

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was broadly unchanged against the dollar on Friday.

Top News

- Oil struggles below \$80.00 as China stimulus hopes fail to inspire Oil buyers amid economic woes. WTI crude oil lacks clear directions around \$79.60 as bulls fail to extend the previous day's corrective bounce off the lowest level in a fortnight amid the risk-off mood.
- Japan's core consumer prices slowed in July, supporting expectations the Bank of Japan (BOJ) will be in no rush to phase out monetary easing, even as inflation remains stubbornly above the central bank's target.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar closed this week off in the green again after it showed its resilience earlier this week, though without any safe haven inflow while stock markets are sliding lower hits Friday.

GBP: The British Pound ended the week in reasonable shape against the US dollar and showed gains against a range of other G7 currencies. The expectation of higher UK rates in the coming months is underpinning the British Pound and is driving UK government bond yields ever higher.

EUR: The euro extended its slide downward this Friday after euro area inflation showed marginal signs of slowing on the headline print (both MoM and YoY).

INR: USD/INR remains pressured around 83.00, down for the third consecutive day heading into Friday's European session, as market players prepare for the next week's top-tier events amid a light calendar at home. Also favoring the Indian Rupee (INR) buyers is the downbeat US Dollar as it traces the Treasury bond yields after refreshing the Year-To-Date (YTD) top.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	143.70	146.75			
GBP/KES	181.90	187.00	GBP/USD	1.2770	1.2780
EUR/KES	156.00	160.20	EUR/USD	1.0935	1.0930
INR/KES		1.7710	AUD/USD	0.6454	0.6435
			USD/INR	82.80	82.60
			Commodities		
			Gold	1888	1891
			Brent Crude	85.27	83.94

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	13.4754%	13.1104%
182 Days	13.2758%	13.4381%
364 Days	13.7459%	13.3402%

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