

Profile of Towns/ cities in Ethiopia

Introduction

Ethiopia is a land of cultural diversity in which its people together live with harmony, well known for affluent history and natural attractions in the world. It is one of the very few African states maintained independence. Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia founded in 1886. Currently, it is recognized as the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) with parliamentary form of government. The first modern Master plan for Addis Ababa, a metropolitan city was conceived shortly after the Italian incursion of the country in 1936. There is a rapid population and economic growth as well as high rural-urban migration which forced for urban growth. The pace of urban growth is expected to be accelerating in the next decades. However, Ethiopia remains one of the least urbanized countries in Africa and almost 20 percent of its population resides in urban area.

The country is situated in the Horn of Africa and astronomically located 3°N to 15°N and 33°E to 48°E. It is also bordered to the north by Eritrea, to the west by the Sudan, to the east by Djibouti and Somalia and to the south by Kenya. It covers an area of 1,100,000 square kilometers and its rates of urbanization is the fastest one in Africa. According to the 1999 E, C the national census officially revealed by CSA, the total population was about 87.9 million. This made the second most populous and the tenth largest African nation next to Nigeria.

Purpose

This profile is compiled with the intention of providing concise information about towns / cities whose plans have been prepared by various actors. It will be helpful for those who have special interest on these towns/cities. Although it is not exhaustive, it is more important to acquire valuable information about graphic documents and full plan reports that are pertinent to specific town or city. You could access the detail in the library of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MoUDH) and Regional Planning Institutes as well. For further information please visit the website of the Ministry at <http://www.MUDHO.gov.et>

GENERAL BACKGROUND

1.1 .Name of the Town/ City: Shire

1.2 .Foundation: in 1352

1.3 Location:-

- Region: Tigray
- Zone: northwestern
- District/*Wereda* : Shire EndaSellasie
- Astronomical location: 14⁰ 6' North Latitude, & 38⁰ 17 ' East Longitude

1.4. Distance from Addis Ababa and/or the Regional center: 1,087 km from Addis Ababa & 307 km from Mekelle.

1.5. Major Role of the Town /City: zonal administrative center, trading center

6. Population

- **Total Population:** 70,800(the 2015 projection of CSA)
- **Sex Composition:** Male = 25,269 Female= 47,284
- **Age Structure:**

Age Group	both sex Population in %
0 -14	-
15-59	-
60 and above	-

- **Growth rate:** 4.3%
- **Average number of persons in a household:**

2. URBAN MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING EXERCISE

2.1. Town/City Administration Type: Municipal administration

2.2. Administrative sub-division: Kebele level

2.3. Existing type of urban plan prepared in the year: I.D.P prepared by F.U.P.I in 1994 EC. (2003GC.)

3. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOWN/CITY

3.1. Area and shape of the town/city

- **Planned municipal boundary:** 1,400.71 ha.
- **Shape of the town/city:** compact/circular/ shape

3.2. Topography, Soil and Climate

- **Topography/altitude:** 5,00m – 1,500m a.s.l
- **Soil /major or dominant:** chromic and eutricalcic camisolé, vertic luvisol and orthic aerosols
- **Climatic condition**
 - **Mean Annual Temperature:** 20⁰c – 24⁰c
 - **Mean Annual Rainfall:** 1000mm – 1200mm

3.3 Wind Direction: East to west

3.4 .Principal Constraints for the physical expansion of the town/ city:-

- **Natural:** None, but some mountainous side in the western part
- **Man-made:** None

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

4. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA SET

4.1. Social Services

4.1.1. Education

Type	Number of schools			Enrolment rate	Student/Teacher Ratio	Student/Cr Ratio
	Gov't	Private	Total			
K.G	1	13	14			
Primary School (1-8)	8	3	11			
J. S. S. (5-8)	1	1	2			
Secondary (9-10)	2	-	2			
Preparatory (11-12)	1	-	1			
TVET	1	-	1			
College	1	5	6			
University	-	-	-			

4.1.2 Health

Type of institution	No. institutions			Professional :Population ratio				
	Govt.	Priv't.	Total	Physician	H. officer	Nurse	H. assistant	H. worker
Health post	-	-	-					
Clinic	2	5	7					
Health center	2	1	3					
Hospital	1	-	1					
Specialized hospital	-	-	-					

