



Overview of main development results in Ethiopia in 2014

Summary Multi Annual Strategic Plan (MASP)

Since Ethiopia is a transition country in Dutch foreign policy, the embassy has merged economic diplomacy with development cooperation, most prominently in the agro-sector, while its political work focuses on peace and stability in the Horn of Africa. Combining aid and trade fits well with the Ethiopian government's strong commitment to transforming the economy and making it grow inclusively to reduce poverty. In the three priority areas of development cooperation the focus in food security is on access to food, agricultural growth and improving business climate; in SRHR it is on improved access to anti-retroviral drugs, better informed youth and reproductive health services, and in security and rule of law on human security of men and women and an effective rule of law (see below).

Priority themes

- Food security
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)
- Security and rule of law

Embassy contribution to changes at country level

- A total of 252,000 farmers have profitably increased their access to knowledge, inputs, finance and/or markets in Dutch-funded projects working on various crops and sectors, such as cereals, pulses, sesame, seed multiplication, dairy and horticulture.
- In 2014 200 Dutch and Ethiopian companies (only 70 in 2012) received support in the form of advice and information from the embassy and the Agri-Business Support Facility.
- Through support to our partners the number of young people (aged 10-24) using sexual and reproductive health services has more than tripled to almost 900,000.
- Through support to our NGO partners the number of couples protected by various contraceptives (couple years of protection) has increased from 2,875,000 in 2013 to 4,009,000 in 2014.
- As part of Dutch support for creating legal aid centres in prisons, one model centre was successfully opened in Ambo prison with the assistance of the Ambo law school.
- Through support to the UNFPA gender-based violence prevention programme over 700 victims of rape and other forms of violence received counseling, medical and legal support, skills training and self-defence training in 3 safe houses of the Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development.

Clarifications of results achieved

Dutch food security projects are on track. The challenge is to convince the Ministry of Agriculture to accept not only Dutch financial support but also quality support to the Agricultural Growth Programme, in the form of good farming practices, input supply and capacity building. In SRHR the provision of large quantities of free condoms by other programmes has distorted the social marketing programme in Ethiopia, which will affect the sustainability of it. Additional governmental standards have made the provision of sustainable sexual reproductive health services through NGOs more challenging. Willingness to implement recent security reforms has increased, but their impact is still limited. Gender-based violence is still not being tackled adequately due to lack of awareness and capacity.

Implications for planning

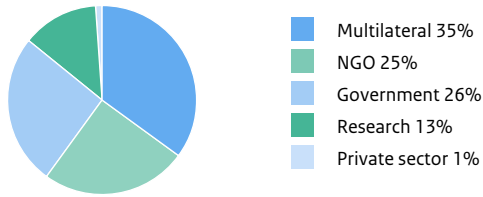
More dialogue with AGP and MoA is needed on integrating the results of Dutch projects into AGP. The explicit focus on active youth participation in new SRH activities is vital to keep young people fully engaged. The programmes on gender-based violence and the justice system need continuing support.

Expenditures 2014 per theme

Total expenditure Embassy €60,798,000



Expenditures 2014 per channel



Developments in Ethiopia

- On track
- Progress, but not on track
- No progress

