ETHIOPIA ON THE PATH FROM FAMINE TO FOOD SECURITY

HISTORY















































lecimates cattle population and leads to high

Rinderpest





Rains fail in 1957. Locusts strike in 1958.

Poorly famine occurs.

in Tigray and

Haile Selassie is deposed by the military. Mengistu Haile Mariam leads the Derg

rains fail.

Seasonal rains come late.

Rains fail successively.

Much livestock is lost.

is led by Meles

Rains fail, and regional conflicts

to localized ood shortages ir Eritrea and northern Tigray.

declines in livestock prices ead to food

Violence erupts after elections launches food security

in southern







250,000

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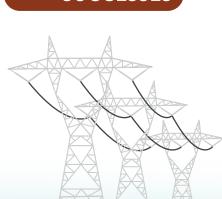
1 MILLION

= 100,000 FAMINE DEATHS

in Somali

Drought is a fact of life that contributes to episodes of high food insecurity, but Ethiopia has greatly reduced drought-related deaths.

SUCCESSES



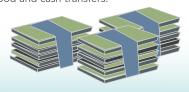


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PRODUCTIVE SAFETY **NET PROGRAMME**

The PSNP delivers cash or food transfers to 7-8 million rural Ethiopians for six months of every year, either through public works or for free as direct support. It is the largest social protection program in Africa south of the Sahara, after South Africa, and the first to combine food and cash transfers.



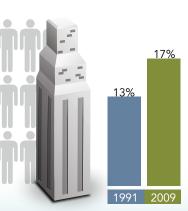
Ethiopia has made strong progress in increasing economic growth, building infrastructure, and reducing poverty—and modest progress in improving food security.

GROWTH ANNUAL GDP GROWTH

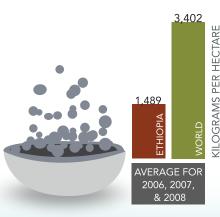
4.3% ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL GROWTH

6.2%









CEREAL YIELDS



PEOPLE CONSUMING TOO

45%

FEW CALORIES

2000 2005

CALORIES CONSUMED PER DAY

URBAN AREAS 2.050 **RURAL AREAS**

CEREAL PRODUCED AND MARKETED **CEREAL PRODUCTION** MILLION METRIC TONS

SHARE OF PRODUCTION SOLD AT MARKET

SHARE MARKETED BY THE GOVERNMENT

While Ethiopia remains heavily rural and agricultural, its agricultural productivity is still extremely low.

MOVING FORWARD: ETHIOPIA'S POLICY CHALLENGES

- ▶ SUSTAINING GROWTH IN CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
- **▶ INCREASING MARKET EFFICIENCY**
- ▶ PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SAFETY NETS
- ▶ MAINTAINING MACROECONOMIC INCENTIVES AND STABILITY
- MANAGING THE RURAL-URBAN TRANSFORMATION

CHALLENGES



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A new book, Food and Agriculture in Ethiopia: Progress and Policy Challenges, edited by IFPRI researchers Paul Dorosh and Shahidur Rashid, presents evidence of the rapid political, economic, and agricultural changes that have taken place in Ethiopia in the past two decades. Ethiopia has made major advances toward increasing growth and improving human well-being. Looking ahead, it faces both challenges and opportunities.