

Government of Kenya

Global Investor Call

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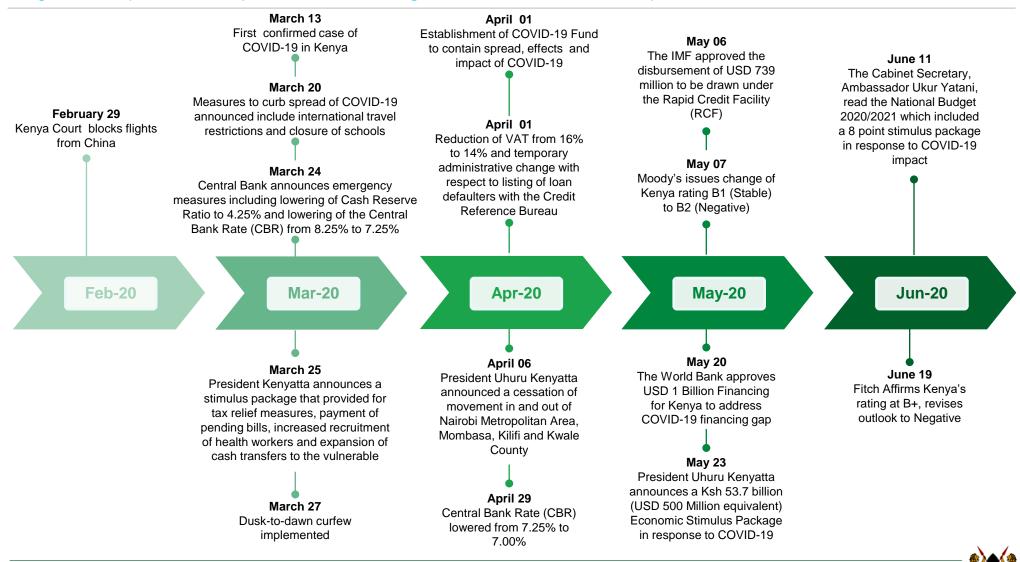
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Recent Developments

The Government and its agencies have implemented substantial supportive measures to support the economy and mitigate the impact of the unprecedented challenges that the COVID-19 crisis presents.





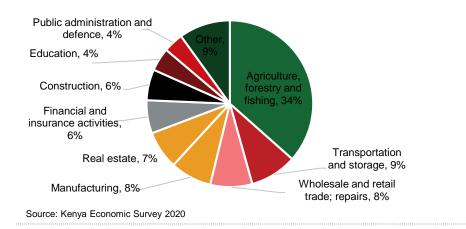
1. Macro Economic and Fiscal Position

Economic Outlook

Although Kenya's economy will slow down this year, it will maintain positive growth momentum. Growth is projected to recover to near 6% in 2021 supported by a well-diversified economy and supportive macroeconomic policy measures.

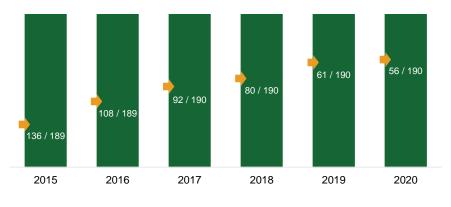
Economic Diversity underpinning Resilience

Contribution to GDP, %, 2019



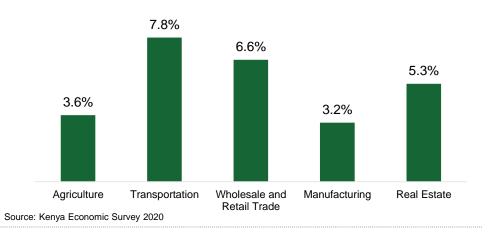
Enabling business environment attracting Investments

Doing Business Ranking Overall Rank



Source: World Bank Doing Business Report

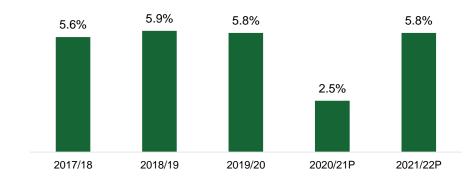
Real GDP Growth by largest sectors



Real GDP Growth,% ,2019

Economy still on track for growth despite COVID-19

Real GDP Growth, %



Source: Medium Term Debt Management Strategy 2020, The National Treasury



Fiscal Policy Response to COVID-19

The government's economic stimulus packages are proactive and well-targeted. The eight point plan is focused on addressing the health crisis directly and providing sector specific support to business recovery.

