion in July 2012. This is because of increased Government deposits in Commercial Bank.

Table 7: Government domestic debt, in Kshs billion

	June 2012	July 2012	August 2012
Gross domestic debt	858.83	872.64	903.03
<i>less</i>			
Govt. deposits at CBK	-43.02	-48.88	-50.30
Govt. deposits at commercial banks	-108.88	-108.88	-100.59
Govt. advances to parastatals	-5.70	-5.70	-5.70
Net domestic debt	701.23	709.18	746.44

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

3.2 Government Domestic Borrowing

During the month of August 2012, Government securities worth Kshs 49.00 billion were advertised. Bids worth Kshs 136.48 billion were received, out of which, bids for the Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds were Kshs 106.18 billion and Kshs 30.30 billion respectively. Successful bids amounted to Kshs 63.71 billion against the months redemptions of Kshs 27.91 billion leaving exchequer with a surplus of Kshs 35.81 billion as revenue to the exchequer.

Table 8: Government domestic borrowing, in Kshs million

	Treasury Bills	Treasury Bonds	Total
Advertised	39,000	10,000	49,000
Bids received	106,176	30,301	136,477
Successful bids	47,398	16,315	63,713
Redemptions (cost)	(23,650)	(4,258)	(27,908)
Net domestic borrowing	23,748	12,057	35,805

Source: Ministry of Finance

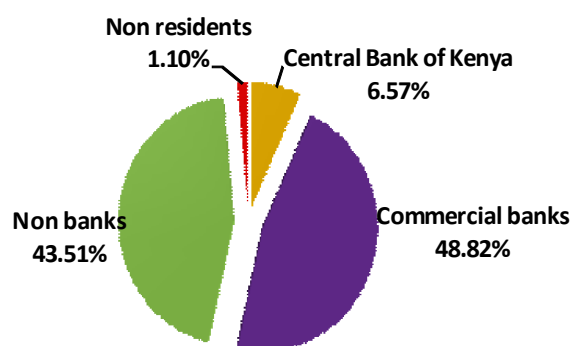
Table 9: Domestic debt instruments by holder, in Kshs billion

Instrument/Holder	Commercial banks	Non banks	Central Bank of Kenya	Non residents	Total
Treasury bonds	348.49	349.32	2.42	4.49	704.72
Treasury bills	90.61	43.48	6.77	5.45	146.31
Others	1.76	0.07	50.18	0.00	52.01
Total	440.86	392.87	59.37	9.94	903.04
Percentage Holding	48.82	43.51	6.57	1.10	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

At the end of August 2012 commercial banks held the largest proportion of the outstanding Government debt securities amounting to Kshs 440.86 billion or 48.82 percent as shown in Table 9 and Chart 5. The non banks held 43.51 percent of the outstanding Government paper, mostly Treasury Bonds. The non banks category comprises non bank financial institutions, National Social Security Fund (NSSF), parastatals, insurance companies, building societies, pension funds and individuals. Government debt securities worth Kshs 9.94 billion or 1.10 percent were held by non residents who invest through nominee accounts in the local banks. Kshs 59.37 billion held by Central Bank of Kenya comprises the Government overdraft and Repo Treasury Bills used for execution of monetary policy.

