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For more information on the Sustainable Development Goals please visit https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org

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Indicators on wealth and equity

More than 40% of Ethiopia’s population is under age 15.

Access to basic services varies by wealth. 97.7% of the wealthiest households have access to improved water sources compared to 37.9% of the poorest households. 14.1% of the wealthiest households have access to improved sanitation facilities compared to 0.5% of the poorest. While nearly all wealthy households have access to electricity (96.2%), less than 1.0% of the poorest 20% do.

Regardless of wealth status, there is a significant gap in access to improved sanitation facilities.

32% of households have electricity
67% of households have access to improved water sources
4.7% of households have access to improved sanitation facilities

Overall, 23% of all households are headed by females. Among the poorest fifth of households 16.6% have female heads and among the wealthiest households, 29.1% are female headed.
**Family Planning Indicators**

16% percent of women aged 15-49 in Ethiopia have an unmet need for contraception.

![Graph showing the percentage of women by wealth quintile with unmet need for contraception.]

**School Attendance**

More than a quarter (27.4%) of the poorest women in Ethiopia have never attended school, compared to only 2.8% of the wealthiest women.

![Graph showing school attendance by wealth quintile.]
Early Marriage, Early Childbearing
More than 1 in 3 women aged 18-24 were married before age 18.

About PMA2020/Ethiopia

PMA2020 uses innovative mobile technology to support low-cost, rapid-turnaround surveys to monitor key indicators for family planning. The project is implemented by local university and research organizations in 11 countries, deploying a cadre of female resident enumerators trained in mobile-assisted data collection. PMA2020/Ethiopia is led by the Addis Ababa University’s School of Public Health at the College of Health Sciences (AAU/SPH/CHS), in collaboration with regional universities, the Federal Ministry of Health and the Central Statistics Agency. Overall direction and support is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and funding is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For more information on PMA2020 please visit http://www.pma2020.org

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Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 5.3 aims to eliminate early marriage. In Ethiopia, 36.6% of women age 18-24 were married by age 18 and 11.3% had a child by age 18. Among women aged 18-24 living in the poorest 20% of households, 53.4% married before age 18.

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Other data sources measure only the main source of water and the main sanitation practice used by each household. PMA2020 provides a more complete picture by measuring all regular household water sources and sanitation practices – those used by households several times per week during at least one season of the year. As a result, PMA2020 data show that many more people regularly practice open defecation than other surveys record, providing valuable insight and a more realistic baseline for the SDG target of eliminating open defecation. 88.0% of households have no or non-improved sanitation facilities. Among the household population with an improved main source of drinking water, almost one third (32.7%) have intermittent access.

All results for Goal 6 are reported as the percent of the household population.