

An Overview of Animal Welfare in Ethiopia

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Context: Livestock Resources & Health

● Ethiopia owns a large livestock resource with an estimated population of almost 166 million ruminants (70 million cattle, 43 million sheep and 52 million goats) and 57 million chickens (CSA,2020/21).

● About 82% of rural households in the country keep livestock and these households depend fully or partly on livestock for their livelihood.

● Nationally, livestock contributes up to 25% of GDP and 20% of export earnings.



Birds of Ethiopia

Animal Spot

Non-native Birds



African Swift



Great Crested Tern



Rock Pigeon



Demoiselle Crane



Red Phalarope

Native Birds



Abyssinian Roller



Ethiopian Siskin



White-tailed Swallow



Ethiopian Cisticola



Nubian Woodpecker



Ethiopian Swallow



Moorland Francolin



Prince Ruspoli's Turaco



Lappet-faced Vulture



Rüppell's Vulture



Blue-winged Goose



Lammergeier



Spot-breasted Lapwing



Stresemann's Bushcrow



Northern Bald Ibis



Tawny Eagle



Black-winged Lovebird



Wattled Ibis



White-backed Vulture



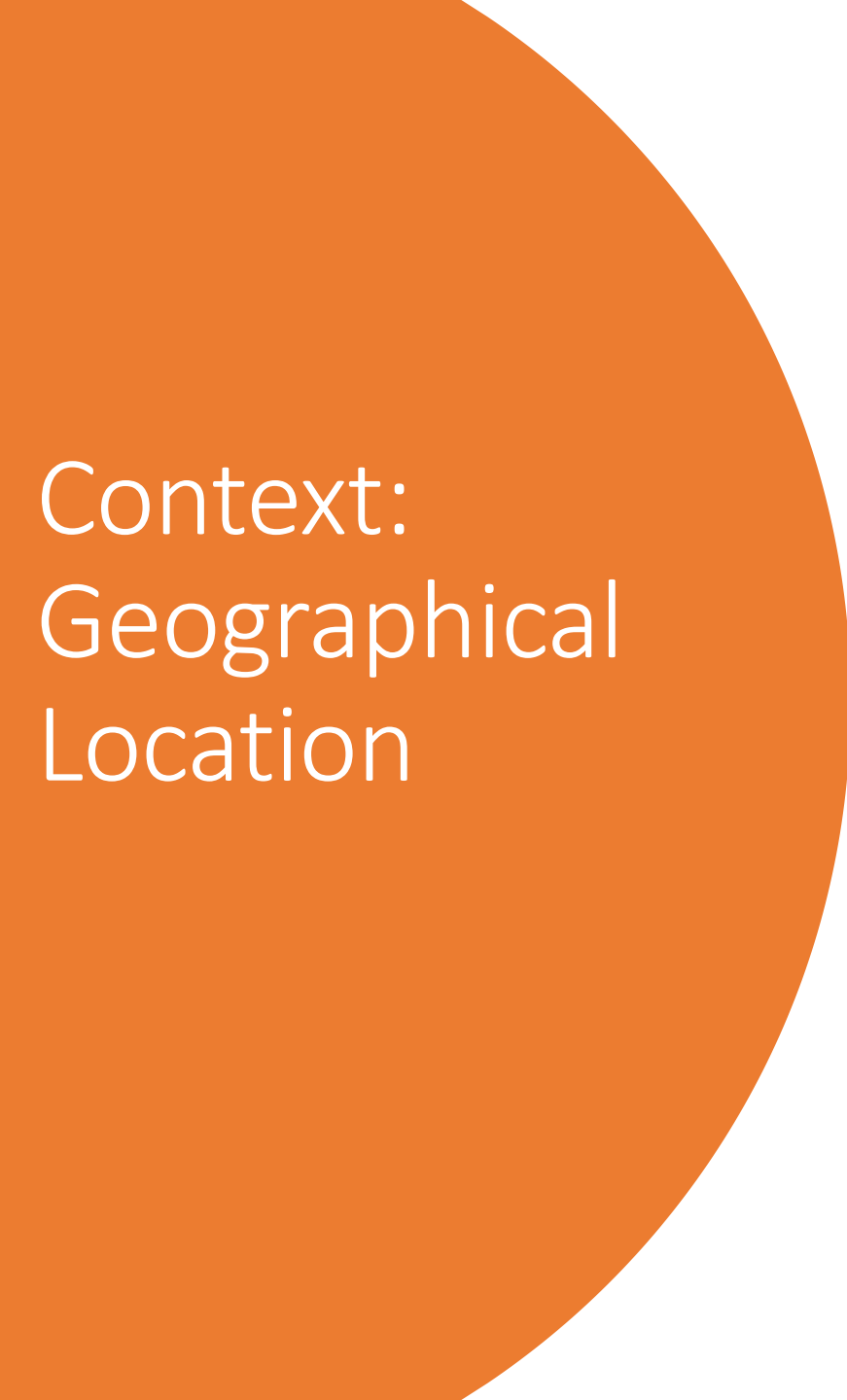
Harwood's Francolin



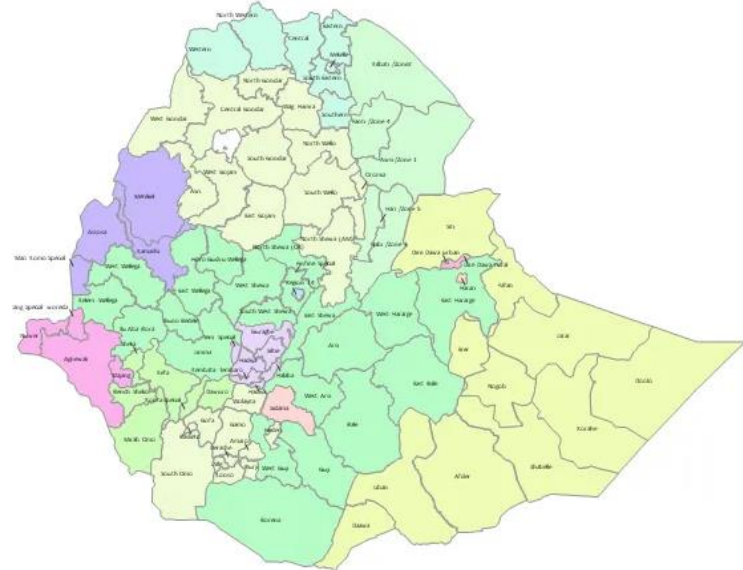
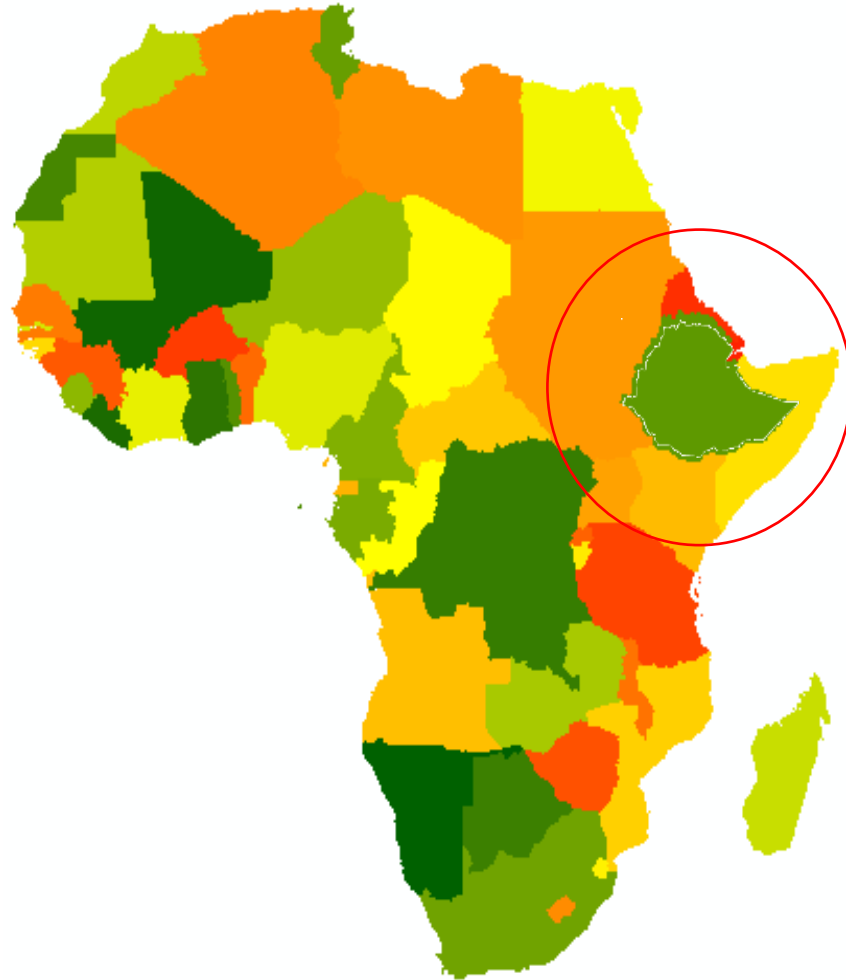
White-bellied Go-away-bird



