

Ethiopia

Project Info Sheet



Public education is free at primary, secondary, and tertiary levels, but students are required to supply their own school supplies (1 pack=12 exercise book, 2 pen, 2 pencils, 2 sharpeners and 2 rubbers) for attendance. Primary education is offered for eight years and is compulsory between ages 7 and 12 with four years of secondary education following. Primary schools are generally accessible, and there is a high rate of enrollment; in contrast, there is a shortage of secondary schools, and enrollment declines at that level. The public school system in general has deteriorated from lack of adequate funding, teaching staff, facilities, and space. Overcrowding is common.

Literacy rates in Ethiopia are much lower than regional and world averages. About half the male population is literate; literacy rate estimates for the female population range from about one-third to two-fifths.



Meseret Humanitarian Organization has raised funds to purchase and distributed 10,000 packs of educational materials for highly vulnerable children in four regions of Ethiopia. As a result of this initiative, highly vulnerable children in remote areas of the country are able to continue their education .