Ensuring macroeconomic stability to support long-term investments, economic growth and development. This is to be achieved through the effective co-ordination of fiscal, monetary and financial policies. Towards this effect, measures include:

Tax Measures:

- Tax relief to Kenyans earning below Ksh. 24,000 per month
- Reduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) rate from 16% to 14%
- Reduction Personal and Corporate Income Tax rates from 30% to 25% to enhance personal earnings and purchasing power

8-point Economic stimulus package amounting to KSh 53.7 billion that will catalyse economic activity, support livelihoods and enable businesses to recover. The package will focus on the following elements:

- Infrastructure -rehabilitation
- Education improve school infrastructure and hiring teachers
- Small and Medium Enterprises The government will expand SME opportunities through operationalization of the Credit Guarantee Scheme, fast-tracking payments of VAT refunds and other pending payments
- Health Enhancement of the COVID-19 response capability and implementation of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) programme
- · Agriculture Interventions such as supply of farm inputs through e-voucher to small scale farmers
- Tourism Provision of soft loans to hotels and related establishments through the Tourism Finance Corporation (TFC)
- Environment Provision of water facilities and mitigation of the impact of deforestation and climate change
- Manufacturing- the enforcement of the policy on "Buy Kenya Build Kenya" Initiative



Fiscal Overview

The Government has revised its plans for fiscal consolidation as it responds with measures to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis, but well-targeted spending can support prospects for economic recovery

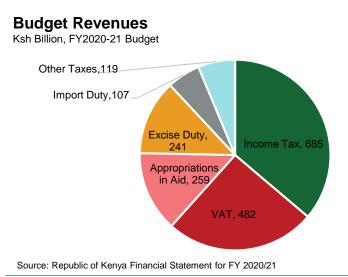
Due to the adverse effects of COVID-19, the government has revised its consolidation plan for the coming years in order to support and stimulate the economy.

Budget Fiscal Targets (% of GDP)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Fiscal Balance Targets (revised)	(8.3%)	(7.5%)	(6.1%)
Fiscal Balance Targets (under previous consolidation strategy)	(6.3%)	(4.9%)	(3.9%)

Source: Budget Statement FY 2020/21

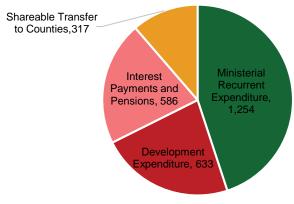
FY 2019/20 Budget (Ksh Billion)	Printed Estimates	Revised Estimates (Post COVID-19)
Revenues	2,154.7	1,949.8
Expenditure	2,796.0	2,790.4
Fiscal Balance	(641.3)	(840.6)

Source: Republic of Kenya Financial Statement for FY 2020/21





Ksh Billion, FY2020-21 Budget



Source: Republic of Kenya Financial Statement for FY 2020/21



Funding The Fiscal Deficit

Kenya has access to adequate concessional financing and reserves buffer to finance both the USD 7.9bn Fiscal and c. USD 351.9mn Balance of Payments gaps in FY20/21, while a robust domestic securities market provides further flexibility

Funding Fiscal Gap

In USD Billions	FY20 / 21 Budget	FY21 / 22 Projection	FY22 / 23 Projection
Sources of Funding	11.4	9.5	9.1
Semi concessional Loans	1.2	1.2	1.0
Project Loans	2.4	-	-
Commercial Financing	0.1	-	-
Program Support	1.4	1.4	1.3
Foreign Payments	1.7	2.6	2.8
Net Domestic Financing	4.6	4.3	4.0

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External Financing Sources

In USD Billions	Amount	Status	
Sources	1.9		
African Development Bank	0.2	Approved	
International Monetary Fund	0.7	Approved	
World Bank	1.0	Approved	

