

## DAILY FX NEWSLETTER

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### Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was under pressure on Thursday due to dollar demand from the energy sector and merchandise importers amid little foreign exchange inflows to offer support.

### Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	105.10	106.40			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	132.35	133.85	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2580	1.2380
<b>EUR/KES</b>	115.20	116.65	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0958	1.0870
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.4045	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6435	0.6225
			<b>USD/INR</b>	76.21	76.39
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	1768	1685
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	32.04	33.29

### T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	7.209%	7.220%
182 Days	8.106%	8.145%
364 Days	9.040%	9.049%

### Top News:

- Oil prices rose more than 1% on Tuesday after the main U.S. energy forecasting agency predicted shale output in the world's biggest crude producer would fall by the most on record in April, adding to cuts from other major producers.
- Gold prices rose to a more than seven-year high on Tuesday on rising fears of a steeper economic downturn and amid massive liquidity measures by global central banks.

**USD:** The dollar slipped on Tuesday and riskier currencies rallied as China's trade data painted a less gloomy picture than markets had feared and signs of a slowdown in coronavirus deaths raised hopes that the worst of the pandemic may be over.

**GBP:** GBP/USD refreshes the monthly top amid the broad US dollar weakness. Coronavirus keeps flashing red signals, comparatively more for the US. UK's Deputy leader Raab signals one more month of lockdown, NHS Providers cite lack of medical supplies. EU-UK Brexit negotiators may discuss a timetable for the next round of talks on Wednesday. GBP/USD takes the bids near 1.2560, monthly high, while heading into the London open on Tuesday.

**EUR:** EUR/USD gains as signs of peaking in the virus outbreak weigh over the US dollar. Above-forecast China March yuan-denominated trade data is supporting risk reset. EUR/USD appears on track to challenge the 50-day average resistance. EUR/USD is gaining ground as measured optimism stemming from signs of peaking in the coronavirus outbreak is weighing over the safe-haven US dollar.

**INR:** The rupee pared initial losses to settle on a flat note at 76.27 against the US dollar on Monday amid weakening of the greenback in the international market. Forex traders said the rupee is trading in a narrow range as losses in the greenback supported the rupee, while weak domestic equities weighed on the local unit. Moreover, investor confidence strengthened after the minutes of the central bank's policy meeting revealed that the RBI will use any instrument necessary to revive.

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