FACT SHEET – ETHIOPIA



SNAPSHOT	
Official Name	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE)
Capital	Addis Ababa
Area	432, 310 sqmiles (1.127 million sq.km)
Population	Estimated 135.5 million as of 2025 (World Bank) (Male – 50.1 %, Female – 49.9%) (Urban – 24%, Rural – 76%)
Median Age	19.3 years as per UN data 2026
Language	Amharic (national language), Afanoromo, Tigrigna, Guragegna, Somali, etc.
Ethnic groups	80 different ethnicities. 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%.

National Day	Adwa Victory Day (02 March)
POLITICAL	
Political Structure	547-member in House of People's Representatives and 153-members in House of Federation constitutes the Federal Assembly. 12 Regional State Councils and 2 city administrations 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) (since 02 April 2018)
Minister of Foreign Affairs	Dr. Gideon Timotheos (since 18 October 2024)
Major Political Developments in last 12 months	7th General Election 2026 – Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's ruling Prosperity Party won the election, securing 438 of 486 seats in the 547 seat House of People's Representative. Due to security situations, elections were postponed in the remaining 61 seats. Extension of Lt. Gen. Tadesse Worede's tenure as Tigray Interim Administration President for an additional one year, effective from 09 April 2026. Ethiopia will host COP32 in 2027, with Foreign Minister Dr. Gedion Timothewos appointed as President-Designate of COP32.
Next Elections (if applicable)	Next Expected General Election: 2031
Membership of International Organisations	United Nations, African Union, International Monetary Funds, World Bank Group, World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Labour Organization, BRICS, Group of 77 (G-77), COMESA, IGAD and many other international organization.
ECONOMIC	
Currency	Ethiopian Birr (1 USD = 157.922 ETB) (1 INR = 1.654 ETB) , as per Official Rate of Exchange, July 2026
GDP	Nominal: US$126.35 billion in 2025 (World Bank), around 60th largest economy in the world PPP: US$489.78 billion in 2025 (World Bank), around 55th largest economy in the world
GDP Growth Rate	7.6% in 2024 (World Bank) 9.8% in 2025 (World Bank) – Forecast
Main Sectors (% of GDP)	Service Sector: 39% Industrial Sector: 27% Agricultural Sector: 23%
Per Capita Income	US$ 1110 per person as of 2025 (World Bank)

Unemployment Rate (%)	19% in 2024
Inflation (%)	13.4% **(May 2026, National Bank of Ethiopia)**
GDP Per Capita	US$ 932.7 as of 2025 (World Bank)
Key Economic Strengths	According to International Monetary Fund's (IMF) latest economic outlook report, Ethiopia's real GDP to grow by 9.2% in 2026, making it Africa's fastest-growing economy and one of the highest in the world. Ethiopia's growth has been thriving by agricultural sector, increased gold and electricity production, and significant reforms. Mining, especially gold, has been a standout performer, contributing to strong export revenue growth. Ethiopia is implementing major reforms agreed in July 2024 with the IMF for a $3.4 billion funding programme, including restoring debt sustainability, liberalizing the exchange rate, creating a stock exchange, and gradually opening the economy to private investors. Ethiopia's population which is estimated to be 135 million people, making it the second most populous nation in Africa after Nigeria. With most of that population under the age of 25, the country has a large, youthful workforce that offers a substantial domestic consumer base and labor pool.
Key Technological Strengths	The National Digital Ethiopia 2030 is rapidly expanding the digitalization in Ethiopia. The fintech sector is growing with an increase in the use of digital payment systems and expansion of electronic banking systems. There is an expansion of 4G and 5G in major cities of Ethiopia. Ethiopia is focusing on the expansion of the use of Artificial Intelligence in various sectors.
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	USD 25.87 billion in 2025
Exports (Goods & Services)	USD 4.91 billion in 2025
Imports (Goods & Services)	USD 20.96 billion in 2025

Balance of Trade

According to the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration, Ethiopia

Total Import of Ethiopia in the Year of 2025	US$ 20.96 billion
Total Export of Ethiopia in the Year of 2025	US$ 4.91 billion
Trade Balance	(-) US$ 16.04 billion

According to the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration, Ethiopia

Total Import of Ethiopia in the Year of 2024	US$ 18.40 billion
Total Export of Ethiopia in the Year of 2024	US$ 3.6 billion
Trade Balance	(-) US$ 14.73 billion

Main Trade Partners

2024		2025	
Import	Export	Import	Export
China	Singapore	China	EU
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia	USA
India	USA	India	Saudi Arabia
Kuwait	Netherlands	USA	India
USA	Germany	EU	Kenya

Source for 2024: IMF, Afreximbank Research, 2025
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BILATERAL

Engagements with PM

12-13 September 2026	Ethiopian PM participated in the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi and held a bilateral meeting with the Indian Prime Minister on the sidelines of the summit.
16-17 December 2025	Indian Prime Minister paid an official visit to Ethiopia.
22 November 2025	On the sidelines of the G20 Summit in

		Johannesburg, the Indian Prime Minister held a bilateral meeting with Ethiopian Prime Minister
	17 August 2024	Ethiopian Prime Minister participated in the Third Voice of Global South chaired by Indian Prime Minister.

Bilateral Trade

According to Department of Commerce, India's total trade with Ethiopia:

2024 (in US$ million)	2025 (in US$ million)
526.09	670.25

Indian Exports

Commodity	2024 (in U$ million)	2025(in U$ million)
Pharmaceutical Products	170.18	199.67
Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machineries and Mechanical Appliances; Parts thereof	35.68	40.15
Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof.	18.84	32.93
Miscellaneous Chemical Products	28.96	21.74
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	18.44	20.72

Indian Imports

Commodity	2024 (in U$ million)	2025 (in U$ million)
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	0.00	144.94
Other vegetable textile fibers; paper yarn and woven fabric of paper yarn	16.44	26.04
Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	41.08	15.99
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals,	2.93	2.68

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Indian Investments in Country	India is amongst Ethiopia's top-three investment partners. 650 Indian companies with licensed investment of over USD 5 billion. 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.
Country's Investments in India	NIL
Key areas of cooperation	Agriculture, Energy, Technology, Climate, Health, Capacity Building etc.
Indian Community	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 Companies	Some of the Indian companies in Ethiopia are Cadilla Pharmaceuticals, Glocare Pharma, Kilitch, Kanoria Africa Textiles, Mohan Group, Anmol Products Ethiopia, Arvind Mills, Allanasons Ltd., Aarti Steel, Asian Paints, Jay Jay Textiles, Ashton Apparel, Mahavir Textiles, Ethio Cement, Kalpataru, L&T, Tata Projects and many small IT firms work for Govt. projects etc.
Tourist arrivals from the country	Number of Tourist visas issued by the Embassy of India in Addis Ababa: 2024: 2152 2025: 2525
Connectivity	Ethiopian Airlines provides direct flight to the following Indian cities Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai.
Bharat Ko Janiye Participants	**Bharat Ko Janiye Participants for 2024: 75** **Bharat Ko Janiye Participants for 2025: 51**

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