Key Comments

Government is committed to implement the 2020 Medium Term Debt Strategy which recommends a shift towards concessional external borrowing and lengthening of maturity structure of the domestic debt. Use of concessional debt to fund fiscal deficits as use of commercial debt is scaled down

The Debt and Borrowing Policy approved in early 2020 will guide management of public debt

Kenyan Government will continue to contain growth in non-core recurrent spending and enhance efforts in revenue mobilisation to reduce the deficit

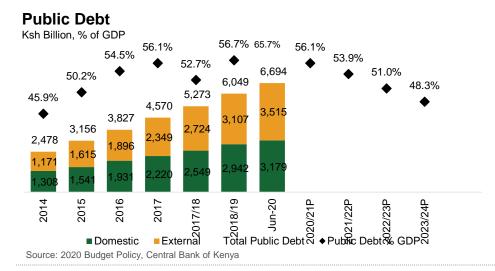
The debt burden is projected to decline over the medium term in line with the fiscal consolidation plan under implementation.

Source: Kenya National Treasury

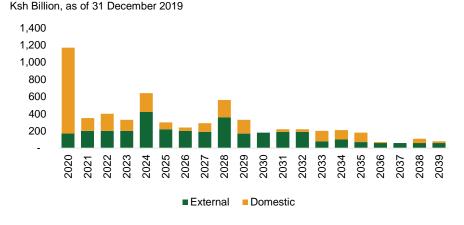


Public Debt Profile

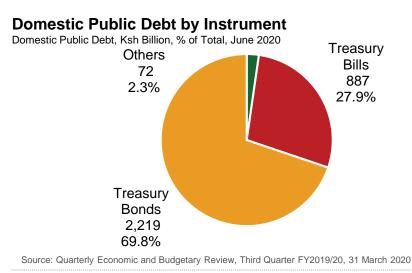
Kenya has demonstrated robust access to international capital markets, with deep and mature domestic capital markets providing further financial flexibility. The Government continues to implement broad plans for fiscal consolidation, albeit at a more measure pace due to the crisis, to stabilize debt metrics and target a reduction in debt to GDP levels.



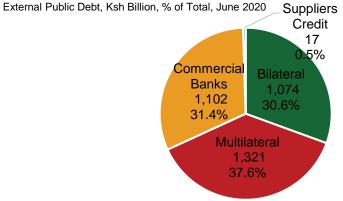
Debt Maturity Profile



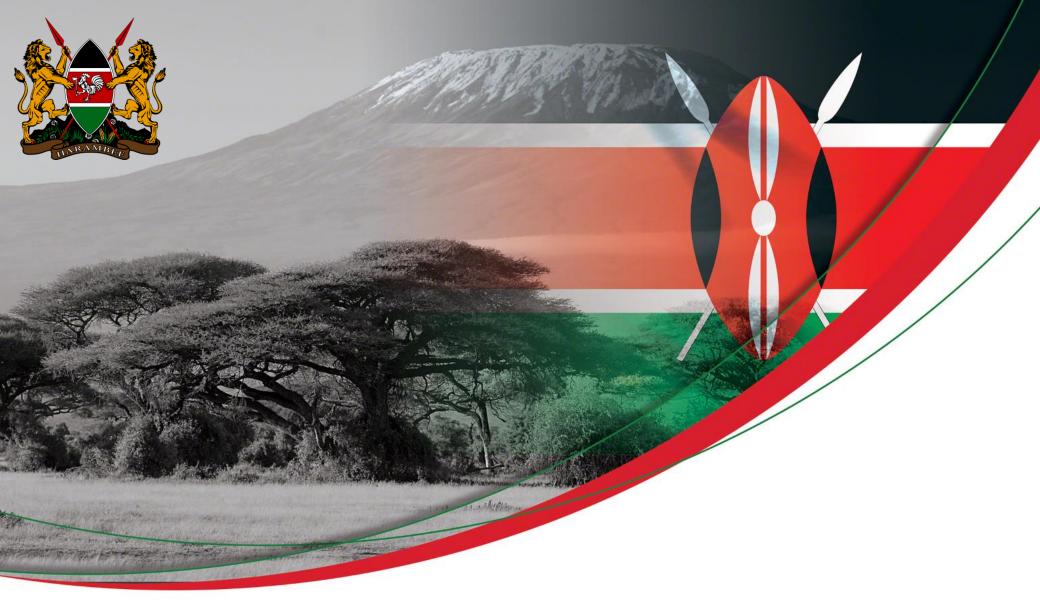
Source: National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya



External Public Debt by Creditor type







2. Monetary Policy & Interventions

Monetary Policy Response

The Central Bank has taken swift and impactful policy action to support the economy, including rate reductions and loan term adjustments to increase flexibility and support credit challenges.

