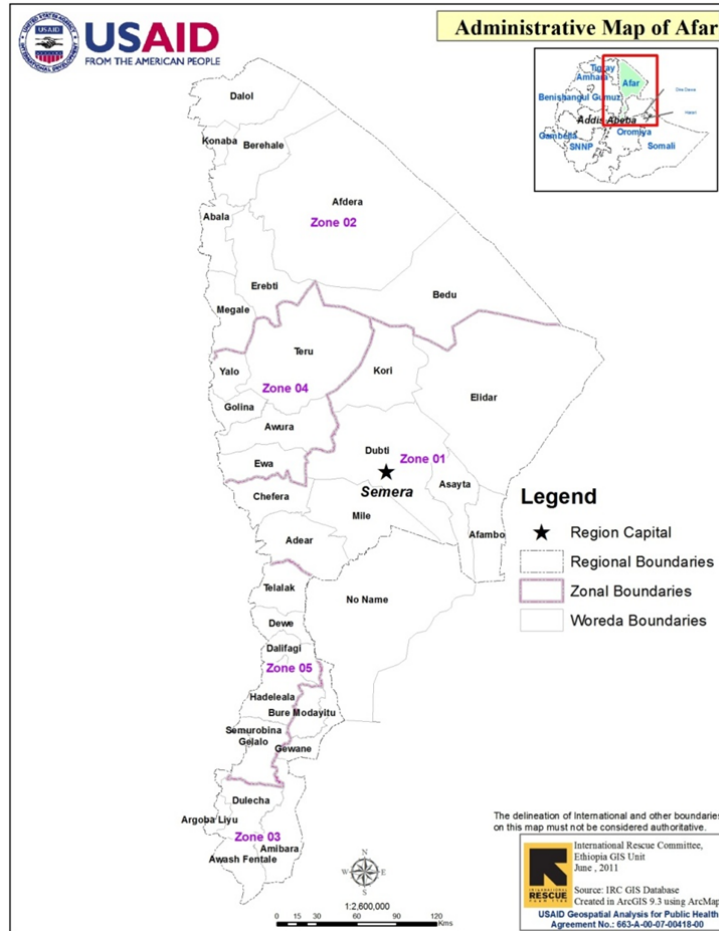




SUPPORT FOR AFAR REGION



Location	The Afar borders with Tigray to the northwest, Amhara to the southwest, Oromia to the south and Somali to the southeast.
Capital	The current capital is Semera
Population	1,411,092; Male: 786,338 Female: 624,754
Population Density	14.59 inhabitants/km ²
Ethnic Groups	Afar 90.03%, Amhara 5.22%, Argobba 1.55%, Tigray 1.15%, Oromo 0.61%, Welayta .059%, and Hadiya 0.18%
Religions	Muslim 95.3%, Ethiopia Orthodox 3.9%, Protestant 0.7%, Catholic 0.18%
Languages	Working language of the state is Afar 90.8% but Amharic 6.68%, Tigringna 0.74%, Oromifa 0.68%, Argobba 8.37%, and Wolaitigna 0.26% are also spoken
No. of Woredas	29 woredas
President	Ismael Ali Siro (March 1996 – Present)

Source: Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia 2007

Food Aid and Humanitarian Assistance

Project Name: Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation

Implementer(s): World Food Program

Duration: 2008 –2013

Overview: Decrease the number of persistently poor requiring food or cash assistance. Provide emergency food distribution and food for work for food-insecure communities. Prevent nutritional deterioration for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women.

Project Name: Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP)

Implementer(s): CARE, Catholic Relief Services, Food for the Hungry, Relief Society of Tigray (REST), Save the Children US & UK

Duration: 2005 – 2015

Overview: Respond to food-gap of Ethiopia's chronically food insecure households and develop long-term solutions to household food insecurity.

