

Weekly Bulletin

October 4, 2024



RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Inflation

Overall inflation declined to 3.6 percent in September 2024 from 4.4 percent in August, largely on account of a significant decrease in fuel inflation. Fuel inflation declined to 1.1 percent from 4.7 percent in August, mainly driven by decreases in pump, electricity, and cooking gas/LPG prices. Moreover, food inflation declined to 5.1 percent from 5.3 percent in August, reflecting a decline in vegetables inflation, while Non-food-non-fuel inflation decreased to 3.4 percent in September from 3.5 percent in August (Chart 1).

Gross Domestic Product Growth

Gross Domestic Product growth decelerated to 4.6 percent in the second quarter of 2024 from 5.6 percent in a similar quarter of 2023. The slowdown was reflected across all sectors of the economy except manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, health and professional services. The agriculture sector grew by 4.8 percent compared to 7.8 percent in similar quarter of 2023. The services sector recorded a growth of 5.5 percent compared to 6.8 percent and contributed 3.1 percentage points to real GDP. The industrial sector growth decelerated to 0.6 percent from 1.4 percent in the second quarter of 2023 (Table 1).

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending October 3. It exchanged at KSh 129.19 per US dollar on October 3, compared to KSh 129.19 per US dollar on September 26 (**Table 2**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The usable foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 8,186 million (4.2 months of import cover) as of October 3. This meets the CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (Table 3).

Money Market

Liquidity in the money market remained adequate during the week ending October 3, supported by open market operations. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 21.0 billion in relation to the 4.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The average interbank rate was 12.71 percent on October 3 compared to 12.70 percent on September 26. During the week, the average number of interbank deals decreased to 33 from 45 in the previous week, while the average value traded decreased to KSh 17.4 billion from KSh 26.7 billion in the previous week (**Table 4**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of October 3 received bids totaling KSh 54.0 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 224.8 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day Treasury bills declined **(Table 5).**

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 1.0 percent, 1.4 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively during the week ending October 3. Market capitalization and equity turnover increased by 1.0 percent and 0.1 percent respectively, while total shares traded declined by 13.6 percent (**Table 7**).

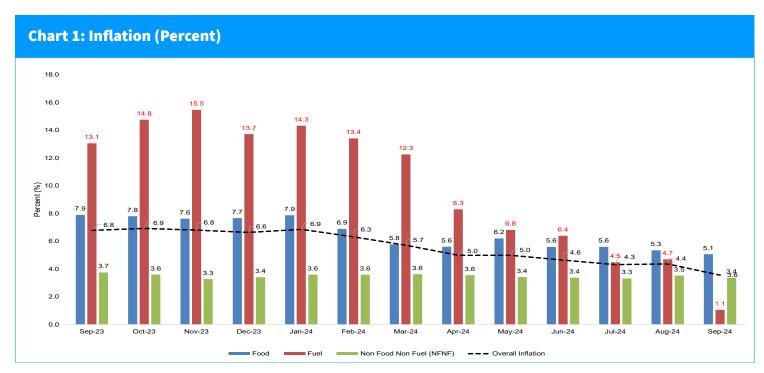
Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market declined by 8.3 percent during the week ending October 3 (**Table 7**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds on overage increased by 39.00 basis point. The yield on the 10year Eurobond for Angola and Zambia increased (**Chart 3**).

Global Trends

Concerns about inflation continue to ease in advanced economies. The Eurozone inflation declined from 2.2 percent in August to 1.8 percent in September, mainly on account of declining energy prices. The U.S. dollar index strengthened by 1.5 percent against a basket of major currencies during the week ending October 3.

International oil prices increased during the week ending October 3, mainly driven by uncertainities from the escalation of the conflict in the Middle East. The price of Murban oil increased to USD 76.54 on October 3, from USD 72.64 on September 26.