- On March 24, the Central Bank:
 - $\,\circ\,$ lowered its policy rate by 100bps to 7.25%;
 - $_{\odot}\,$ lowered banks' cash reserve ratio by 10bps to 4.25%
 - \circ increased the maximum tenor of repurchase agreements from 28 to 91 days; and
 - announced flexibility to banks regarding loan classification and provisioning for loans that were performing on March 2, 2020, but were restructured due to the pandemic.
- The Central Bank has also encouraged banks to extend flexibility to borrowers' loan terms based on pandemic-related circumstances and encouraged the waiving or reducing of charges on mobile money transactions to disincentivise the use of cash
- On April 15, the central bank suspended the listing of negative credit information for borrowers whose loans became non-performing after April 1 for six months. A new minimum threshold of USD 10 was set for negative credit information submitted to credit reference bureaus
- On April 29, the central bank lowered its policy rate by 25bps to 7.0%



Balance of Payments and International Reserves

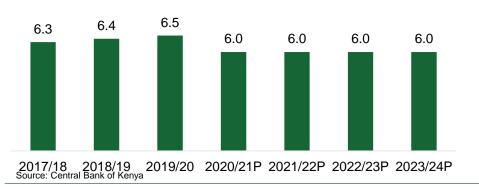
Foreign exchange reserves are expected to remain robust, covering six months of imports and four-to-five months of total Current Account payments

Balance of Payments					
In Ksh Billion	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Overall Balance	26	(10)	12	(103)	(106)
Overall Balance (% of GDP)	0.4%	(0.1%)	0.1%	(1.2%)	(1.1%)
Current Account	(434)	(410)	(588)	(511)	(567)
Good exports	586	583	600	617	599
Goods Imports	1,409	1,364	1,653	1,650	1,688
Services credit	455	423	481	555	573
Services Debit	326	277	320	393	393
Net Primary & Secondary Incomes	259	226	304	360	343
Capital Account	26	21	19	27	21
Financial Account	(378)	(525)	(575)	(662)	(636)

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

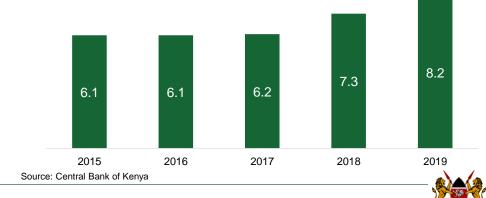
Foreign Exchange Reserves

Months Import cover



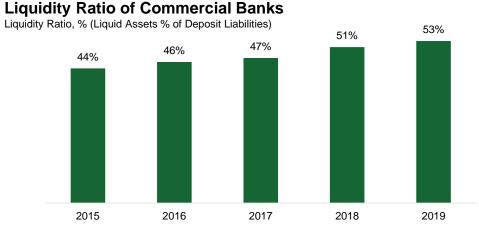
Foreign Exchange Reserves

Net Foreign Assets of Central Bank and Government of Kenya, USD Billion



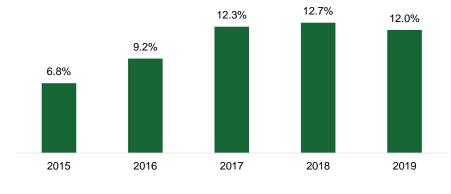
Banking Sector

The financial services sector is established and mature with a well-capitalized banking sector, a strength that will support the economy both locally as well as regionally during the economic recovery post-crisis.



