

### DOMESTIC NEWS

The local FX market witnessed diminished activity in Friday's session, leaving the Kenya shilling little changed versus its U.S. counterpart.

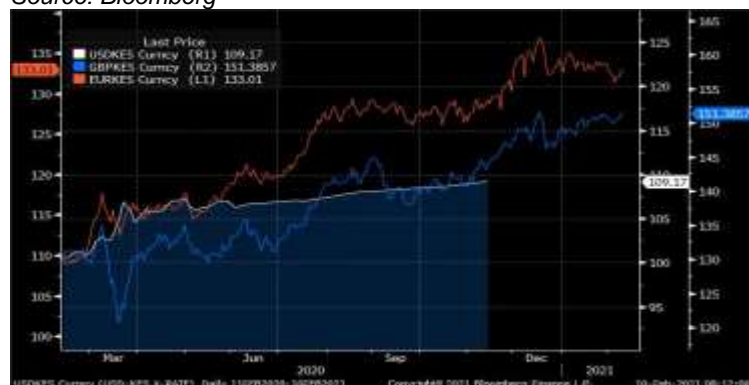
Activity across the counters from both corporate and interbank players was evenly matched which left the USDKES pair unchanged by the closing bell.

Ahead of the week, we see the local currency trading within familiar ranges, as foreign currency buyers and sellers continue to battle for dominance in the local FX market.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening		Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
	Buy TT	Sell TT	BUY	SELL
USD/KES	105.05	112.75	106.20	112.95
GBP/KES	144.55	158.25		
EUR/KES	124.18	136.22		
JPY/KES	99.65	110.05		
			3 Months	
			Buy	106.75
			SELL	115.00

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	5.05%	5.09%	+4.00
91-Day T-bill	6.911%	6.931%	+2.00
182-Day T-bill	7.684%	7.722%	+3.80
364-Day T-bill	8.931%	9.014%	+8.30
Inflation	5.62%	5.69%	+7.00

Source: Bloomberg



### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar jumped on Friday after data showed jobs growth beat expectations in February, backing up the view of Federal Reserve officials who have said that a recent rise in U.S. government bond yields is justified by an improving economic outlook. Nonfarm payrolls surged by 379,000 jobs last month, after rising 166,000 in January. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast February payrolls increasing by 182,000 jobs.

A rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and impending U.S. fiscal stimulus have boosted confidence in an economic recovery, adding fuel to expectations of higher inflation. The dollar index was up 0.36% on the day.

EUR/USD bears gained traction on upbeat U.S. February employment data on Friday, which led to the rally leading to demand for the greenback. The EUR/USD pair fell 0.56% to just off a new three-month low.

Cable posted a second weekly decline in a row, retreating further from multi-year highs. The pace of immunization which hit the 15 million mark mid-February, is critical in dictating sterling's trajectory as the UK enters its first stage of reopening today.

Earlier in Asia, the USD/JPY met resistance as traders weigh the underlying of the US economy following Federal reserve's Chair Jerome Powell's comments.

#### Indicative Deposit Rates

	Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
	KES	USD	USD	EURO
Call	2.75%	0.25%	0.25%	0.00%
1 month	4.70%	0.25%	0.25%	0.00%
3 months	5.00%	0.35%	0.35%	0.00%
6 months	5.25%	0.50%	0.50%	0.00%

#### Indicative Cross Rates

	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.1290	1.2690
GBP	1.3150	1.4650
JPY	100.60	112.60
CHF	0.8160	0.9660

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