

UN HABITAT

AT A GLANCE

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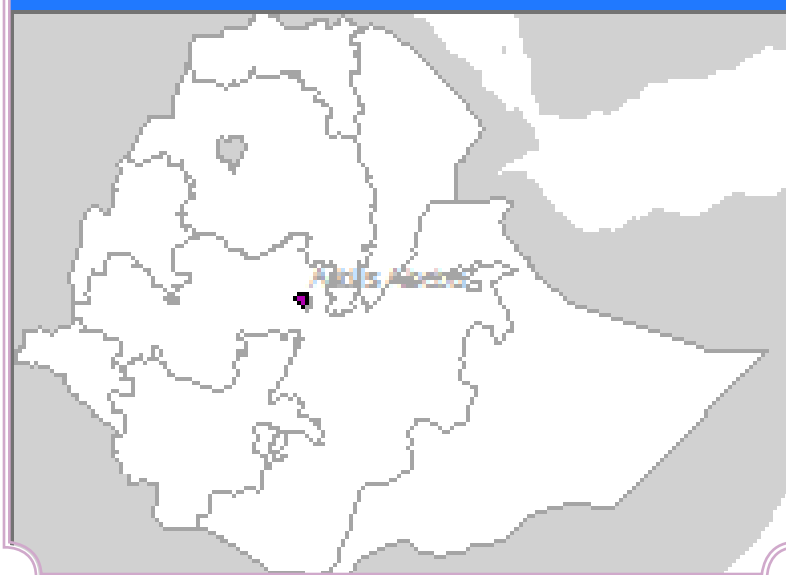
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WHO WE ARE

MANDATE

UN Habitat is the United Nations programme working towards a better urban future. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities. Its mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all.

UNHABITAT Office Locations



Cities are facing unprecedented demographic, environmental, economic, social and spatial challenges. There has been a phenomenal shift towards urbanization, with 6 out of every 10 people in the world expected to reside in urban areas by 2030. In the absence of effective urban planning, the consequences of this rapid urbanization will be dramatic. In many places around the world, the effects can already be felt: lack of proper housing and growth of slums, inadequate and out-dated infrastructure – be it roads, public transport, water, sanitation, or electricity – escalating poverty and unemployment, safety and crime problems, pollution and health issues, as well as poorly managed natural or man-made disasters and other catastrophes due to the effects of climate change.

UN Habitat envisions well-planned, well-governed, and efficient cities and other human settlements, with adequate housing, infrastructure, and universal access to employment and basic services such as water, energy, and sanitation.

HISTORY OF UN HABITAT IN ETHIOPIA

UN-HABITAT has supported a number of projects/programmes in Ethiopia since 1998, when it was involved in the implementation of the Water for African Cities Programme Phase I for the City of Addis Ababa. The second phase of the programme, which has been operational since 2003, has expanded to include two cities (Dire Dawa and Harar). Apart from the Water and Sanitation programme UN-Habitat has also assisted the Government of Ethiopia in urban profiling, which is part of a systematic and structured approach to the assessment of urban needs and response mechanisms at city and national levels in Africa and the Arab States.

The Urban Profiling in Ethiopia included the profile of Addis Ababa, the capital city, Dire Dawa, the second largest city, and Ambo, a third level city. More recently, UN-Habitat has been an implementation partner for the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) funded Sustainable Transport project in Addis Ababa, focusing on design of bus rapid transit systems, transport demand management and promoting non-motorized mobility solutions. In addition to this, UN-habitat has been supporting the Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction on the implementation process Ethiopian cities prosperity Initiative which was started with the development of a discussion paper and publication. Assisting the government's efforts on public space is also the ongoing project of UN-habitat which was started with the MoU signed with the Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, building Construction and City Development.

WHAT WE DO

Type of intervention	Partners	Main geographic focus (Regions)	Beneficiaries
Transport Solutions for East African Cities (Global Environment Facility – GEF supported) – Reducing Emissions and Promoting Sustainable Transport	Global Environment Facility (GEF), Addis Ababa City Administration	Addis Ababa	Residents of Addis Ababa city
Public space (Urban Space Integration of LRT Stations)	Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building construction and City Development (EiABC)	Addis Ababa	Residents of Addis Ababa city
Assisting the Ethiopian prosperity initiative (Building 'Economically Productive, Socially Inclusive, Environmentally Sustainable & Well Governed' Cities)	Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction	Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa and cities of the nine regions	Urban agenda leaders at National and local levels and people living in cities at large

PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

Location		Contract Type	Number of staff		
			Male	Female	Total
Addis Ababa, Hawassa,	National staff	Fixed Term	1		1
		Consultant	1		1
Bahir Dar, Tigray, Afar	International staff	Staff and consultants	1	1	2
Total			3	1	4

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