FAST FACTS

United Nations
Development Programme

Governance and Democratic Participation Programme

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) rolled out a USD 40 million five year 'governance and democratic participation programme in June 2017 in Ethiopia to further advance good governance and deeply embed democratic principles at all levels across the country.

The programme seeks to capitalize on the existing momentum and opportunities offered by the government's commitment to enhance its responsiveness and promote an inclusive and sustainable development agenda.

The intervention builds on UNDP's past experience in supporting a number of good governance programmes in Ethiopia.

The progamme also seek to expand the partnership space around support for good governance by introducing interventions that will include a focus on facilitating dialogue on a broad range of issues, enhancing civil society environment, strengthening media, promoting civic engagement and participation, as well as engaging around electoral reform, promoting transparency and accountability, strengthening core functions of the legislator and supporting conflict prevention and peace building initiatives.

Basic Facts - Ethiopia

Population[1]	98 million
Literacy[2]	49.2 % (2016)
Women in Parliament[3]	38 %
Corruption index [4]	98/180 (2019)
Human Development Index[5]	0.470 (2018)
Ease of doing business ranking[6]	159/190 (2020)
Internet Penetration[7]	23% (2020)

[1] Planning and Development, National Accounts report, 2019; [2] Central Statistics Authority, Household Survey, 2016; [3] National Election Board of Ethiopia, 2015; [4] Transparency international, 2019; [5] UNDP, HDR, 2019; [6] World Bank, Doing Business 2020; [7] Ethio-Telecom (22.7 Million internet users)

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The programme has three pillars

Improved inclusion, social cohesion and sustainable peace	Responsive, accountable and inclusive systems of governance	Empowered and responsible citizens

Through **its** intervention, the programme contributes **to** the below **5 outcome areas** :

On 8th December every year, Ethiopia celebrate Nation, Nationalities and People's Day to strengthen ties and promote respect for diversity

- Political processes of federal and regional state legislative bodies are more inclusive and effectively deliver on their constitutional mandates;

- Federal and regional state systems of governance are more accountable, transparent and are deliver- ing public services in more inclusive and responsive ways;

- Citizens are more empowered to voice their concern and actively participate in decision-making processes at all levels of the development, governance and political processes and systems;

- Systems and mechanisms at national and sub-national level are strengthened to promote social cohesion, manage diversity, prevent and manage conflicts, foster dialogues and build peace; and

- Access to justice is enhanced and human rights promoted and protected across Ethiopia.
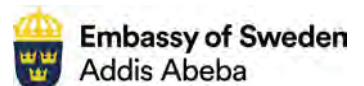
Approach

- The Governance and Democratic Participation programme places emphasis on interventions that support implementing partners to deliver on their core mandates. This is expected to enhance benefits to citizens, particularly access to services for vulnerable groups such as women, youth, children and the disabled. The programmes will seek to bring about transformative outcomes by deliberately focusing on tailored and targeted support as opposed to a 'blanket approach' to capacity building.
- The programme is designed flexibly in an agile manner to respond to emerging issues in terms of programming and developments in the national context that offer opportunities or pose challenges in delivering on the 5 outcome areas. The programme's approach emphasizes monitoring, learning, adapting responses & activities in real time.
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships is a key approach of the programme bringing together a wide range of government institutions (from the three branches), civil society organizations, religious institutions and development partners.
- Promoting synergy and complementarity across governance institutions as well as with other concerned UN agencies and similar initiatives is another key element of the programme.
- The programme looks at opportunities to create economies of scale & reduce long term operational costs by building joint initiatives that benefit several of the of the implementing partners.
- The key focus will be to strengthen governance institutions, mechanisms and processes that facilitate and promote transparency, accountability, rule of law and justice, wider civic - participation, dialogue, national cohesion and peace.

Implementing partners

Government implementing institutions:

1. House of Peoples' Representative (HoPRs)
2. Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC)
3. Ethiopian Institute of the Ombudsman (EIO)
4. Office of the Federal Auditors General (OFAG)
5. National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE)
6. House of Federation (HoF)
7. Council of Constitutional Inquiry (CCI)
8. Office of the Attorney General (OAG)
9. Federal Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission (FEACC)
10. Ministry of Peace (MoP)
11. Ethiopian Broadcasting Authority (EBA)

Other stakeholders

Government implementing partners are strongly encouraged to engage and forge partnerships with other relevant non-state actors in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programme. The non-state actors would involve a range of civil society organizations and CSO networks, journalist associations/media houses as well as academia, some of which already work with the various democratic institutions.

Highlights of Governance and Democratic Participation Program support

- Supporting FEACC's anti-corruption efforts by providng financial and technical assistance in the development of a national anti-corruption policy & strategy and conducting a national citizen perception corruption survey;
- Providing support to the Ministry of Peace in its work to foster greater social cohesion and peace building by establishing peace clubs in universities;
- Assisting the HoPR to strengthen its oversight role working with key watchdog institutions by developing guidelines to define respective roles and responsibilities:
- Supporting EBA in its effort to reform the media landscape and address hate speech;
- Providing assistance to EIO through digitalizing citizen's maladministration complains handling mechanism;
- Supporting to strengthen HoF and CCI's institutional capacity to work together on constitutional matter;
- Providing support to EHRC to strengthen its system and mechanism for effective and timely monitoring and reporting of human rights issues and violations;
- Supporting OAG to strengthen its capacity for enhancing awareness and skill of law enforcement organs on human right protection and promotion;
- Supporting NEBE to encourage greater inclusivity and increased participation in the electoral processes of women and people with disabilities by working with civil society groups.

To date (June 2020) GDPP provided US $ 12.7 million in support of comprehensive set of activities prompting regulatory reforms; inclusive and, transparent governance, promotion of human rights, social cohesion and empowered civil societ y.

Funding Partners:

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