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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was biased toward the stronger side on Friday on the back of inflows from Diaspora remittances.

The Kenyan Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee will hold its next rate-setting meeting on June 25, rather than the previously communicated date of June 30.

Top News:

- Oil fell more than 2% on Monday, extending losses from last week, as new coronavirus infections hit China and the United States, raising the prospect that renewed outbreaks of the virus could weigh on the recovery of fuel demand.
- Asian shares stumbled on Monday and oil prices slipped as fears of a second wave of coronavirus infections in Beijing sent investors scurrying for safe havens while underwhelming data from China further weighed on sentiment

International Markets

USD: The dollar was down on Monday morning in Asia, with the AUD and NZD suffering losses amid mounting fears of a second wave of COVID-19 cases. China saw a fresh cluster of cases linked to Beijing's Xinfadi market over the weekend, reporting 57 cases on June 13.

GBP: GBP/USD trims the early-day losses, still in the red amid broad risk aversion wave. Fears of virus wave 2.0 keeps the risk-tone heavy, WHO's Kluge warns over UK's economic reopening. Cautious sentiment ahead of the UK PM's virtual talks with the European leaders makes the case even more interesting. Brexit, virus updates and the US Empire State Manufacturing Index will be in the focus.

EUR: EUR/USD's one-month risk reversals flip bearish as stocks turn risk-averse. Investors sell risk on heightened fears of the second wave of the coronavirus outbreak. Japan, China, and the US report a jump in the coronavirus cases.

The EUR/USD options market data shows investors are adding bets to position for weakness in the single currency amid renewed risk aversion in the financial markets.

INR: Indian rupee today fell sharply against the US dollar amid a selloff in domestic equity markets, increased global risk-off sentiment and broad strength in the greenback. The rupee fell to 76.10 per US dollar at day's low as compared to previous close of 75.78 per USD in the previous session. The rupee today opened at 76.10 per US dollar and traded in the range of 76.10 to 75.84 so far during the day. It settled at 75.84

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	105.75	107.00			
GBP/KES	132.20	133.80	GBP/USD	1.2500	1.2620
EUR/KES	119.15	120.40	EUR/USD	1.1260	1.1325
INR/KES		1.4130	AUD/USD	0.6800	0.6885
			USD/INR	76.00	75.80
			Commodities		
			Gold	1726	1736
			Brent Crude	37.45	37.91

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	7.259%	7.325%
182 Days	8.060%	8.200%
364 Days	9.030%	9.165%

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