



Country Profile: Ethiopia

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is a developing country in East Africa. It is comprised of nine states and two city administrations (Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa). The capital is Addis Ababa. Tourism facilities can be found in the most populous regions of Ethiopia, but infrastructure is basic. National elections held in May 2005 returned the ruling EPRDF party and Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to power. Although the opposition gained a significant number of seats in Parliament, some of its leaders protested election irregularities, which lead to public protests and a clamp-down on political activity. While political tensions persist, stakeholders are refocusing on building national institutions and combating poverty. Read the Department of State Background Notes on Ethiopia for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Ethiopia
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Addis Ababa
Boundary Countries:	Dijbouti, Entrea, Kenya, Somalia,Sudan
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	St. Gabriel General Hospital (Addis Ababa)
Main Cities:	Addis Ababa, Gonder, Bahir Dar, Dese, NAzret ,Awasa, Jima, Dolo ODo, Werder, Moyale
Country Size:	1,127,127 sq km
Population:	76,511,887

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Amarigna 32.7%, Oromigna 31.6%, Tigrigna 6.1%, Somaligna 6%, Guaragigna 3.5%, Sidamigna 3.5%, Hadiyigna 1.7%, other 14.8%, English (major foreign language taught in schools)
Currency:	birr (ETB)
Predominant Religions:	Christian 60.8% (Orthodox 50.6%, Protestant 10.2%), Muslim 32.8%, traditional 4.6%, other 1.8%
National Holidays:	National Day (defeat of MENGISTU Regime),28 MAY (1991)
Economic Status:	Ethiopia's poverty-stricken economy is based on agriculture, accounting for almost half of GDP, 60% of exports, and 80% of total employment.
Security:	Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF): Ground Forces, Ethiopian Air Force note: Ethiopia is landlocked and has no navy; following the secession of Eritrea, Ethiopian naval facilities remained in Eritrean possession
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa Entoto Street P.O. Box 1014 Addis Ababa Embassy Switchboard: 130-6000
Major Airports:	Airports: 84, Airports w/paved runways: 14 Addis Ababa – Bole International Airport (ADD/HAAB) Addis Ababa Airport, Ethiopia, PO Box 978, Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA Tel: +251 (0)1 180454 Fax: +251 (0)1 612533 Customs, hours: Mon-Sat 08:00-12:00 & 13:00-16:00 Tel: +251 (0)1 181205

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