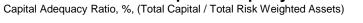
Source: Kenya Economic Survey 2020

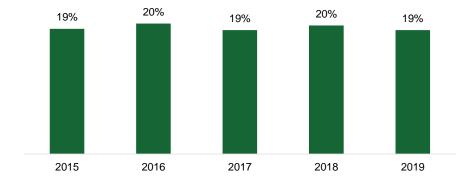
Non-Performing Loans NPL ratio, % (Non-performing Loans % of Total Loans)



Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Commercial Bank's Capital Adequacy

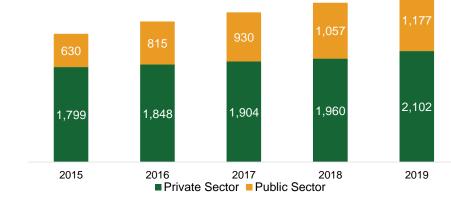




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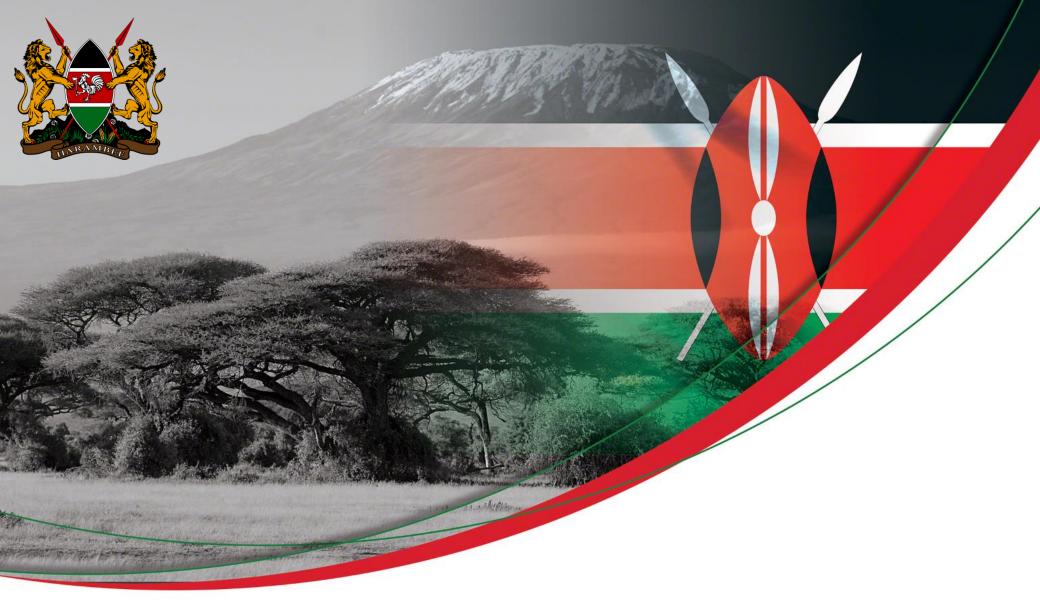


