

ETHIOPIA: CIDA REPORT



THEMATIC FOCUS

CIDA's programming in Ethiopia aligns with the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy. Ethiopia has allocated 63 percent of its annual budget to its Poverty Reduction Strategy. The strategy concentrates on developing a more efficient public sector, improving basic infrastructure including rural roads, and expanding basic services, notably in health care and education. In response, CIDA support in Ethiopia is focused on:

Food Security

- Delivering humanitarian food assistance
- Improving small-scale irrigation, tree planting, and soil conservation
- Developing rural markets
- Improving farmers' access to credit and financial services

Children and Youth

- Distributing vaccines, anti-malarial bed nets, and other basic health commodities
- Improving front line maternal and child healthcare services

KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Highly vulnerable to economic and climate shocks such as drought
- Weak and poorly diversified private sector
- Weak public sector capacity and restrictions on civil society organizations working in development

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Population (2010): **85 million¹**
- HDI rank (2010): **157th of 169 countries²**
- Percentage of population living on less than US\$1.25 per day (2005): **39%³**
- Gross national income per capita (2008): **US\$280⁴**
- Total CIDA development assistance: **C\$168.54 million⁵**

1. United Nations Population Fund

2. Human Development Index (HDI), *Human Development Report 2010*, United Nations Development Programme

3, 4. Country Indicators, World Bank; World Development Indicators Online, 2009

5. Canadian International Development Agency funding: 2009-2010

KEY PROJECTS

Benishangul-Gumuz Regional Food Security and Economic Growth Program

- Supports the livelihoods of undernourished families in seven rural districts, by creating partnerships and networks among stakeholders in the region

Ethiopia Strategy Support Project—Phase II

- Supports development of policies to accelerate agricultural productivity, improve food security, and expand rural development

Productive Safety Net Program

- Supports distribution of food or cash to undernourished people in exchange for their labour on public works projects, such as construction of rural roads
- Provides food to those who cannot participate, such as orphans and pregnant women

With help from CIDA and other donors, Ethiopia is on track to reach six of the eight Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

CIDA's work in Ethiopia is part of Canada's contribution to the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Food Security

- Helped decrease the number of people vulnerable to food insecurity by two percent, with child malnutrition rates dropping 1.5 percent per year
- Helped train 6,213 farmers in integrated crop management, organic farming, and marketing
- Helped 455 farmers adopt environmental conservation measures, resulting in the protection of nearly 75 percent of their farmland from soil erosion
- Helped improve access to safe drinking water for 43,200 people



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Children and Youth

- Helped raise the vaccination rate against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus to 82 percent of all children, versus 73 percent in 2008
- Helped raise the vaccination rate against measles to 77 percent of all children, versus 65 percent in 2008
- Helped increase the number of births attended by health extension workers to 25 percent, versus 16 percent in 2008
- Helped decrease malaria deaths in Ethiopia by more than 55 percent since earlier this decade



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MOVING FORWARD: ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Between 2010 and 2015, CIDA will focus primarily on increasing food security and agricultural growth, improving the health of children and youth, and reinforcing democratic processes. Key anticipated results include the following:

Food Security

- 6,000 farmers will participate in the development of demand-driven research
- Degraded watersheds will be rehabilitated
- Market-based agribusinesses (e.g. bamboo processing) will be introduced in food-insecure areas

Children and Youth

- Bed nets will be distributed throughout all malaria-affected areas (two per household)
- Essential drugs will be available at front line health facilities

KEY PARTNERS

Canadian: Oxfam, CUSO-VSO, HOPE International Development Agency, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Save the Children Canada

Multilateral: World Food Programme, UNICEF, World Bank, African Development Bank, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UNDP, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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