

# DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1st August 2023

The Kenyan shilling was marginally weaker on Monday, with a weakening trend that has seen the currency hit repeated record lows since late 2021 firmly entrenched.

## International Markets

- Oil price were little changed on Tuesday, trading near a three-month high reached on Monday, on signs of tightening global supply as producers implement output cuts and strong demand in the United States, the world's biggest fuel consumer.
- Asia-Pacific markets were mixed on Tuesday as China's factory activity fell into contraction territory for the first time since April, according to the Caixin survey compiled by S&P Global.

**USD:** The dollar strengthened on Monday after a survey from the Federal Reserve showed U.S. banks reported tighter credit standards and weaker loan demand during the second quarter, a sign rising interest rates are having an impact on the economy.

**GBP:** GBP/USD edges lower for the second straight day on Tuesday, albeit lacks follow-through. The USD climbs to a fresh multi-week top and turns out to be a key factor exerting pressure. The downside seems limited ahead of the BoE on Thursday and the US NFP report on Friday. The GBP/USD pair remains under some selling pressure for the second successive day on Tuesday, albeit manages to hold its neck above the 1.2800 mark through the Asian session.

**EUR:** EUR/USD extends week-start fall to refresh intraday low, approaching short-term key support line. Sluggish MACD signals, below 50.0 RSI (14) line prod Euro sellers. Bulls need validation from 21-SMA, fortnight-old descending resistance line. US ISM Manufacturing PMI for July, JOLTS Job Opening for June eyed for immediate directions, risk catalysts are important too. EUR/USD takes offers to refresh intraday high around 1.0980 amid very early Tuesday morning in Europe.

**INR:** The rupee opened weaker against the US dollar tracking losses in the Asian currency markets.

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	141.70	144.70			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	181.10	185.90	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2865	1.2892
<b>EUR/KES</b>	155.20	159.30	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.1040	1.1052
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.7710	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6695	0.6699
			<b>USD/INR</b>	81.82	81.78
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	1958	1953
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	85.15	84.5

## T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	12.352%	12.233%
182 Days	12.392%	12.322%
364 Days	12.728%	12.708%

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