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DOMESTIC NEWS

The last trading day of the week saw the USD/KES currency pair move further north, albeit gradually, wrapping up a 1% loss from last week's close.

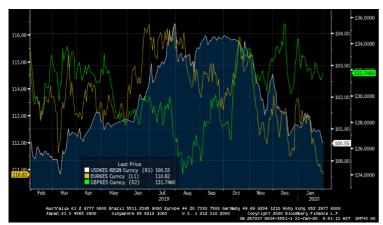
Swelling corporate demand for the dollar, mostly from the energy and manufacturing sector, coupled with fickle dollar supply endorsed the home currency's slow but consistent move lower against the dollar.

In the week ahead, flows are likely to guide the direction of the Kenya shilling. The pair is likely to continue trading within the range established in recent days.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	100.45	108.15
GBP/KES	124.87	133.19
EUR/KES	108.62	118.45
JPY/KES	0.92	1.07

Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)				
BUY	101.40			
SELL	109.45			
3 Months				
Виу	102.60			
SELL	110.90			

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	4.14%	4.22 %	+8.00
91-Day T-bill	7.253%	7.266%	+1.30
182-Day T-bill	8.151%	8.192%	+4.10
364-Day T-bill	9.161%	9.173%	+1.20
Inflation	5.78%	5.62%	-5.00



Source: Bloomberg

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The greenback advanced against its peers on Friday as the fear of a second wave of coronavirus infections and geopolitical tensions led investors to safe haven buying overriding a string of negative U.S. economic data and sentiment released earlier on in the week.

New COVID-19 infections have been enumerated in economies that had eased stayathome restrictions, depressing earlier investor confidence.

The EUR/USD pair traded within range despite the second reading of Eurozone GDP showing growth fell by a record -3.8% in the first quarter.

Cable slipped on Friday owing to adverse assertions surrounding third round of talks between the U.K and the European Union. The two factions could not agree to key issues such as trade and movement of citizens even as U.K's premier threatened to walk out of the talks.

Early Asian trading saw the USD/JPY currency pair edge marginally higher to trade around the 107.20 levels as a consequence of reports supporting Japan's slip into recession, which is a first since 2015.

Indicative Deposit Rates					
Amounts > KES 20					
million		Amounts > 100,000			
KES		USD	EURO		
Call	3.00%	0.25%	0.00%		
1 month	4.25%	0.25%	0.00%		
3 months	4.50%	0.35%	0.00%		
6 months	5.00%	0.50%	0.00%		

Indicative Cross Rates				
	Buy	Sell		
EUR	1.0520	1.1620		
GBP	1.180	1.3070		
JPY	101.65	114.50		
CHF	0.9020	1.0650		

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