

THE NATIONAL TREASURY



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1.1 Introduction

The total nominal public and publicly guaranteed debt as at end of December 2020 was Kshs. 7,282.09 billion an equivalent of 64.5 per cent of GDP. Domestic debt was Kshs. 3,488.81 billion (USD 31.96 billion) while the External debt stock was Kshs. 3,793.29 billion (USD 34.75 billion). Domestic debt as a percentage of GDP stood at 30.9 per cent whereas external debt stood at 33.6 per cent. As a share of total debt, domestic and external debt accounted for 47.9 per cent, and 52.1 per cent of total debt respectively.

1.2 Movement in Exchange Rates

Kenya's public debt is denominated in five major currencies namely the USD, Euro, Yen, Yuan, and Sterling Pound. The Kenya shilling weakened against the three currencies and strengthened against two currencies. As at end December, Kenya Shilling depreciated against Euro, Yuan and GBP by 2.1, 0.1 and 1.1 per cent respectively while against US Dollar and Japanese Yen it appreciated by 0.8 and 0.03 per cent respectively. The Kenya Shilling against the afore-mentioned currencies moved from Kshs. 110.05, Kshs. 131.18, Kshs. 105.96, Kshs. 16.71 and Kshs. 146.72 in November 2020 to Kshs 109.17, Kshs. 133.90, Kshs. 105.93, Kshs. 16.73 and Kshs. 148.36 in December 2020 respectively.

Movements in exchange rates had implications on both the size of the external debt stock and the cost of external debt service.

1.3 Size of Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt

Overall National Government external debt increased by Kshs. 21.48 billion from Kshs. 3,771.81 billion in November 2020. Debt owed to bilateral creditors increased by Kshs. 11.28 billion from Kshs. 1,061.44 billion while multilateral debt decreased by Kshs. 3.70 billion from Kshs 1,497.62 billion. Commercial debt decreased by Kshs. 6.22 billion from Kshs. 1,061.14 billion during the same period (November-December 2020). Publicly guaranteed external debt marginally increased from Kshs. 169.61 billion in November 2020 to Kshs. 171.73 billion in December 2020.

1.4 Currency composition of external debt

As at end December 2020, the proportion of external debt denominated in USD stood at 64.9 per cent, followed by the Euro at 20.0 per cent. The Japanese Yen, Yuan, and Sterling Pound stood at 6.7 percent, 5.6 per cent, and 2.5 per cent respectively. Other currencies accounted for 0.3 per cent of external debt.

1.5 Actual Cumulative External Debt Service

The actual cumulative external debt service as at end December 2020 amounted to Kshs. 141.77 billion. For the month of December 2020, external debt service amounted to Kshs. 18.63 billion, comprising of principal and interest payments of Kshs. 9.27 billion and Kshs. 9.36 billion respectively. Cumulatively, bilateral creditors accounted for 32.22 per cent, commercial creditors 54.34 per cent and multilateral creditors 13.44 per cent of the total debt service.

1.6 Government Domestic Borrowing

During the month of December 2020, Government securities amounting to Kshs. 158.00 billion were advertised. Bids worth Kshs. 89.39 billion were received comprising of Kshs. 55.13 billion and Kshs. 34.26 billion Treasury Bills and Bonds respectively. Successful bids amounted to Kshs. 79.27 billion; out of which Kshs. 51.09 billion and Kshs. 28.18 billion were Treasury Bills and Bonds respectively. The monthly redemptions amounted to Kshs. 58.57 billion from Treasury Bills as there were no redemptions from Treasury Bonds. In aggregate, the exchequer received new money amounting to Kshs. 20.70 billion during the period under review.

1.7 Domestic Debt by Instruments

Total domestic debt stock was Kshs. 3,488.81 billion. The ratio of Bonds to Bills was 73:24 while the Government overdraft at the Central Bank of Kenya, Tax Reserve Certificates and bank advances accounted for 3.0 per cent of domestic debt as at end of December 2020.

1.8 Net Domestic Financing

The net domestic financing as at end December 2020 was Kshs. 347.20 billion against an annual target of Kshs. 493.40 billion for FY2020/21.

1.9 Cumulative Domestic Interest Payments

The actual cumulative domestic debt interest payment as at end of December 2020 stood at Kshs. 186.75 billion. For the Month of December 2020, interest payments for Treasury Bonds and Bills amounted to Kshs. 28.84 billion and Kshs. 3.13 billion respectively. The interest payment on overdraft was Kshs. 0.14 billion.

1.10 Average Interest rates for Treasury Bills

On average, interest rate for Treasury bills increased during the month. The 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills increased to 6.9 per cent, 7.4 per cent and 8.3 per cent in December 2020 from 6.7 per cent, 7.1 per cent and 8.0 per cent in November 2020 respectively. This represents 21 basis point, 28 basis point and 24 basis point decline in interest rate respectively. The Treasury Bonds interest rate averaged at 12.1 per cent during the month.

ANNEX 1: STOCK OF PUBLIC AND PUBLICLY GUARANTEED EXTERNAL DEBT BY SOURCE (IN KSHS MILLIONS) AS AT END OF DECEMBER 2020

CREDITOR	Stock at the End November 2020	Stock at the End December 2020	CHANGE
BILATERAL			
BELGIUM	13,545.39	13,461.62	(83.77)
AUSTRIA	1,516.31	1,547.70	31.39
DENMARK	609.70	549.16	(60.54)
FINLAND	1,402.71	1,431.75	29.04
FRANCE	85,671.54	91,229.09	5,557.55
GERMANY	31,764.33	31,647.77	(116.57)
ITALY	40,982.56	41,830.96	848.40
JAPAN	88,490.56	88,061.42	(429.13)
NETHERLANDS	59.71	-	(59.71)
USA	1,355.33	1,307.95	(47.38)
SPAIN	14,175.68	14,396.59	220.92
Other PARIS CLUB	3,528.34	3,500.07	(28.27)
Other NON -PARIS CLUB	17,823.67	17,711.56	(112.11)
CHINA	760,515.47	766,042.62	5,527.14
Sub Total	1,061,441.29	1,072,718.25	11,276.96
MULTILATERAL			
ADB/ADF	313,601.71	317,760.90	4,159.20
EEC/EIB	20,951.57	21,359.79	408.22
IDA	967,700.20	980,317.92	12,617.73
IFAD	21,354.24	21,314.37	(39.87)
IMF	113,685.10	110,995.30	(2,689.80)
Others	42,327.38	42,176.06	(151.32)
Sub Total	1,479,620.18	1,493,924.34	14,304.16
COMMERCIAL			
Commercial Bank	371,599.42	370,899.58	(699.84)
International Sovereign Bond	671,326.35	665,947.98	95,378.37)
Suppliers Credit	18,215.41	18,069.48	(145.93)
Sub Total	1,061,141.18	1,054,917.03	(6,224.140)
Total Central Government	3,602,202.65	3,621,559.62	19,356.97
GUARANTEED			
JAPAN	76,552.66	78,524.33	1,971.67
GERMANY	5,560.63	5,748.43	187.80
IDA (KR Concessionaire)	4,952.41	4,912.73	(39.68)
Kenya Airways (Commercial Debt)	82,540.13	82,540.13	-
Sub Total	169,605.82	171,725.61	2,119.80
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT+ GUARANTEED TOTAL DEBT	3,771,808.47	3,793,285.24	21,476.77

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