

Existing rates of: **Wasting:** 8.7% **Stunting:** 40.4% **Proportion of population underweight:** 25.2%

Source: Gov. of Ethiopia (mini DHS, 2014)





















Strong Performance

- Government of Ethiopia has ensured tenure security for rural populations. Land titling is common and land markets function well. Policy promotes equitable access to common property resources.
- The Government encourages varied agricultural research and extension services, and local farmer organisations are involved in setting policy priorities. The extension system is effective and properly reaches out to poor farmers. Government policies, strategies and mechanisms seek to ensure gender equity in access to extension services.
- Ethiopia instituted a separate budget line for nutrition, enabling transparency and accountability for spending.
- The National Nutrition Policy/Strategy identifies time bound nutrition targets and a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism has been set up.
- Policymakers in Ethiopia benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2014.
- The Government of Ethiopia promotes complementary feeding practices.
- In Ethiopia, constitutional protection of the right to social security is strong.




Areas for improvement




- Spending on agriculture (8.2% of public spending in 2014) is close to, yet not fully meeting government commitments set out in the African Union's Maputo Declaration (10% of public spending).
- In Ethiopia, the law does not give women economic rights equal to men. Men and women have equal legal access to agricultural land, but this is not effectively enforced and discriminatory practices against women continue, increasing their vulnerability to hunger and undernutrition.
- Relative to other HANCI countries, Ethiopia's medium/long term national development policy (Second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II)) places weak importance to nutrition.
- The Government of Ethiopia has not enshrined the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.
- Weak access to an improved source of drinking water (57.3% in 2015) and an improved sanitation facility (28% in 2015) prevents positive outcomes for hunger and nutrition in Ethiopia.
- In Ethiopia only 41.2% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2014.
- Social safety nets in Ethiopia are basic and only cover few risks for a limited number of beneficiaries.
- Civil registration rates are weak (6.6% in 2005) and potentially hold back children's access to critical public services such as health and education.

Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

























Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
 Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending ¹	 8.2%	2014	10th
 Public spending on health as share of total public spending ¹	 15.7%	2014	3rd
Policies			
 Access to land (security of tenure) ²	 Strong	2014	Joint 2nd
 Access to agricultural research and extension services ²	 Strong	2013	Joint 14th
 Civil registration system — coverage of live births	 6.6%	2005	45th
 Functioning of social protection systems ²	 Weak	2016	Joint 20th
Laws			
 Level of constitutional protection of the right to food ²	 Moderate	2011	Joint 8th
 Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) ³	 In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 1st
 Equality of women's economic rights ³	 Not in Law	2011	Joint 26th
 Constitutional right to social security (yes/no)	 Yes	2006	Joint 1st

¹ Possible scores are:  <75% of agriculture (Maputo) and health (Abuja) spending pledges  >=75 % and <100%  >=100%

² Possible scores are:  Very Weak/Weak  Moderate  Strong/Very Strong

³ Possible scores are:  Not in Law  In Law Not in Practice  In Law & Practice

Nutrition Commitment Index (NCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	NCI Rank of 45
 Separate budget for nutrition (No/Sectoral only/Yes)	 Yes	2015	Joint 1st
Policies			
 Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	 71%	2014	25th
 Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	 Yes	2010	Joint 1st
 Population with access to an improved water source	 57.3%	2015	38th
 Population with access to improved sanitation	 28%	2015	27th
 Health care visits for pregnant women	 41.2%	2014	45th
 Nutrition features in national development policy ¹	 Weak	2015 - 2019	34th
 National nutrition policy/strategy (yes/no)	 Yes	2015	Joint 1st
 Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	 Yes	2015	Joint 1st
 Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	 Yes	2015	Joint 1st
 National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	 Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Laws			
 ICMSB [^] Enshrined in domestic law ²	 Not Enshrined in Law	2016	Joint 33rd

¹ Possible scores are:  Very Weak/Weak  Moderate  Strong/Very Strong (Note: Performance relative to other countries).

² Possible scores are:  Not Enshrined in Law  Few/Many Aspects Enshrined  Fully enshrined.

[^] International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes