



## COUNTRY PROFILE

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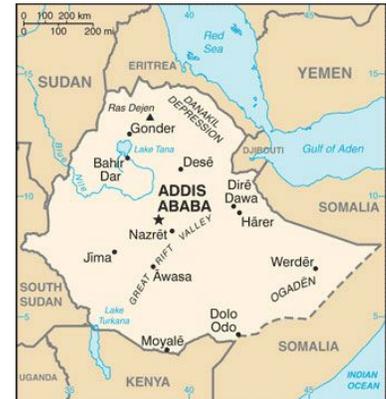


FH Ethiopia

USAID supports Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Program by transferring resources to chronically food-insecure households to help diversify sources of household income.

### OVERVIEW

Situated in the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia, with more than 90 million people, faces serious national and trans-national challenges. Ten percent of its citizens are chronically food insecure, rising to more than 15 percent during frequent drought years. Eighty two percent of the population remains dependent on subsistence agriculture. The ruling party remains thoroughly entrenched in all government institutions; opposition parties have effectively collapsed; and new laws restrict media freedom, civil society and legal rights. The private sector has made progress, but remains hobbled by red tape and arbitrary rules. As its neighbors struggle with internal conflict, the risk of violent extremist influences may grow, exacerbating the development challenges already present.



Given these complexities, the Ethiopia assistance portfolio has become one of the United States' largest and most complex in Africa. The Mission is a focus for a new Presidential Initiative — [Power Africa](#), and maintains ongoing [Feed the Future \(FtF\)](#), [Global Health \(GHI\)](#), [Global Climate Change](#), [President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief \(PEPFAR\)](#) and [President's Malaria \(PMI\)](#) initiatives. Assistance capitalizes on partnership with the Ethiopian Government to deliver basic public services and tackle poverty.

### PROGRAMS

#### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Ethiopia's economy is dependent on agriculture, and the country's rapidly growing population underscores the need for sustainable and high quality access to food. Through Feed the Future, USAID enhances food security, increases agricultural productivity, and promotes resilience, especially among vulnerable populations.

#### DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

USAID activities in good governance specifically work with the Government of Ethiopia to improve public access to and confidence in the legal system by providing continuing education to the judiciary on legal principles, including human rights. In addition, USAID supports local governments to help them improve the delivery of services.

#### ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

State dominance over the economy severely limits access to credit, private land ownership, and agricultural inputs. USAID works to strengthen small and medium-sized enterprises and smallholder farms, providing access to credit and technical support.

#### ETHIOPIA SNAPSHOT

Land area: 1.1 million sq km  
Population: 94 million  
GDP: \$41.9 billion  
GDP per capita: \$1,200/year

Source: CIA World Factbook (2013)

#### USAID IN ETHIOPIA

<http://www.usaid.gov/ethiopia/>

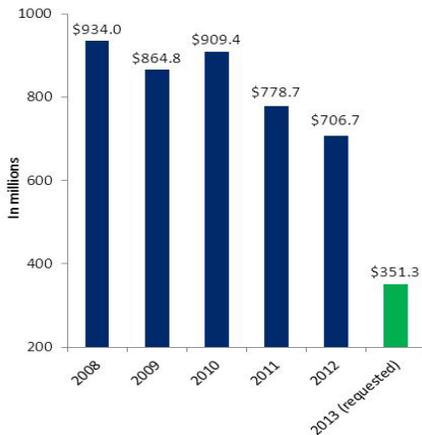


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**PLANNED US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA BY FISCAL YEAR**



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**EDUCATION**

USAID works with the Ministry of Education and donors to improve student level outcomes and achievements, particularly in early grade reading. USAID’s education program helps millions of students advance in their education while supporting capacity-building efforts for teachers and institutions.

**ENVIRONMENT**

By incorporating environmental issues into its efforts within Ethiopia, USAID strives to develop initiatives that make improvements across sectors and promote sustainable development. USAID programs also support biodiversity conservation in some of the remaining natural forests and the revitalization of rangeland productivity in pastoral areas.

**GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

USAID promotes gender equality and women’s empowerment across its portfolio, focusing on increasing women’s social, economic, and political status. Programs and capacity building interventions encourage participation of women as beneficiaries, agents of change, and project partners.

**GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

Despite major strides in improving the health of the population over the last decade, the Ethiopian people still face high rates of disease and death. USAID’s integrated health care program addresses a wide variety of needs including maternal and child health, nutrition, and infectious diseases such as HIV. USAID also emphasizes strengthening health systems and building skilled workforces.

**NUTRITION**

The Mission’s integrated multi-sectoral nutrition program focuses on nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific interventions to reduce stunting. Working through our Feed The Future and health partners, the program supports the Government of Ethiopia’s National Nutrition Program.

**WORKING IN CRISIS AND CONFLICT**

USAID supports government and civil society interaction to improve conflict management policies and practices at the local, regional and national levels. USAID continues to collaborate with the Government of Ethiopia, international organizations, UN agencies, and other donors to respond to disasters in a timely manner and increase vulnerable populations’ resilience to withstand the effects of shocks.

**WATER**

USAID incorporates water related projects within its health, education, agriculture, humanitarian assistance and democracy and governance programs. The primary goal is to save lives and advance development through improvements in water, sanitation and hygiene programs and through sound management and use of water for food security.

On behalf of the American people, the U.S. government has provided humanitarian assistance and economic development to those in need since the Marshall Plan.