BUDGET: FY2020/21

The National Treasury Secretary Hon. Ambassador Ukur Yatani proposed a budget KES 2.79 trillion (24.7% of GDP) for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Total revenues is expected to come in at KES 1.9 trillion (16.8% of GDP). The fiscal deficit will stand at KES 0.84 trillion (7.5% of GDP) and will be financed by net external borrowing of KES 347.0bn (3.1% of GDP) and net domestic borrowing of KES 493.2bn (4.4% of GDP).

	Supplementary Budget FY19/20	Budget FY20/21	
	KES BN.	KES BN.	%Change
Government Revenue			
Ordinary Revenue	1,843.8	1,630.0	-11.60%
Ministerial Appropriation in Aid	240.4	260.0	8.15%
Total Revenue	2,084.2	1,890.0	-9.32%
Government Expenditure			
Recurrent Expenditure	1,760.0	1,820.0	3.41%
Development Expenditure	730.8	633.1	-13.37%
Total Expenditure	2,490.8	2,790.0	12.01%
Deficit Financing			
Net foreign financing	353.5	347.0	-1.84%
Other Domestic Financing	3.2	0.6	-80.41%
Net Domestic Financing	486.0	493.4	1.52%
Total Deficit	t 842.7	840.6	-0.25%

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Sovereign Credit Rating:

Moody's: B1 (stable) Fitch: B+ (stable) S&P: B+ (stable)

CPI: (2019=100): 108.60

May Inflation: 5.47%

Interbank rate (5th June 2020): 2.99%

C.B.R (27th May 20): 7.00%

91- Day T-Bill (Latest): 7.33%

182- Day T-Bill (Latest): 8.20 %

364- Day T-Bill (Latest): 9.17%

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Revenue: Revenue collection likely to fall below target

To meet the revenue target of KES 1.9 trillion, the government seeks to increase taxes. The key proposed increases include the following:

- New 1.5% tax on online transactions: This is a new source of tax for the government which is likely increase revenue. However, ensuring that there is compliance is likely to be an issue.
- ➤ Loss making companies to pay 1% of their gross turnover: This is likely to greatly affect struggling businesses.
- Income of Home Ownership Savings Plans to be taxed: We view this as negative
- > Tax on bonus, overtime and retirement benefits
- ➤ Landlords making less than 15million to pay 10% tax: This has been raised from the pervious ceiling of KES 10 million as the government seeks to increase compliance.

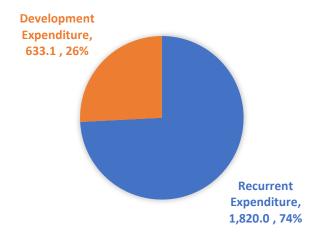
We believe that the revenue target is ambitious and might not be achieved because of the following:

- ➤ The current slowdown in economic activity which is likely to lead to lower revenue collections
- ➤ KRA's record of failing to meet tax targets. As of March 2020 KRA had collected KES 1.33 trillion against a target of KES 1.54 trillion, this was before the economy felt the full economic impact of COVID-19.
- ➤ The measures taken to cushion the economy from the economic effects of COVID19 (e.g. lower corporate and PAYEE tax) are likely to reduce revenue collections

Expenditure

Government Expenditure is projected to grow to KES 2.79 trillion(24.7% of GDP) from an estimated KES 2.77 trillion(27.2% of GDP) in FY 2019/20.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE FY20/21.



Development expenditure in the coming Financial Year will take a 13% cut. Development Expenditure has been allocated KES 633.1 Bn down from KES 730.8Bn. Recurrent expenditure has expanded by 3.4% to KES 1.82 Trillion up from supplementary budget figures of Kes 1.76 Trillion.

Deficit: Government's appetite for debt likely to lead to continue to crowd out the private sector

The fiscal deficit will stand at KES 0.84 trillion (7.5% of GDP) and will be financed by net external borrowing of KES 347.0bn (3.1% of GDP) and net domestic borrowing of KES 493.2bn (4.4% of GDP).

Initial fiscal deficit for FY19/20 was targeted to be 6.3% of GDP but that has since been adjusted to 8.3% of GDP, while that for FY20/21 was initially targeted at was 4.9% which has now been increased to 7.5% of GDP.

In FY19/20, domestic borrowing target stood at KES 309 billion which was revised upwards in the second half of the fiscal year. Government's appetite for debt likely to continue to crowd out the private sector.

We expect the government to table a supplementary budget in the second half of the fiscal year which is likely to increase the domestic borrowing target. We therefore expect an increase in interest rates.

Other Key highlights from budget statement.

- ➤ Government unveils 8-point stimulus package: To further cushion the economy the government unveiled a KES 56.6 Bn stimulus package targeting primarily aimed at supporting citizens and businesses. Some of the sectors set to benefit from the package include Education ,Health, Agriculture, Tourism, Water and Manufacturing.
- ➤ Government aims to reduce Youth Unemployment through Kazi Mtaani initiative: The Government in its stimulus package has prioritized rehabilitation of road infrastructure, allocating KES 5 Bn. Following floods in different parts of the country. Youth employment is set to increase to facilitate the rehabilitation of roads. The government has also set aside KES 10Bn for Youth employment in various towns.
- Private Equity and venture capital funds to come under additional regulation: The capital markets act may see an expansion to further regulate Private Equity funds and safeguard investors as pension funds are allowed to invest 10% of their assets into the aforementioned asset class.

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