Chart 5: Domestic debt by holder as at end August 2012

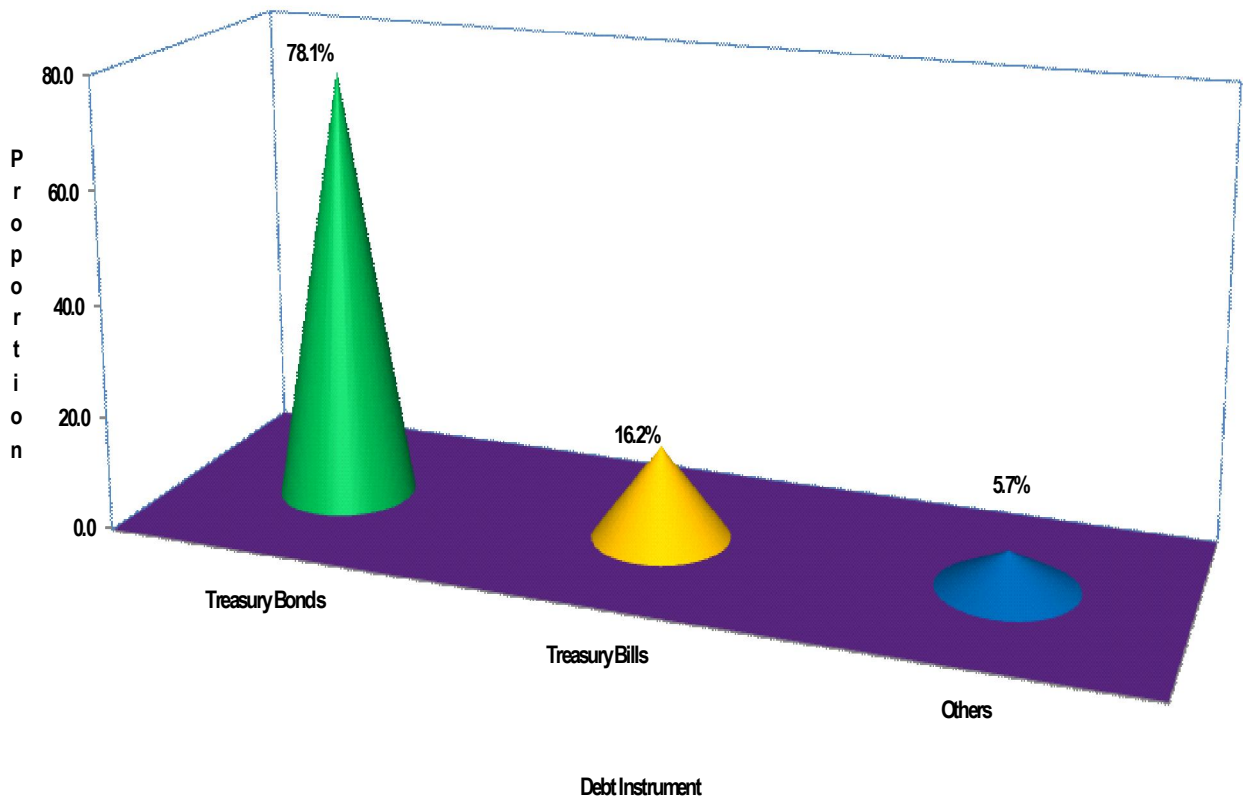


Source: Central Bank of Kenya

3.3 Domestic Debt by Instruments

Chart 6 shows the composition of the domestic debt as at end August 2012. 78.1 percent of Government domestic debt was in Treasury Bonds, 16.2 percent in Treasury Bills while the balance is mainly the Government overdraft at the Central Bank of Kenya. The structure of the holding is consistent with the debt strategy of holding more domestic debt on longer dated instruments to minimise refinancing risk and promote development of domestic markets for Government securities.

Chart 6: Domestic debt by instrument



Source: Central Bank of Kenya

3.4 Net Domestic Financing

Table 10 shows that as at end August 2012, the net domestic financing stood at Kshs 51.15 billion.

Table 10: Net domestic financing, in Kshs billion

	June-2012	August-2012	Change
Treasury Bills	120.82	134.56	13.74
Treasury Bonds	661.30	678.11	16.81
Pre-1997 Govt. Overdraft debt	30.00	30.00	0.00
Other	7.81	25.71	17.90
<i>of which Overdraft (from CBK)</i>	7.26	17.72	10.46
Govt. deposits	93.69	90.99	(2.70)
Net Domestic Credit	726.24	777.39	51.15

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

3.5 Cumulative Domestic Interest Payments

As at end August 2012, Government actual cumulative domestic interest payments stood at Kshs 18.20 billion against the cumulative projected interest payments of Kshs 13.33 billion. Actual interest payments on Treasury Bonds and Treasury Bills amounted to Kshs 12.50 billion and Kshs 4.43 billion respectively. The cumulative variance of Kshs 4.90 billion is attributed to higher interest rates for Government securities than was projected and the payment of 2011/12 interest on Pre-1997 overdraft on July 2012.

