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ETHIOPIA

COUNTRY PROFILE

Over the last decade, Ethiopia has made tremendous development gains in education, health and food security, yet it still remains one of the ten poorest countries worldwide. USAID’s portfolio in country is one of the largest and most complex in Africa.

Our assistance leverages a partnership with the Government of Ethiopia to increase economic growth, deliver quality basic public health and education services, and promote a governance environment that is conducive to sustainable economic development.

OUR WORK

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

The economy is dependent on agriculture, which contributes more than 40 percent of the GDP and 90 percent of exports. The country’s rapidly growing population underscores the need for sustainable and high-quality access to food. Through the Feed the Future initiative, we enhance food security, increase agricultural productivity and promote resilience—especially among vulnerable populations.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE

We work with local communities and the Government of Ethiopia to prevent and manage conflict. To enhance good governance, we also strengthen the capacity of local organizations, promote access to justice, and foster the integration of good governance principles across the mission’s portfolio.

EDUCATION

For more than 20 years, we have addressed a variety of needs related to education access, equity, quality and relevance. We are on track to improve the reading abilities of 15 million primary school children in Ethiopia.

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GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

We promote gender equality via equal access to economic opportunities and education while supporting the health of women and their families, allowing for more equitable participation in society. In addition, we address root causes of domestic violence, child marriage and female genital mutilation, as well as support legislation designed to prevent gender-based violence.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Despite major improvements in the health system over the last decade, high rates of disease and death still exist. Our integrated program improves overall health, infectious disease treatment, clean water access, and the nutritional status of targeted communities.

WATER

The primary goal of all our water-related projects is to save lives and advance development through improvements in water, sanitation and hygiene programs, and through proper management and use of water for food security.

WORKING IN CRISES AND CONFLICT

We support government and civil society interaction to improve conflict management policies and practices at the local, regional and national levels. We continue collaborating with various partners to respond to disasters in a timely manner and increase the resilience of vulnerable populations.



A girl fills her container at a new watering point in her community; bringing water closer to home improves the lives and productivity of many households.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE



Thanks to better obstetric care, this mother, in the Shebe *Woreda* (district) of the Oromia Region, gave birth to a healthy child.

ADEY ABEBE, JOHN SNOW, INC.



A resident of Fedis *Woreda* (district) in the Oromia Region is able to raise goats thanks to a loan she received from her savings and internal lending communities group.

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