Total Asset, Ksh billion



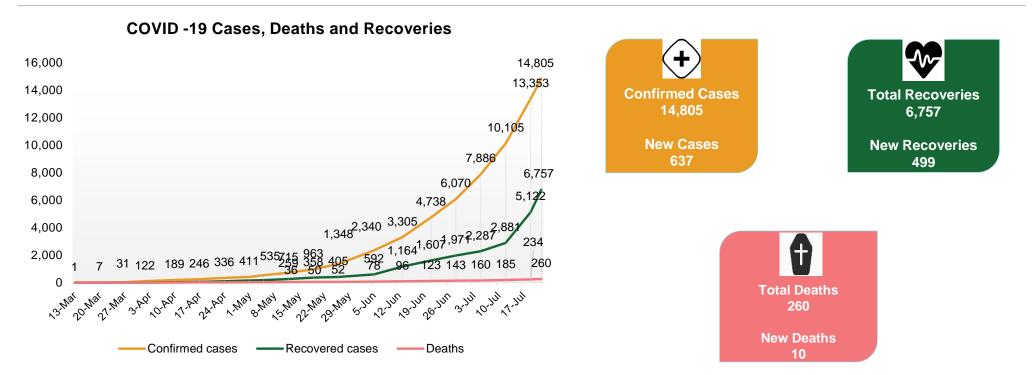
Source: Kenya Economic Survey 2020





3. Post COVID-19 Recovery

Kenya's COVID-19 Status: 21st June



Government Measures

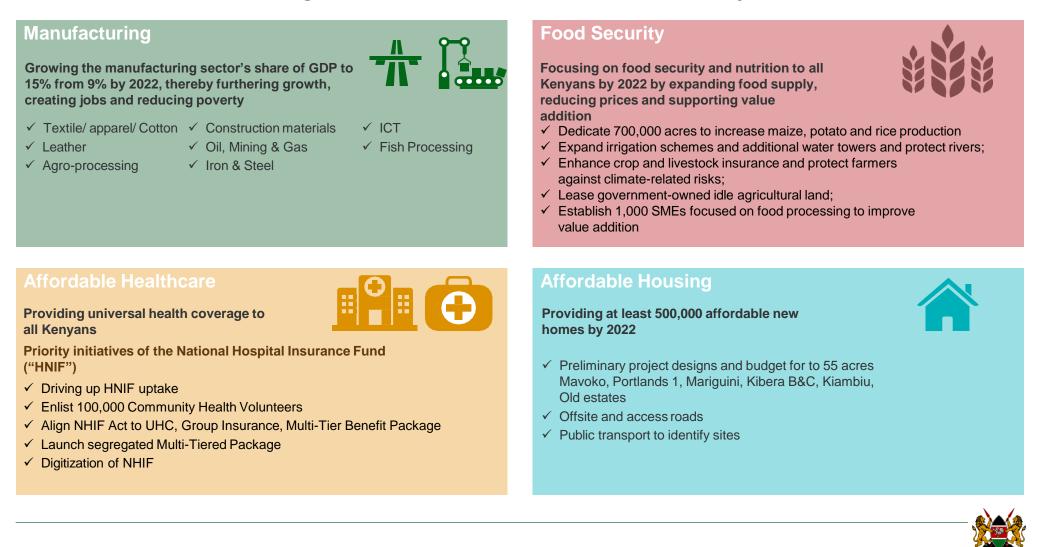
Movement Restrictions	All international flights into and out of Kenya were suspended. A country-wide curfew is in place. Cessation of movement into and out of Nairobi Metropolitan Area, Mombasa, Kilifi and Kwale.
Social Distancing Measures	Ban on all public and social gatherings Closing of all schools and learning institutions
Public Health Measures	Awareness campaigns Strengthening of the public health systems



Post COVID - 19 Recovery & Growth Strategy

As part of Kenya's Vision 2030, the government aims to focus on the "Big Four" development agenda to further strengthen the economy, progress industrialization and create jobs.

The "Big Four " Investment Plan is Anchored on Four Key Pillars



Key Highlights

Prudent COVID-19 response measures implemented to support people and the economy	 Regarding the unprecedented challenge that COVID-19 represents, the government's support measures have been dynamic and multifaceted, with fiscal and monetary measures implemented to effectively support people, employment and the economy In addition to policy measures, the Government has taken targeted action, developing an eight-point plan focused on providing sector specific support to business recovery Additional government policy was implemented to address the health crisis directly through restricted movement, social distancing, and health care campaigns
Resilience and diversity supporting stability and growth in the economy	 Though the COVID-19 crisis is expected to drive a reduction in the expected real growth rate, Kenya continues to benefit from resilience through diversity in its economy, supported by prudent macroeconomic policy measures The Government continues to demonstrate its commitment to the "Big Four" to further strengthen the economy, through progressing industrialization and focus on job creation
Maturity and depth in the financial sector	 Kenya benefits from a well established financial services sector with a strong banking sector and relatively deep domestic capital markets (est. 25% of GDP) which mitigate the impact of the crisis and support economic recovery Further support and stability is demonstrated in relatively sound external reserves covering 4-5 months of current account payments
Continued progression toward fiscal consolidation	 While debt levels remain elevated as the country manages economic needs during these unprecedented times, the most recent budget incorporates continuing broad plans for fiscal consolidation, with expectations for deficit reduction in FY 2020 Access to concessional external funding (est. two-thirds of external debt stock) contributing to manageable debt service costs as plans for fiscal consolidation continue