Table 11: Domestic interest payments, in Kshs million

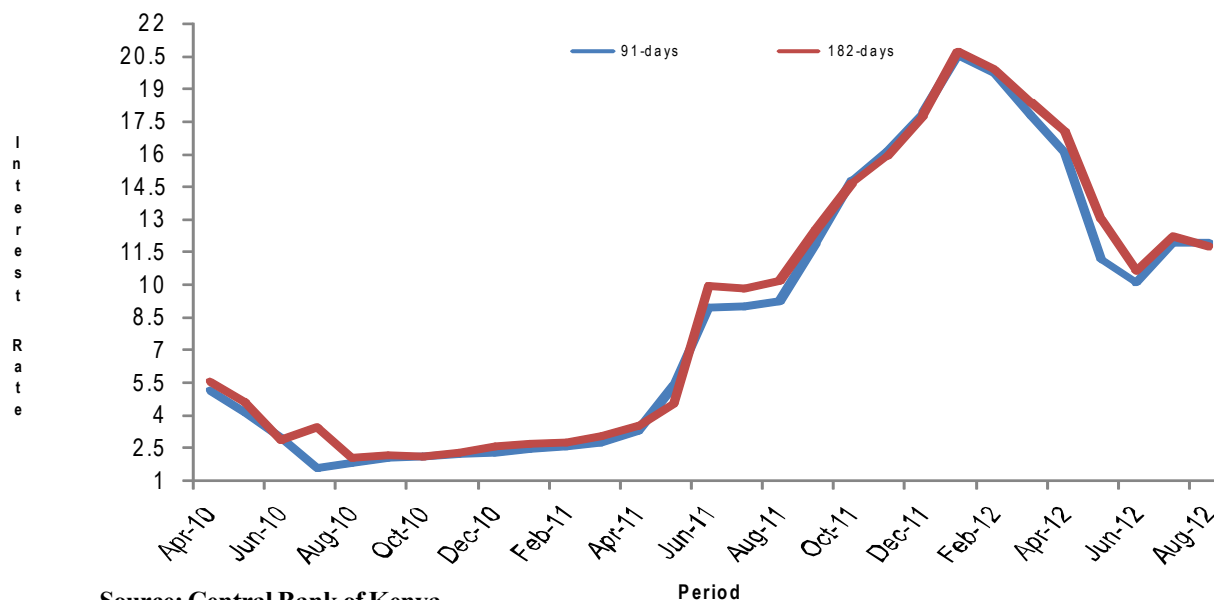
Type of debt	Projected	Actual	Variance
Treasury bonds	12,136.48	12,503.00	366.52
Treasury bills	494.64	4,430.00	3,935.36
Overdraft	549.75	467.00	(82.75)
Pre-1997 overdraft debt	152.45	800.60	648.15
Totals	13,333.32	18,200.60	4,867.28

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

3.6 Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills

Chart 7 shows the monthly trends on average interest rates for both the 91-day and 182-day Treasury Bills since April 2010. During the month of August 2012, the average interest rates for the 91-day Treasury bills declined by 102 basis points to 10.93 percent and the 182-day Treasury bills declined by 44 to 11.77 percent per annum. 364-day Treasury bills stood at 12.85 percent per annum in August 2012.

Chart 7: Average interest rates on Treasury Bills



Source: Central Bank of Kenya

3.7 Yields on Treasury Bonds

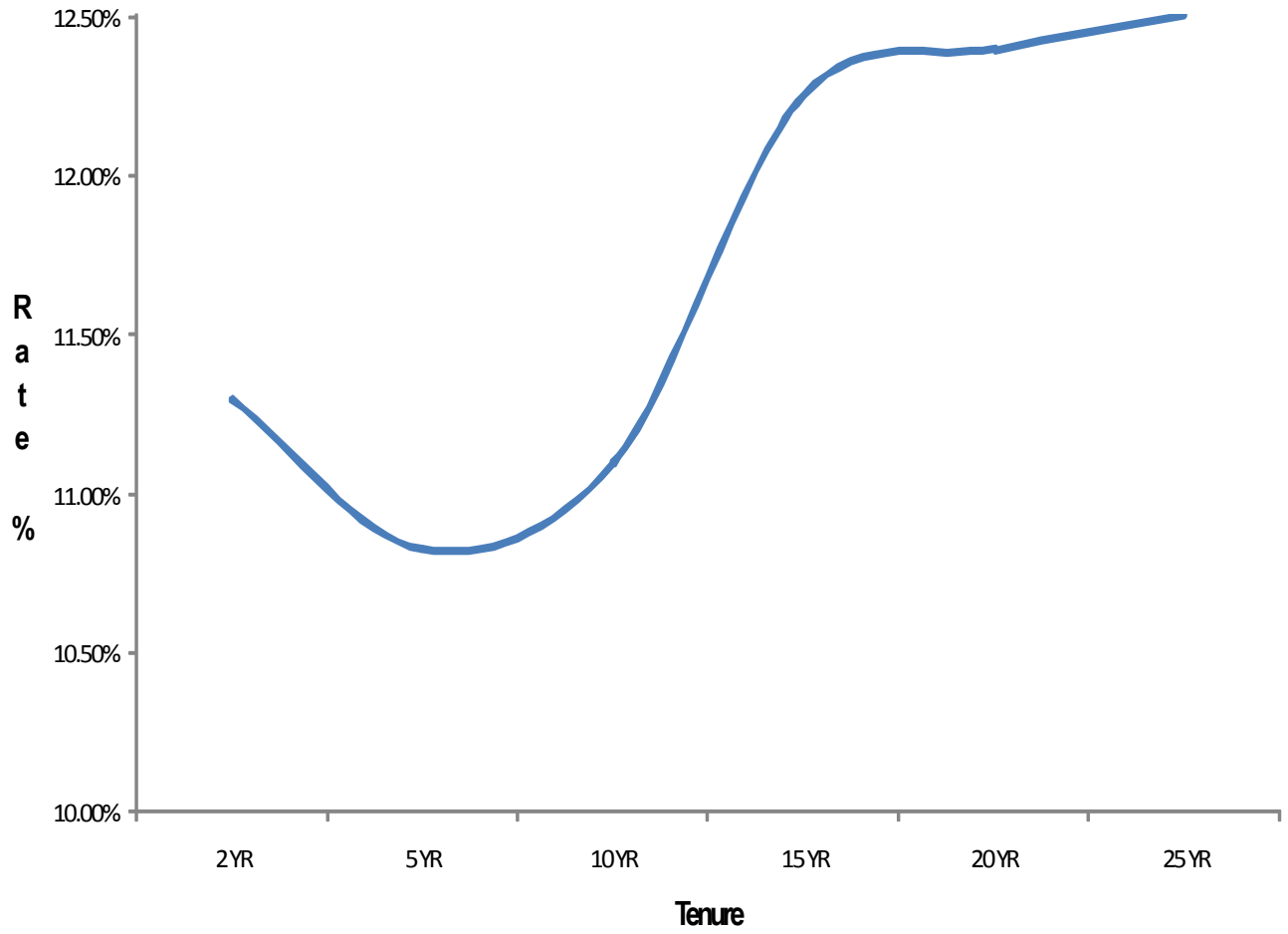
The Government has been implementing a Benchmark Bond programme to increase liquidity around selected Bonds and promote secondary trading. One of the key objectives of the programme is to lower both refinancing risk and cost of borrowing by the Government. Table 12 shows the yields on selected benchmark Treasury Bonds in the secondary market. The curve shows higher yields in the short end of the yield curve and stable yields in the medium to long term.