Project Name: Long Term Joint Emergency Operational Plan (JEOP)

Implementer(s): Catholic Relief Services

Duration: 2008 – 2012

Overview: Assist the Government of Ethiopia to strengthen and enhance rural land tenure security and administration.

Project Name: Strengthening Land Administration Program (ELAP)

Implementer(s): Associates in Rural Development Inc. (ARD)

Duration: 2011 – 2013

Overview: Assist the Government of Ethiopia to strengthen and enhance rural land tenure security and administration.

Business, Environment, Agriculture and Trade

Project Name: Pastoralists Livelihood Initiative (PLI) Phase II

Implementer(s): Save the Children US

Duration: 2005 – 2013

Overview: Protect and strengthen the lives and livelihoods of pastoralists and ex-pastoralists.

Project Name: Ethiopian Sustainable Tourism Alliance (ESTA)

Implementer(s): FHI 360

Duration: 2008 – 2013

Overview: Enhance biodiversity conservation and economic development.

Health, AIDS, Population and Nutrition

Project Name: Prevention for at Risk Population in High Prevalence Urban Areas & Male Norms Initiative in Ethiopia Program

Implementer(s): Engender Health

Duration: November 2009 – November 2011(new procurement under way)

Overview: Increased availability and use of HIV prevention information and commodities and increased access to HIV counseling and testing (HCT), STI, and care and treatment services for adults and young people involved in transactional sex.

Project Name: Prevention and Care Services for At Risk Mobile Populations (TransACTION)

Implementer(s): Save the Children US/ Organization for Social Services for AIDS (OSSA)

Duration: 2009 –2014

Overview: To prevent new HIV infections among at-risk populations and to strengthen linkages to care and support services in towns and commercial hotspots along or linked with major transportation corridors.

Project Name: Strengthening Community's Responses to HIV/AIDS

Implementer(s): Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)

Duration: 2009 –2012

Overview: Improve Ethiopian communities' abilities to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by strengthening their capacities to deliver integrated community HIV/AIDS services, including basic and advanced care and support, HIV counseling and testing (HCT), adherence monitoring and defaulter tracing, social support, and asset building/economic strengthening.

Project Name: Private Sector Health Program

Implementer(s): Abt Associates

Duration: 2008 –2014

Overview: Improve access, affordability, and quality of public health services in the private sector.

Project Name: Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Program

Implementer(s): Pact

Duration: 2011 – 2016

Overview: Reduce vulnerability among orphans and vulnerable children and their families by strengthening systems and structures to deliver quality essential services and increase resiliency.

Project Name: Strengthening the Federal Level Response to Highly Vulnerable Ethiopian Children through the Development of a Child-Focused Social Welfare System

Implementer(s): UNICEF

Duration: 2011 – 2012

Overview: To mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on children through improved Ethiopian systems and structures.

Project Name: Community-School Partnership Program (CSPP)

Implementer(s): Save the Children - US

Duration: 2008 –2012

Overview: The program focuses on building the capacity of communities, particularly parent-teacher associations (PTAs), to improve and strengthen the operation and management of schools. Also, the program is bringing health education and water and sanitation activities, including water points, to schools.

Project Name: Pastoralists Areas Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project

Implementer(s): International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Duration: 2011 –2013

Overview: Improved access to clean and sustainable water sources for target communities in the Somali, Afar and Oromia Regions.

Basic Education Services

Project Name: Transforming Education for Adults and Children in the Hinterlands (TEACH II)

Implementer(s): Pact

Duration: 2009 –2014

Overview: TEACH II works to increase access to education for children and adults in disadvantaged areas and to improve the capacity of woreda education offices to manage non-formal education.

Project Name: Fre-Addis Girl's Scholarship Program

Implementer(s): Fre-Addis Ethiopia

Duration: 2010 –2014

Overview: The project supports female high school students who demonstrated strong academic performance and successfully completed grade eight, but are in need of assistance to complete secondary education. The project is currently supporting 85 girls in Afar Region.
