

# Summary of DFID's work in Ethiopia 2011-2015

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## Why we work in Ethiopia

Home to 80 million people, Ethiopia is sub-Saharan Africa's second most populated country. Progress in tackling poverty there will be vital if the world is to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

At the heart of an unstable region and sharing borders with Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea, a secure and prosperous Ethiopia is also critical to UK interests. Poverty and instability in the Horn of Africa are among the root causes of migration to Europe and contribute to an environment in which extremism can prosper.

Ethiopia has made impressive progress in tackling poverty in recent years, with substantial support from the UK and others. In the last five years, Ethiopia has: halved the incidence of malaria; put 4 million more children in primary school; and put in place an innovative cash and food for work scheme to protect almost 8 million of the poorest Ethiopians from needing humanitarian food aid.

Despite recent progress, Ethiopia remains one of the world's poorest countries, with more than 30 million people living in extreme poverty. Population growth, instability, climate change and high food and fuel prices threaten Ethiopia's aim of meeting the MDGs.



Beneficiaries of the DFID-supported Productive Safety Net programme that provides cash or food for work for 8 million people, and builds infrastructure.



Through the nationwide Protection of Basic Services Programme, DFID has supported the recruitments and training of 32,000 community health workers who provide basic care.

## What we will achieve by 2015

- More than 1.2 million people helped to get enough food to avoid hunger each year
- 2 million more children enabled to go to school, almost half of whom will be girls
- Basic healthcare provided to 7.5 million people
- 1.4 million people given access to safe drinking water in 2012
- 2 million couples to get access to family planning
- 1 million children protected from malaria

## Who we will work with

We will help Ethiopia to continue its impressive progress towards the Millennium Development Goals through supporting proven, nationwide programmes led by the Ethiopian Government.

We will help to improve the impact of these programmes by increasing accountability to the Ethiopian public, through partnerships with civil society, and through innovation – for example with a pilot of results-based aid in education – which will see the UK provide more aid for each girl and boy that passes their grade 10 examinations at school.

In areas such as wealth creation and climate change, we will develop new partnerships with the private sector and Non-Governmental Organisations. We will work with the Nike Foundation to establish Girl Hub Ethiopia, to help improve the lives and prospects of adolescent girls across the country.



We will help get 2 million children into school, almost half of them girls, through our support for the nationwide Protection of Basic Services Programme, and General Education Quality Improvement Programme.

## How we will work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability will be our watchwords and we are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development.

Delivering results in Ethiopia offers excellent value for money. It costs just £20 a year to educate a child. We work hard with our partners to find better ways of delivering aid – for example, the innovative safety net programme, which provides cash or food for public works for 8 million people. When harvests under-perform, instead of pulling their children out of school or selling what few assets they have, families can survive on cash or food for work, and then be better-placed to prepare for the next harvest. This approach represents extraordinary value for money, costing half as much as providing emergency humanitarian assistance.

As part of the UK Aid Transparency Guarantee, we will publish detailed information about new projects and policies in a way that is comprehensive, accessible, comparable, and accurate, including translation into local languages.

## More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Ethiopia's Operational Plan, please visit [www.dfid.gov.uk/Ethiopia](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Ethiopia)

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