Table 12 : Yields on selected Treasury Bonds

Tenure	Rate (%)
2 YR	10.55%
5 YR	10.86%
10 YR	11.21%
15 YR	12.25%
20 YR	12.27%
25 YR	12.29%

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

Chart 8: Yields on selected Treasury Bonds



**ANNEX 1: STOCK OF PUBLIC AND PUBLICLY GUARANTEED DEBT BY SOURCE
(IN KSHS MILLIONS)**

CREDITOR	Stock at end July 2012	Stock at end August 2012	Change
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT			
BILATERAL			
AUSTRIA	1,285.57	1,311.17	25.60
BELGIUM	7,171.00	7,313.85	142.85
CANADA	1,118.49	1,119.81	1.32
DENMARK	2,020.70	2,057.25	36.55
FINLAND	103.53	104.60	1.07
FRANCE	35,811.33	38,897.82	3,086.49
GERMANY	24,270.88	23,338.60	(932.28)
ITALY	2,857.37	2,067.19	(790.18)
JAPAN	62,299.03	62,124.08	(174.95)
NETHERLANDS	2,854.30	2,881.63	27.33
UK	1,950.92	1,962.12	11.20
USA	4,906.06	4,887.64	(18.42)
PARIS CLUB OTHERS	4,909.71	4,754.10	(155.61)
NON PARIS CLUB	47,995.52	61,930.70	13,935.18
o/w CHINA	40,546.03	55,018.15	14,472.12
Sub total	199,554.40	214,740.54	15,186.14
MULTILATERAL			
ADB/AFDB	67,258.24	65,922.59	(1,335.65)
EEC/EIB	10,294.69	10,483.35	188.66
IDA	284,771.77	285,999.95	1,228.18
IFAD	7,206.53	7,193.43	(13.10)
IMF	76,144.62	65,619.96	(10,524.66)
OTHERS	9,415.67	8,985.40	(430.27)
Sub total	455,091.51	444,204.68	(10,886.83)
COMMERCIAL BANKS	50,532.90	50,592.48	59.58
SUPPLIERS CREDIT	14,608.08	14,696.72	88.64
Sub Total	719,786.89	724,234.42	4,447.53
GUARANTEED DEBT			
CANADA	362.17	362.59	0.42
JAPAN	43,236.23	43,152.66	(83.57)
USA	214.76	215.02	0.26
IDA(KR Concessionaire)	3,789.97	3,794.44	4.47
Sub Total	47,603.13	47,524.71	(78.42)
GOK+ GUARANTEED TOTAL	767,390.02	771,759.13	4,369.11

Source: Ministry of Finance

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