

Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia | Who we are

Ayuda en Acción has been present in Ethiopia for 21 years, working through local partners between 2002 and 2017; an independent country office was established in 2018 as Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia. The national office is based in Addis Ababa coordinating four area offices (Asala, Wolaita Sodo, Yabello and Semara) and 16 satellite offices covering 16 districts in three regions. We currently employ 35 full-time staff members and cooperate with public sectors, private sectors, Civil Society Organizations and UN agencies. Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia manages a range of projects within three programme priorities: sustainable livelihoods and resilient food systems; inclusive education; and emergency response and resilience building. Approximately half of the country portfolio is funded by institutional donors. Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia is a member of Alliance 2015.



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Lines of work in Africa



Social inclusion



Humanitarian action



Climate change and sustainability

Networks

Alliance 2015

towards the eradication of poverty

Implementation partners

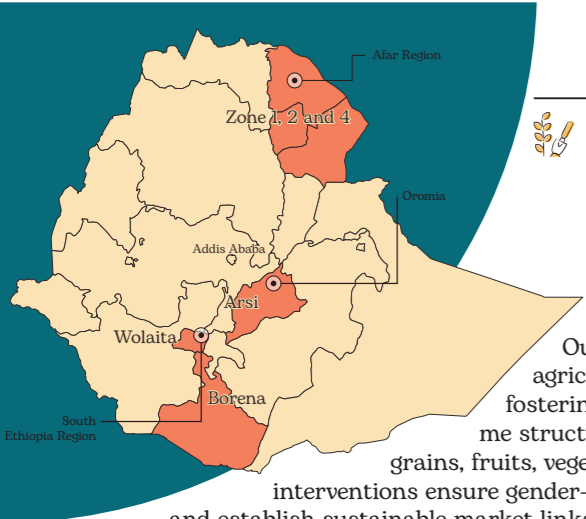


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Ethiopia: Working Towards Sustainable Development



Economic Development: Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilient Food Systems

Our programme strengthens small-scale agriculture and pastoralist livelihoods by fostering inclusive market systems to overcome structural barriers. We focus on livestock, grains, fruits, vegetables, pulses, and eco-tourism. Our interventions ensure gender-equitable participation in value chains and establish sustainable market links benefiting smallholders. We facilitate cooperatives as key rural institutions, improving income, services, and private sector engagement.

We embrace a transformative approach to women's economic empowerment, addressing systemic gender disparities. Partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture, we enhance value chain extension packages, promote climate-smart agriculture, and disseminate Good Agricultural Practices, including seed production, technology transfer, micro-insurance, and digital knowledge sharing. We support 26 primary cooperatives and three cooperative unions in Oromia (Arsi, Borena) and the South Region (Wolaita).

We also improve women's and youth's employment access through entrepreneurship and wage opportunities in rural and peri-urban areas. Our gender- and age-inclusive business model assesses enterprise maturity and guides capacity development. We explore job creation in new technologies, including green growth. Collaborating with 33 SACCOs and 32 women and youth enterprises, we focus on enterprise development in Arsi, Wolaita, and Borena.



Since 2018, the sustainable livelihoods and resilient food systems programme have benefited:

 26,690 Women
  29,277 Men
  71,438 girls
  8,926 boys

Quality and Inclusive Education

Our second programme area promotes quality and inclusive education that prepares girls and boys for the labour market, especially within the context of migration and pastoralism. The primary focus is on youth in middle and secondary schools (7-12 grade). The programme is built on four components: Rights and School Governance; Value-adding Learning; Labour Market Transition; and Evidence-based Influencing. The interventions promote inclusive rights to education, child protection, reproductive health awareness, science and technology education amongst girls, teachers' profes-

sional development, linkages with private sector and vocational education centres, and extra-curriculum courses on employability. The programme is embedded in local communities through community participation in school management and building solidarity links, which connect communities with benefactors in Spain that support programme activities. We currently support 32 middle and secondary schools and 116 Solidarity Link groups located in Arsi, Wolaita and Borena.

Since 2018, the quality and inclusive education programme has reached:

 19,512 girls
  18,715 boys

Emergency Response and Resilience Building

Since 2018, we have responded to all major humanitarian crises in Ethiopia, including drought, floods, conflict, desert locust infestation and the covid-19 pandemic. Our programme incorporates a strong humanitarian-development nexus approach linking disaster preparedness, emergency response and resilience building. Our response capacity is two-fold: responding to recurrent humanitarian needs in Afar, Oromia (Borena) and Tigray and addressing emergent humanitarian needs in other regions based on added value. We respond to the needs of the most vulnerable without leaving anyone behind. Our technical competences include education in emergencies mainstreaming child protection and prevention of gender-based violence; food security and restoration of livelihoods; and cash programming. In resilience building, we promote risk financing, such as crop and livestock insurance and financial inclusion backed by digital services and innovations; climate change adaptive capacities; community-based natural resource management; and inclusive systems and institutions transformation.



Since 2018, the emergency response and resilience building programme has addressed the needs of:

 79,800 women
  71,381 men
  36,928 girls
  36,955 boys



Cross-Cutting Focus

The Country Strategy 2023-2025 identifies three cross-cutting areas mainstreamed across all three programme priorities. Gender Equality prioritises interventions that prevent and reduce gender inequalities through systemic change and social transformation. Climate Change Adaptation prioritises interventions that promote adaptation to climate change and reduce the negative impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities. Innovation prioritises interventions, promoting new and green technologies and social innovations adapted to the rural context and which increase efficiency and inclusion of marginalised social groups.

