

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was stable on Friday, with low importer dollar demand and scant inflows from exporters.

Top News:

- Oil prices rose to their highest in more than a year on Monday, after a Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen said it intercepted an explosive-laden drone fired by the Iran-aligned Houthi group, raising fears of fresh Middle East tension.
- Gold eased on Monday after U.S. Treasury yields jumped to their highest in nearly 11 months in the previous session, with platinum scaling a six-year peak on expectations of a supply shortfall.

International Markets

USD: The dollar started the week pinned near two-week lows on Monday as traders questioned whether the recovery from the pandemic in the United States would be as fast as expected.

GBP: GBP/USD remains positive near the multi-month top flashed earlier in Asia. UK PM Johnson sounds optimistic as Britain achieved 15 million vaccination targets. British Foreign Minister Dominic Raab is not joining the chorus of diplomats eyeing March 08 move. Brexit updates, phase two of UK's vaccinations eyed amid off in the US, light calendar. GBP/USD bulls attack 1.3900, after refreshing the multi-month high with 1.3902 figures, while heading into the London open on Monday. The cable stays well bid as successful coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccinations tease the easing of the virus-led lockdowns in the UK. Also on the positive side is the US dollar weakness and easing tension over Northern Ireland (NI) border.

EUR: EUR/USD looks north as the Cboe VIX drops below 20 in a dollar-negative manner. The decline in Wall Street's fear index signals risk-on. The US fiscal stimulation expectations also favor downside in the dollar. EUR/USD is on the rise on the first trading day of the week and could challenge a crucial hurdle, with Wall Street's fear gauge signaling a continued rally in stocks.

INR: The Indian rupee rose to a near one-year high against the dollar, tracking upbeat regional currencies and equities. The rupee was quoting at 72.61, the highest level since Mar. 3, against 72.75 in the previous session.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	109.00	109.90			
GBP/KES	150.70	152.80	GBP/USD	1.3940	1.3830
EUR/KES	132.10	133.60	EUR/USD	1.2180	1.2150
INR/KES		1.5245	AUD/USD	0.7810	0.7785
			USD/INR	72.50	72.45
			Commodities		
			Gold	1824	1823
			Brent Crude	63.64	60.77

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	6.905%	6.873%
182 Days	7.644%	7.594%
364 Days	8.824%	8.716%

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