

Ethiopia – Fact Sheet



General

Official Name	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE)
Capital	Addis Ababa
Area	432, 310 sqmiles (1.127 million sq.km)
Weather (in degree centigrade)	Average daily weather is around 25 degrees Celsius
Population	Estimated 135.5 million in 2024
Forest Cover (%age of total area)	23.6% per cent in 2023
CO2 emissions	0.1 metric ton per capita
Life expectancy (with %age of, if available)	67.9 years Male: 64.6 years Female: 71.3 years
Languages	Amharic (national language), Afanoromo, Tigrigna, Guragegna, Somali, etc.
Ethnic groups	80 different nationalities. Oromo (35.8%); Amhara(27%); Somali (7.2%); Tigrinya (5.7%) Sidama(4.1%); Gurage(2.6%);Welayta(2.3%); Afar (2.2%); Hadiya(1.7%)
Main Religions	Christians 62.8% (43% Ethiopian Orthodox and 19% Protestants); Muslims 33.9%; traditional faiths 2.6%; and others 0.6%.

Internet Penetration	25% in 2024
Mobile phones	60.4% in 2024
Urbanization	25% in 2024
Economic	
Currency	Ethiopian Birr
Exchange Rate with USD	USD 1 = ETB 133.00 (May 2025)
GDP	US\$ \$163.7 billion in 2023 (World Bank)
GDP Growth Rate	6.5% in 2023 (World Bank)
Unemployment	19% in 2024
Inflation (%)	19.9% (2024, National Bank of Ethiopia)
GDP Per Capita	USD \$1,272 in 2023 (World Bank)
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	USD 20.6 billion in 2023
Exports (Good & Services)	USD 3.1 billion in 2023
Imports (Good & Services)	USD 16.5 billion in 2023
Major Trading Partners (currency unit billion)	Top 5 sources of imports are China, India, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Top 5 destinations of exports are USA, Germany, Netherland Somalia and Saudi Arabia
Political	
Political Structure	547-member House of People's Representatives and 153-member House of Federation constitutes the Federal Assembly. 12 Regional State Councils have limited powers including appointing the supervisory Federal Council.
Head of State	President Mr. Taye Atske Selassie
Head of Government	Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed (PhD)
Deputy Prime Minister	Mr. Temesgen Tiruneh
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Mr. Gideon Timotheos
Bilateral	
Bilateral Trade	According to Department of Commerce, India's total trade with Ethiopia stood at US\$ 571.52/- million during 2023-2024.
India's Exports	During above period, India's export to Ethiopia were US\$ 489.59/- million
India's Imports	During above period, imports were US\$ 81.93/- million
Major items of Exports	pharmaceuticals, vehicles, machinery, electrical, iron & steel products, chemicals, paper products, plastic products, textile products, cereals, aluminum, etc.
Major items of Imports	Pulses, vegetables, oil seeds, spices, leather and semi-precious stones.
Indian Investments in Ethiopia	India is amongst Ethiopia's top-three investment partners. 650 Indian companies with licensed investment of over USD5 billion of which about USD3 billion is estimated on the ground.

	Indian companies have invested in various sectors like agriculture and floriculture, engineering, plastics, manufacturing, cotton and textiles, water management, consultancy and ICT, education, pharmaceuticals and healthcare.
Ethiopian Investments in India	Nil
Indian origin/PRs/Indian students	The number of locals of Indian origin in Ethiopia is around 90. No Indian students pursuing higher education in Ethiopia.
Indian Diaspora (composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)	About 2500 (Indian investors and their employees, University Lecturers/Professors, Indian professionals, skilled workers/technicians). The Indian Diaspora associations include Indian Association, Indian Women's Association, Hindu Mahajan, Telugu Association, Kerala Samajam Association, Tamil Sangam Association, Maharashtra Mandal, Durga Puja Committee and Bohra community.
Indian organizations (Bank/PSUs/Government Organisations/Indian Companies)	Some of the Indian companies in Ethiopia are Cadilla Pharmaceuticals, Klitch, Kanoria Africa Textiles, Mohan Group, Anmol Products Ethiopia, Arvind Mills, Allanasons Ltd., SVP Group, Raymonds, Asian Paints, Jay Jay Mills, Ashton Apparel, Mahavir Textiles, Ethio Cement, etc.

May 2025