Source: Central Bank of Kenya and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Table 1: Real GDP Growth by Sector (Pe	•				
	2023			20	24
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Agriculture	7.8	5.1	6.2	6.1	4.8
2. Non-Agriculture (o/w)	5.1	6.2	4.9	4.7	4.5
2.1 Industry	1.4	3.1	1.4	0.1	0.6
Mining & Quarrying	-8.3	0.8	-6.9	-14.8	-2.7
Manufacturing	1.5	2.8	2.0	1.4	3.2
Electricity & water supply	2.8	3.3	1.3	2.4	1.0
Construction	2.7	4.0	2.2	0.1	-2.9
2.2 Services	6.8	7.8	6.5	6.2	5.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2.1	3.1	2.8	4.9	4.4
Accommodation & Food Services	42.7	34.5	18.1	28.0	26.6
Transport & Storage	4.6	5.1	8.5	3.8	3.6
Information & Communication	7.6	8.8	11.0	7.8	7.2
Financial & Insurance	13.2	15.5	6.3	7.0	5.1
Public administration	3.2	4.6	3.4	5.8	5.1
Professional, Administration & Support Services	6.6	9.7	12.8	9.9	6.8
Real estate	8.1	7.7	6.2	6.6	6.0
Education	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.1
Health	4.7	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.5
Other services	2.4	6.4	2.9	2.5	2.0
FISIM	4.9	2.9	2.5	5.8	0.9
2.3 Taxes on products	1.8	1.9	2.0	4.7	5.7
Real GDP Growth	5.6	6.0	5.1	5.0	4.6

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Table 2: Kenya	Table 2: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates												
	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*					
20-Sep-24	129.18	171.68	144.20	90.76	28.74	21.09	10.34	22.44					
23-Sep-24	129.20	172.04	144.24	89.62	28.58	21.09	10.39	22.44					
24-Sep-24	129.18	172.40	143.80	89.63	28.62	21.13	10.35	22.44					
25-Sep-24	129.19	173.28	144.63	90.14	28.64	21.14	10.36	22.45					
26-Sep-24	129.19	172.62	144.17	89.46	28.58	21.05	10.36	22.45					
Sep 20-26	129.19	172.41	144.21	89.92	28.63	21.10	10.36	22.44					
27-Sep-24	129.20	173.49	144.48	89.30	28.59	21.13	10.37	22.45					
30-Sep-24	129.20	173.03	144.24	90.97	28.58	21.13	10.38	22.45					
1-Oct-24	129.19	172.85	143.91	89.51	28.51	21.09	10.40	22.50					
2-Oct-24	129.20	171.45	142.86	89.93	28.39	21.09	10.58	22.56					
3-Oct-24	129.19	170.35	142.48	88.11	28.42	21.09	10.44	22.46					
Sep 22- Oct 3	129.19	172.23	143.59	89.56	28.50	21.11	10.43	22.48					

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)											
	5-Sep-24	12-Sep-24	19-Sep-24	26-Sep-24	3-Oct-24						
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	7,503	7,744	7,856	8,027	8,186						
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2						

^{*}Excludes encumbered reserves

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 4: Money Markets			
Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
20-Sep-24	55	30,462.00	12.64
23-Sep-24	44	25,912.00	12.68
24-Sep-24	49	37,112.00	12.68
25-Sep-24	40	20,723.00	12.68
26-Sep-24	39	19,400.00	12.70
Sep 13-19	45	26,721.80	12.68
27-Sep-24	40	14,100.00	12.76
30-Sep-24	36	23,500.00	12.80
1-Oct-24	30	11,800.00	12.82
2-Oct-24	36	24,942.00	12.82
3-Oct-24	24	12,850.00	12.71
Sep 27-Oct 3	33	17,438.40	12.78

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

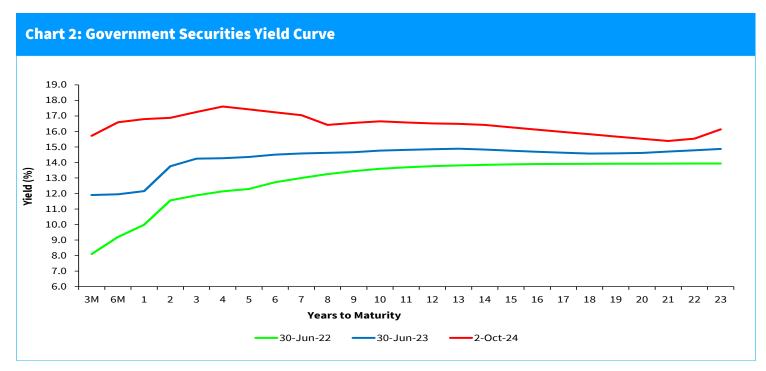
^{**}Based on 36 months average of imports of goods and non –factor services

