

## DAILY FX NEWSLETTER

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### Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was weaker on Wednesday due to lack of dollar inflows and thin trading activity amid slowing economic activity due to the effects of the coronavirus epidemic.

### Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	105.40	106.70			
GBP/KES	130.60	132.10	GBP/USD	1.2380	1.2340
EUR/KES	114.55	116.00	EUR/USD	1.0870	1.0865
INR/KES		1.4120	AUD/USD	0.6225	0.6146
			USD/INR	76.39	75.82
			Commodities		
			Gold	1685	1684
			Brent Crude	33.29	2.276

### T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	7.220%	7.240%
182 Days	8.145%	8.118%
364 Days	9.049%	9.045%

### Top News:

- Gold prices inched higher on Thursday on a weak dollar amid improving risk sentiment on hopes that the novel coronavirus pandemic is nearing a peak.
- Crude futures rose on Thursday on expectations the world's largest oil producers would agree to cut production at a meeting later in the day as the industry grapples with the coronavirus-driven collapse in global oil demand.

**USD:** The U.S. dollar gained on Wednesday in choppy trading as some optimism faded that the coronavirus crisis may be nearing a peak faded and as investor concerns remained over the economic fallout of the pandemic. U.S. officials warned Americans to expect alarming numbers of coronavirus deaths this week, even as an influential university model on Wednesday scaled back its projected U.S. pandemic death toll by 26% to 60,000.

**GBP:** GBP/USD registers a three-day winning streak on early-Thursday. The UK may extend the coronavirus-led lockdown, PM Johnson remains stable in the ICU. A busy economic calendar can offer additional catalysts to traders than the virus updates. GBP/USD remains mildly positive, up 0.10%, while making the rounds to 1.2400 ahead of the London open on Thursday.

**EUR:** EUR/USD carved out an inside day candle on Wednesday. European Union finance ministers are set to continue fiscal stimulus negotiations on Thursday. ECB calls for 1.5 trillion euros in fiscal measures. EUR/USD is lacking a clear directional bias as the European Union finance ministers struggle to agree on a coronavirus economic rescue package.

**INR:** USD/INR recovers from the one-week low. Multiple supports on the downside will question the sellers. Buyers may await a break of the short-term horizontal resistance. While defying its previous three-day losing streak, USD/INR takes the bids to 75.87, up 0.27%, amid the initial Indian trading session on Wednesday. That said, the pair nears an ascending trend line since February 28 as well as 21-day SMA while also stays below a horizontal line comprising lows marked on March 24 and April 06.

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