Tewodros Kassahun, known professionally as Teddy Afro, is an Ethiopian singer-songwriter.

Born in Addis Ababa in 1976, Teddy Afro made his debut in 2001 with the album *Abugida*, quickly establishing himself as a prominent voice in his native country. Mixing reggae, traditional Ethiopian styles, and pop music, his sophomore LP, 2005's *Yastesereyal* yielded a major hit in its controversial title track, which criticized corruption in the country's government. Four of the album's songs were subsequently banned from media outlets, though "Yastesereyal" sales and influence remained strong.

His second album *Lebo* was done in 2000 but released in 2002.

His third album, *Yasteseryal* was released in 2005. This album was one of the most influential and controversial. Tedy Afro's brilliant lyrics and the release of this album coincided with the elevated political tension in Ethiopia surrounding the [Ethiopian general election, 2005](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethiopian_general_election,_2005). The government banned four of his songs including "Yasteseryal" from playing on Ethiopian media outlets.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teddy_Afro#cite_note-2) Nonetheless, the album sold more than a million copies within a few months after its release.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teddy_Afro#cite_note-3)

His fourth album, *Tikur Sew* was released in 2012. It is the most expensive and most widely sold album in Ethiopia after his fifth album *Ethiopia*.

Teddy Afro's fifth album, *Ethiopia*, reached the top of the [Billboard World Albums chart](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billboard_charts) in May 2017, at which time more than 600,000 units had been sold.