Table 5: Performance of Ti	reasury Bill Au	ıctions				
91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	29-Jun-23	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	29-Aug-24	26-Sep-24	3-0ct-24
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	5,779.97	8,516.51	4,361.03	17,496.40	6,919.23	17,353.30
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,705.12	6,986.46	2,745.34	16,953.43	3,370.90	12,490.78
Maturities (KSh M)	2,814.15	3,254.55	3,922.10	18,029.30	2,377.75	13,242.30
Average Interest Rate (%)	11.904	15.983	15.977	15.784	15.718	15.686
182-Day Treasury Bills	•					
Date of Auction	29-Jun-23	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	29-Aug-24	26-Sep-24	3-0ct-24
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	2,195.96	322.85	1,494.42	4,451.13	5,437.90	20,211.39
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,300.96	322.85	1,479.67	4,443.43	3,330.51	7,214.16
Maturities (KSh M)	442.15	1,365.20	293.25	2,088.35	2,144.40	5,345.90
Average Interest Rate (%)	11.947	15.967	16.764	16.633	16.589	16.500
364-Day Treasury Bills	•	•	•			
Date of Auction	29-Jun-23	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	29-Aug-24	26-Sep-24	3-Oct-24
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	1,514.41	1,661.91	1,833.64	2,254.39	8,567.15	16,395.46
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,514.41	1,661.91	1,828.51	2,248.06	5,764.78	9,532.34
Maturities (KSh M)	2,417.65	1,858.45	1,679.00	567.65	522.70	2,688.90
Average Interest Rate (%)	12.157	16.100	16.791	16.842	16.800	16.729

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 6: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions												
Date of Auction	4-Jul-24	17-J	7-Jul-24 14-Aug-24		29-Aug-24	18-Sep-24						
	TAP	RE-C	PEN	RE-OPEN		ТАР	RE-OPEN					
Tenor	FXD1/ 2023/002	FXD1/ 2024/010	FXD1/ 2008/020	IFB1/ 2023/6.5	IFB1/ 2023/17	IFB1/ 2023/17	FXD1/ 2024/010	FXD1/ 2016/020				
Amount offered (KSh M)	20,000.00	30,00	00.00	50,000.00		15,000.00	30,000.00					
Bids received (KSh M)	487.50	7,067.73	7,614.51	96,861.91	29,460.52	35,185.70	13,396.00	9,246.10				
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	486.48	6,752.15	3,014.08	74,167.60	14,530.92	32,024.23	11,565.37	7,711.12				
Maturities (KSh M)	0.00											
Average interest Rate (%)	17.12	16.59	18.29	18.30	17.73	17.73	16.87	17.29				

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

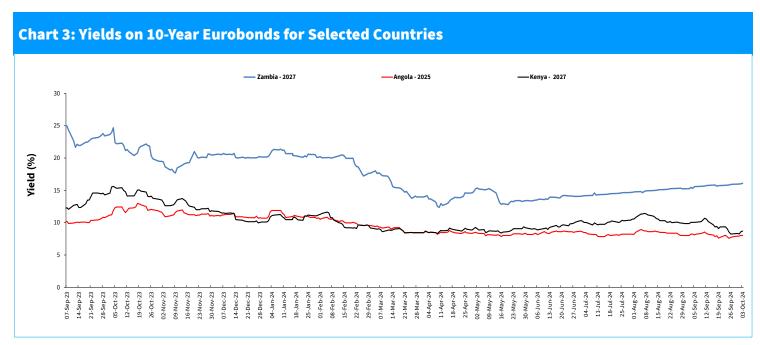


Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

Table 7:	Perfori	nance	of Key I	Market	Indica	tors								
INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008		re Share	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded	Equity Turnover (KSh	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh	italiza- Turnover	r (%)					
		ilidex	100=1996	(Equity)	(Mil- lion)	Million)	Billion)	Million)	7-Year 2027	10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
20-Sep-24	106.44	2866.55	1790.64	1576.00	26.78	319.11	1666.15	10,111.15	9.352	9.377	10.146	10.073	9.976	10.415
23-Sep-24	106.35	2867.49	1775.33	1531.00	19.23	372.35	1664.85	5,124.60	9.356	9.378	10.208	10.102	10.002	10.449
24-Sep-24	106.65	2880.97	1774.33	1357.00	7.62	74.61	1669.53	3,983.70	9.100	9.065	9.929	9.879	9.728	10.214
25-Sep-24	107.49	2916.66	1778.48	1366.00	9.95	106.23	1682.68	6,509.25	8.587	8.710	9.593	9.577	9.436	10.002
26-Sep-24	107.11	2904.16	1771.80	1361.00	13.48	302.22	1676.68	4,714.40	8.252	8.536	9.442	9.443	9.366	9.891
Sep 20-26	107.11	2904.16	1771.80	7191.00	77.06	1,174.53	1,676.68	30,443.10	8.252	8.536	9.442	9.443	9.366	9.891
27-Sep-24	107.16	2903.36	1777.31	1252.00	9.16	190.37	1,677.51	8,593.60	8.254	8.581	9.442	9.471	9.390	9.907
30-Sep-24	107.08	2899.20	1775.67	1264.00	5.13	76.35	1,676.24	5,024.50	8.342	8.627	9.532	9.553	9.439	9.939
1-Oct-24	107.31	2906.02	1779.75	1204.00	9.90	137.46	1,679.86	4,051.35	8.259	8.583	9.532	9.526	9.416	9.939
2-Oct-24	107.68	2919.87	1788.16	1297.00	31.92	545.38	1,685.52	4,047.75	8.606	8.806	9.683	9.663	9.562	10.050
3-Oct-24	108.14	2944.34	1779.29	1258.00	10.45	226.26	1,692.73	6,198.25	8.701	8.988	9.898	9.831	9.687	10.165
Sep 27- Oct 3	108.14	2944.34	1779.29	6275.00	66.55	1,175.82	1,692.73	27,915.45	8.701	8.988	9.898	9.831	9.687	10.165
Weekly Changes (%)	0.96	1.38	0.42	-12.74	-13.63	0.11	0.96	-8.30	0.449*	0.452*	0.456*	0.388*	0.321*	0.274*

