



2025 REMITTANCES HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), in collaboration with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSD Kenya), is conducting the first ever Remittances Household Survey (RHS) from July to September 2025.

Remittances represent international transfers in monetary (cash), and non-monetary (non-cash/in-kind) form sent by family members, friends and relatives living abroad to households in Kenya (inward remittances) or sent by households in Kenya to family members, friends and relatives living abroad (outward remittances). The remittances can be transferred through formal channels such as the banking system, couriers, money transfer operators, and mobile money or informal channels such as physically carrying across borders.

Purpose

The purpose of the 2025 RHS is to collect qualitative and quantitative information on inward and outward remittances. The data collected will be used to improve national statistics for planning, research and policy formulation, including those related to supporting the remittance flows.

Objectives

The overall objective of the 2025 RHS is to collect information on the amount of inward and outward remittances in Kenya. Specifically, the survey seeks to:

- Collect information on the amount of inward and outward remittances in cash and in-kind/non-cash.
- Establish the channels for remitting the transfers, the costs incurred, and the challenges faced.
- Establish the uses of remittances received to estimate the impact on the livelihood of the recipients.
- The difficulties encountered in sending or receiving money or in-kind/non-cash transfers.
- Provide policy recommendations for improving the remittances market in Kenya.

Use of Data Collected

The 2025 RHS is expected to produce national estimates on the magnitude of remittance flows into Kenya and out of Kenya, both money and non-cash. The data collected from the 2025 RHS will be used for compilation of Balance of Payments statistics, monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), research and policy formulation.

Target Respondents

2025 RHS will be administered to households in Kenya who have received and/or sent remittances.

Authority

The Statistics Act, CAP 112 Laws of Kenya [Rev. 2022] empowers KNBS to collect Remittance Statistics in Kenya, among other statistics. Households are legally bound to provide the required information.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality of statistical information provided is guaranteed under the Statistics Act, CAP 112 Laws of Kenya [Rev. 2022] which can be accessed on the KNBS Website (www.knbs.or.ke). All the information provided will be treated with utmost confidentiality and will only be used for statistical purposes. The 2025 RHS personnel are under oath not to divulge information provided by the households to a third party.

Output

The findings will be published in aggregated form on the KNBS, CBK and FSD Kenya websites.

Appeal

The 2025 RHS Field Personnel will visit selected households during the survey period, which will be conducted, between **July and September 2025**. The Field Personnel will have identification badges. Given the importance of this exercise, we appeal to the selected households to cooperate and support the survey field staff.

We appreciate the continued cooperation and support in the production of official statistics.

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