4.1.3. Availability of Municipal Service

- **Abattoir service:** Available(1)
- **Municipal cemetery:** Available(1)
- **Fire Brigade:** None
- **Ambulance:** Available
- **Public Library:** Available(2)
- **Town /City hall:** Available(1)
- **Market**
 - **General market:** Available(2)
 - **Cattle market:** Available(1) on Wednesday & Saturday
 - **Daily market:** Available
- **Environmental Management Data Set**
 - **Solid waste**
 - **Collection mechanism:** door to door collection
 - **Communal solid waste containers:** None
 - **Number of dump truck:** None
 - **Number of horse drawn cart:** Available(2)
 - **Number of tractors:** Available(4)
 - **Authorized open dump site:** Available(1)
 - **Involvement of Private sector and NGOs in gathering and disposal of solid waste:** have partial stake in waste disposal
 - **Liquid waste**
 - **Collection mechanism:** door to door from private houses
 - **Sewerage:** None
 - **Own vacuum truck:** Available(1)
 - **Authorized open dump site:** Available(1)
 - **Number of public toilets:** 11 public toilets
 - **Urban Greenery:**
 - **Coverage:** 16.8%
 - **Street greens:** 9.6 km (media) + 73.4ha.(inner city)

- **Forest:** 22 ha.

4.1.4. Worship places:

- **Orthodox Christians:** 7
- **Muslims:** 7
- **Protestants:** 1
- **Catholics:** 1
- **Others:** None

4.1.5. Recreational facilities:

- **Parks:** 6
- **Standard hotels:** 5
- **Sport fields:** 2
- **Museums:** None
- **Water bodies:** None

4.2 .Economic Condition

4.2.1. Major economic/business establishments:-

Type of establishments	No of establishments	Capital(Birr)(if data is available)	No of employees(if data is available)
Manufacturing industries	378		
Whole sale trade	267		
Retail trade	3,046		
Service trade	745		
Fuel stations	4		
Garages	27		
others	1,363		

4.2.2. Unemployment Condition:

- **Economic activities rate:**
- **Rate of unemployment:**

4. 2. 3. Financial Institutions: Government (3 Banks), Private (12 Banks), Insurance company (3), Micro-finance (1)

4.2.4. Situation of the Municipal Finance

- **Average annual revenue of the municipality:** 36,000,000 Birr
- **Major sources of revenue:** land rent (lease), services, house sale, various penalties, ownership title transfer, licenses,

4.2.5. Major investment potentials /Opportunities: agro-industry, oilseed, local gold, trading activities

4.2.6. Urban-Rural Economic Linkages

- Origin and destination of goods and services

No.	Types of goods and services	Origin	Destinations	Remark
1	Agricultural Inputs	Addis Ababa Mekelle	Shire	
2	Manufacturing and commercial products	Addis Ababa	Shire	
3	Grain products	Tahtay-Koraro, Lay Adiyabo	Shire	
4	Livestock supply	Medebay-Zana, Asgedetsembel, Tselemit	Shire	
5	Energy resources(fuel wood, charcoal, and others	Rural areas(Maygeba, Asgedtsembel)	Shire	
6	Construction materials	Addis Ababa Mekelle	Aksum	
7	Labor	Rural surroundings	Shire	
8	Financial facilities	Mekelle Shire	Shire	

5. INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND SERVICES

5.1. Utilities

- **Telephone Service**
 - **Type:** digital system
 - **Internet service:** Available
 - **Mobile service:** Available
- **Postal Service**
 - **Type:** branch
 - **Number of postal boxes:**
- **Electric power supply:** H.E.P, 24 hour service
- **Connection Type:** grid system

5.2 . Water supply:-

- **Source of water:** surface water
- **Type of connection:** pipe line system
- **Number of public taps access to potable water:** None

5.3. Drainage and sewerage system

- i. **Storm water drainage**
 - **Availability:** constructed
 - **Type:** open & closed ditch system
- ii. **Sewerage**
 - **Availability:** None
- iii. **Housing**
 - **Total number of houses:----**
 - **House hold kitchen:-----**
 - **Backlog:** None
 - **Dominantly, housing type by construction material:** stone, bricks, cement, sand
 - **Availability of construction materials:** Available
 - **Availability of common/private toilet:** Available modern moveable toilets(3)

5.5. Road Transport

5.5.1. Road Network

- **Number of outlet or inlet roads:** four (from Shire to Gondar, Mekelle, Humera, Dansha)
- **Gravel road:** 45.29 km
- **Asphalt surfaced:** 22.59km
- **Earth pressed:** -----
- **Cobble stone:** 40.94km

5.5.2. Transport System:

- **Intra-urban mode of transport:**
 - **Number of commuter Taxi/ Bajaj:** 591 Bajaj
 - **Number of motorbikes:** 53 Motor bikes
- **Inter-urban mode of transport:**
 - **Bus :** Available
 - **Railway:** None
 - **Airway:** Available
- **Transport terminals:**
 - **Freight terminals:** Available (2)
 - **Bus stations:** Available(1)
- **Number of towns with direct passenger interaction:** 4(Gondar, Mekelle, Humera, Dansha)

6. Sources :

- Municipality Report, Documents
- Urban Plan Experts/officers
- CSA, 2007& Projection of 2015