**Factsheet: Ethiopia**

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**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**


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**CANDIDACY AGE**

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

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**VOTING AGE**

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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**MAJORITY AGE**

18


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**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

9

Source: Minimum Age

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**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

0.47

125 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

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**LITERACY RATES**

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

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<td>Secondary School</td>
<td>71.13</td>
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Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

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**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

0.4%

Male (15-24) %

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

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**TOBACCO USE**

9.90%

Male (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

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**POLICY & LEGISLATION**

The national youth policy (2004) aims to enable youth to participate, in an organised manner, in the process of building a democratic system, good governance and development endeavours. The policy seeks to:

...ensure that youth become citizens with democratic outlook, professional competence, skill and ethics so that they can actively, efficiently and widely participate in, and benefit from the country's on-going activities that are aimed at attaining a democratic system and accelerated development.

The major elements of the youth policy are: Youth, democracy and good governance; Youth and economic development; Youth and education; Youth and health; Youth and social evils; Youth, culture, sport and entertainment; Youth and environmental protection; and Vulnerable youth.

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**BUDGET & SPENDING**

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
Public Institutions
The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture (MYSC) was established in 2001. Its vision is "the creation of youth with rounded personality, transforming Ethiopia from backwardness and poverty into a prospering and democratic society." The MYSC’s mission is to create youth that are mentally and physically developed, that know and respect the cultural values of their people, and that are proud of their country. It aims to encourage youth to be creative, industrious, internationally competent, and empowered to participate in the development and democratisation of Ethiopia.

Youth and Representation
Established in 2009, the Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Democratic Front Youth League, (the Ethiopia Youth League) is the youth wing of the ruling four-party coalition government - the Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF). The Youth League has 1.25 million members and "is ready to implement programmes and objectives of the EPRDF." However, the representative nature and the extent to which young people play an active leadership role within the Youth League remains unclear.

Budget & Spending
According to the Federal Government Budget Proclamation, the budget for the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture in 2006 was ETB 26.2 million (USD 1.4 million). However, it is unknown what proportion of this spending was allocated to youth affairs. Further spending was allocated to Women and Youth Issues Mainstreaming (ETB 2.4 million / USD 124,000), Women & Youth Issues Awareness and Mobilisation (ETB 4.1 million / USD 214,000) and the Ethiopian Youth Sports Academy (ETB 21.5 million / USD 1.1 million). According to the World Bank, Ethiopia spent 25.37% of its government expenditure and 4.69% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

Total Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Government Spending and GDP
No Data

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