^{*} Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters



Source: Bloomberg, London Stock Exchange

Table 8: Government De	able 8: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)												
	30-Dec-22	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	31-Jul-24	28-Aug-24	25-Sep-24	2-Oct-24					
Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	671.51	614.73	546.90	615.89	651.89	673.95	703.76	712.45					
(As % of total securities)	15.32	13.28	11.35	11.75	12.32	12.47	12.82	12.96					
2. Treasury Bonds	3,710.62	4,013.89	4,271.82	4,627.12	4,637.89	4,729.22	4,785.62	4,785.63					
(As % of total securities)	84.68	86.72	88.65	88.25	87.68	87.53	87.18	87.04					
3. Total Securities (1+2)	4,382.13	4,628.62	4,818.72	5,243.01	5,289.78	5,403.17	5,489.38	5,498.08					
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	58.50	76.46	94.13	61.02	60.53	49.43	63.36	0.01					
5. Other Domestic debt*	32.21	127.04	137.26	106.25	103.06	103.07	104.73	105.66					
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government		95.52	104.24	83.54	82.61	82.61	83.52	84.44					
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	4,472.84	4,832.11	5,050.11	5,410.28	5,453.37	5,555.66	5,657.47	5,603.74					

^{*} Other domestic debt includes clearing items in transit, advances from commercial banks and Pre-1997 Government Overdraft.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Composition	Table 9: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)													
	30-Dec-22	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	31-Jul-24	28-Aug-24	25-Sep-24	2-Oct-24						
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	15.01	12.72	10.83	11.38	11.95	12.13	12.44	12.71						
Treasury bonds	82.96	83.07	84.59	85.52	85.05	85.12	84.59	85.40						
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.31	1.58	1.86	1.13	1.11	0.89	1.12	0.00						
Other domestic debt	0.72	2.63	2.72	1.96	1.89	1.86	1.85	1.89						
of which IMF fund on lent to government		1.98	2.06	1.54	1.51	1.49	1.48	1.51						
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00						

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 10: Govern	Table 10: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)												
	30-Dec-22	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	31-Jul-24	28-Aug-24	25-Sep-24	2-Oct-24					
Banking Institutions	46.84	46.17	46.07	45.12	45.12	44.81	45.00	44.40					
Insurance Companies	7.37	7.31	7.23	7.23	7.21	7.20	7.15	7.22					
Parastatals	6.06	5.98	5.47	5.13	5.08	5.34	5.30	5.35					
Pension Funds*	33.31	33.42	29.93	29.60	29.39	29.14	29.12	29.43					
Other Investors	6.43	7.13	11.30	12.92	13.19	13.50	13.43	13.59					
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					

^{*} Includes pension funds and custodial/ Nominee Accounts Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 11: Public Deb	Table 11: Public Debt												
	Jun-22	Dec-22	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	June-24*				
Domestic debt (KSh Bn)	4,288.33	4,472.84	4,832.11	4,917.47	5,050.11	5,235.19	5,323.71	5,319.89	5,410.28				
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD Bn)	36.58	37.88	38.76	38.27	38.92	39.18	39.01	39.30	39.77				
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (KSh Bn)	4,290.73	4,673.14	5,446.56	5,667.80	6,089.58	5,163.42	5,198.81	5,118.31	5,150.84				
Public debt (KSh Bn)	8,579.06	9,145.98	10,278.67	10,585.27	11,139.69	10,398.61	10,522.52	10,438.19	10,561.12				

^{*} Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya