



# SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA NEWSETTE

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 Includes: FOCUS ON ETHIOPIA... information on this country and materials for a chapter program with an accompanying powerpoint and notes

## African Youth Review Progress

Let it not be said that adolescents are not concerned about the development and rights of children worldwide! Over 300 young people from across Africa and the diaspora met in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, during April 2011 to review progress being made on youth initiatives by African governments across the continent.

They focused on three key events during a 9-day meeting. First, they zeroed in on financing youth development and exploring ways to influence policy-makers. Second, the young people made known their wishes and expectations for the future. Third, they attended the Bureau of the Conference of Minister of Youth event on April 8-9. With 62% of Africa's population under the age of 35, the young people on this continent have a vested interest in being included in the decisions being made.

African adolescents face the challenges of trafficking and displacement. They also face the real chance of being recruited as child soldiers. It is also the young who face the most risk of HIV and AIDS. Girls, in particular, have the issues of early marriage, sexual violence and domestic servitude to confront. UNICEF helped African adolescents not only from **Ethiopia**, but also from Equatorial Guinea, **Madagascar**, **Burkina Faso**, and Morocco attend the meetings, giving them a voice and presence in the decisions policy-makers are generating in their own countries. For



more info and a full copy of the UNICEF article by Anthony Mwangi addressing these events, go to [www.unicef.org/infobycountry/ethiopia\\_58315.html](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/ethiopia_58315.html).

### THE CORNER SWAP SHOP

\* **KUDOS** to Pat Taylor in Eta State (NC) for presenting a Schools for Africa workshop at the recent state convention. Was a SFA workshop presented at your state convention this year? If so, KUDOS to your state, too! How are you promoting the SFA Project? Send your ideas to Cathy Daugherty at [emerita07@comcast.net](mailto:emerita07@comcast.net) so that they may be shared with other Society members.



## EMPOWER WITH PROGRAMS

### PROGRAM IDEA #4: "Ethiopia – Country of Contrasts"

#### Objectives:

1. To acquaint members with the African nation of Ethiopia and the needs of students there
2. To inspire members to contribute to the SFA project
3. To "inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society" DKG Purpose 7

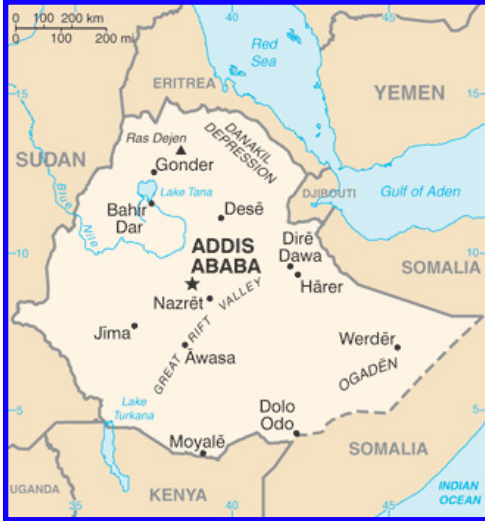
#### Program Outline:

- Distribute a fact about Ethiopia to each member as she arrives. (See reverse for information.)
- Project the image of Africa (outline map) on a wall. Ask members to place a post-it where Ethiopia would be on the map. Give a prize to the one who is the closest to the correct location.
- Share facts distributed at the start of the meeting.
- Follow up by showing the powerpoint, "Ethiopia – Country of Contrasts" using the notes provided with the presentation. Discuss.
- Close by asking members to donate to the Schools For Africa project to support education in this country.

#### Resource Ideas for this Program:

- Outline map of Africa available at: [www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/Africa/afout.htm](http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/Africa/afout.htm)
- Facts about Ethiopia to distribute to members
- Post-it notes for map activity
- "Ethiopia–Country of Contrasts" ppt with notes posted on the DKG Web site along with this newsette issue
- DKG/UNICEF flyers downloaded from the DKG Web site and duplicated for members

# FOCUS ON: **ETHIOPIA** ... Info about this African Nation



*Use these facts as you prepare your chapter program on Ethiopia. Write out each fact on a slip of paper. Distribute at the start of your meeting and call on each member to read her fact just before you show the powerpoint presentation that accompanies this newsette.*

**Location:** East Africa, landlocked, surrounded by five countries: ERITREA to the north; SUDAN to the west; DJIBOUTI and SOMALIA to the east; KENYA to the south

**Area/Population:** 435,071 sq. km. (comparable with Bolivia)– 27th largest country in world/population of 85.2 million people

**Terrain:** Spectacular waterfalls and volcanic hot springs with some of Africa's highest mountains and some of the world's lowest points below sea level ... a land of natural contrasts; largest cave in Africa located here

**Climate:** Tropical monsoon with topographic-induced variations; Ethiopian Highlands which cover most of the country have a climate which is generally considerably cooler than other regions at similar proximity to the equator: average temperature in Addis Ababa is 16 degrees Celcius (60.8 degrees F);

Dalloi in northernmost area is one of the hottest places year-round on earth

**Capital:** Addis Ababa, the central city in this nation

**Languages:** 84 indigenous languages; Afro-Asiatic languages dominate

**Infant Mortality Rate:** One out of every 20 children born alive die in their first month of life. One out of ten die before their first birthday. One of six die before reaching their fifth birthday. Ethiopia ranks 5th in under-five mortality.

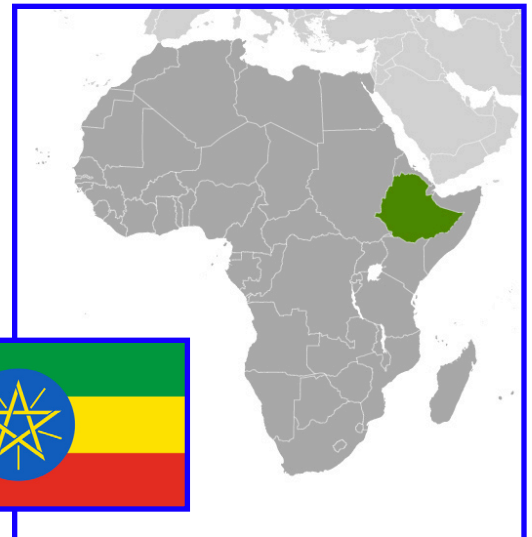
**Literacy (2003 est.):** Definition/age 15 and over can read and write ...

42.7% (total pop.); 50.3% (male); **35.1% (female) - RANK: 202**

One of the few African countries to have its own alphabet.

**Major Exports/Imports:** Original source of the coffee bean and its largest export commodity. Tenth largest producer of livestock in the world. Other main export commodities are gold, leather products and oilseeds; poised to become one of the top flower and plant exporters in the world. Agriculture accounts for almost 41% of the gross domestic product, 80% of exports, and 80% of the labor force. Principal crops include coffee, oilseeds, cereals, potatoes, sugarcane, and vegetables.

**Infectious Diseases:** HIV/AIDS is prevalent. Malaria is prevalent in 75% of the country. Measles is a major childhood disease. Diarrheal disease accounts for 46% of the deaths under the age of five.



## RESOURCES:

- *Information from Ethiopia/Wiki Ethiopia, indexmundi.com, unicef.org/ethiopia, ethioworld.com, countryreports.org, info.com AND www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html*
- *Flag image from www.mapsofworld.com/flags/ethiopia-flag.html*
- *Maps courtesy of the CIA World Factbook, 2007*
- *Pictures in this issue courtesy of Professor Elizabeth Fisher, Randolph-Macon College, VA*

## FUND-RAISER IDEA for APRIL

**Honor your new and/or outgoing 2009-2011 state officers by giving a donation from your chapter or state organization to the Schools for Africa project. Sigma Chapter did just that to honor member Roxanne Adinolfi who was elected the new state organization president for Alpha Zeta State (New Jersey). As they noted in the presentation, "Supporting Schools for Africa (is) ultimately gifting African children with the gift of literacy." What a great way to honor the leadership of our members!**