

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling weakened to a new low on Monday due to increased demand for dollars from general good importers that outpaced inflows from remittances and non-governmental organisations.

Top News

- Brent and U.S. crude oil finished on Monday at a loss, as hopes for Chinese demand faded. Brent crude settled down 34 cents at \$84.46, a loss of 0.4%. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude finished at \$80.72 a barrel for a loss of 53 cents or 0.65%
- Asia-Pacific markets rose across the board even as yields of U.S. 10-year Treasury bonds hit levels not seen in over a decade.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar Index (DXY) remains depressed around 103.30 as it renews the intraday low while keeping the week-start pessimism during the early hours of Tuesday's Asian session.

GBP: GBP held its own last week against its G7 peers with expectations for higher rates in the UK underpinning the Pound. The US Dollars ongoing rally met with GBP buying pressure has left the pair rangebound for about 3 trading weeks with a breakout elusive at this stage.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair gains some positive traction for the second successive day on Tuesday and climbs back above the 1.0900 mark during the Asian session.

INR: The USD/INR pair edges lower during the Asian session Tuesday and currently trades near the daily low, around the 83.00 mark, down less than 0.10% for the day. Spot prices, meanwhile, remain well within the striking distance of the all-time high touched last Tuesday and seem poised to prolong the recent upward trajectory witnessed over the past three weeks or so.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	143.70	147.25			
GBP/KES	182.00	188.10	GBP/USD	1.2824	1.2770
EUR/KES	156.00	160.90	EUR/USD	1.0964	1.0935
INR/KES		1.7715	AUD/USD	0.6468	0.6454
			USD/INR	82.80	82.80
			Commodities		
			Gold	1895	1888
			Brent Crude	85.29	85.27

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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