Somali Ostrich



Context:
Geographical
Location



Ethiopia have 12 States and
2 Chartered Cities, and 92 Zones

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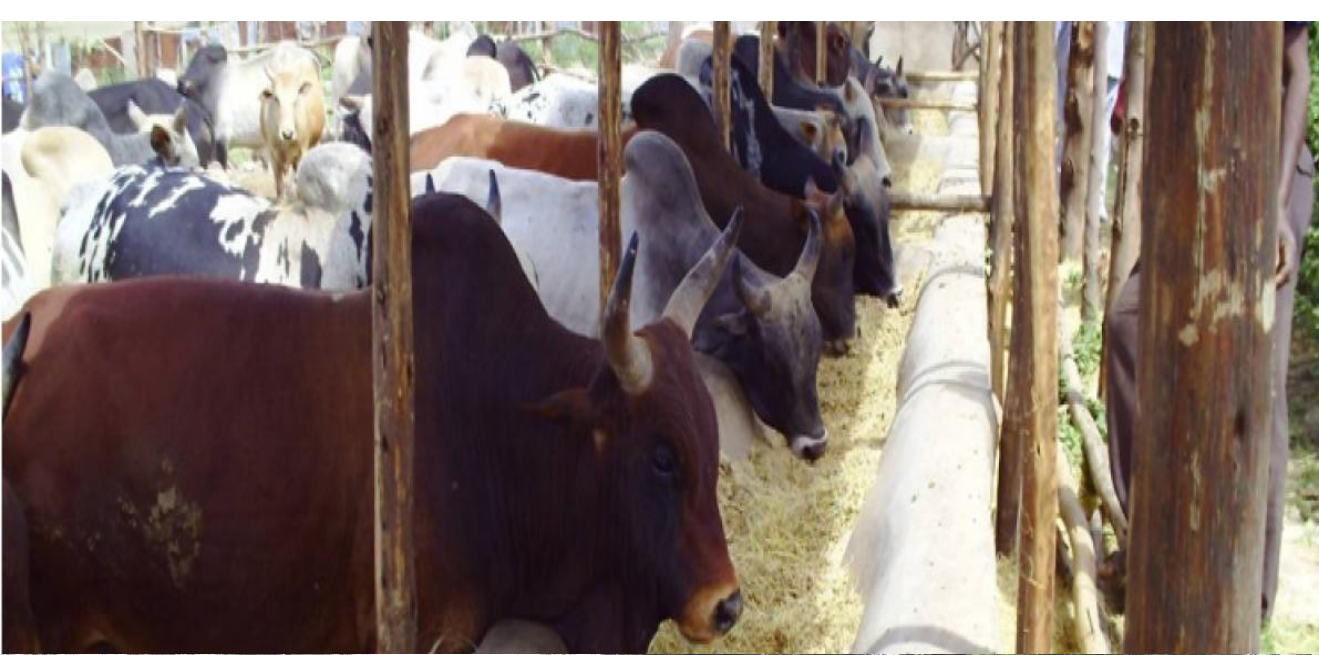
◎ Transboundary livestock diseases challenge exports of livestock & livestock products.

- Bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, rabies & anthrax.
- Blue tongue, African horse sickness & trypanosomiasis.

◎ Animals also suffer from mistreatment at the hands of their owners and under different situations.

- This limits their productivity and marketability.

◎ The Ethiopian livestock sector is hampered by the unavailability of quality antimicrobials.



Interventions taken

- Crafting different initiatives and strategies i.e “Yelemat Tirufat” or “The Bounty of Basket” initiative
- Improving disease surveillances i.e ADNIS, DOVAR
- Establishing quarantines & Check posts
- Vaccination TADs
- Implementing food safety measurements i.e HACCP, ISO,
- Capacity building of labs i.e equipment, man power
- Establishing animal **identification, traceability and Animal welfare**

Why Ethiopia is increasingly focusing on animal welfare?

- ◎ Ten Year Agricultural Master Plan and OIE's 2011 PVS Evaluation Report.
- ◎ Enhancing Livestock Productivity and Health
- ◎ Compliance with International Standards
- ◎ Public Health and Food Safety
- ◎ Ethical and Moral Responsibility
- ◎ Environmental Sustainability

**Activities related
to Animal
Welfare**



Establishment of an Animal Welfare Department

Dedicated Department

- Ethiopia has established a dedicated Animal Welfare Department to formulate and enforce policies for humane treatment of animals.

Livestock Identification and Traceability System and Animal Welfare Directorate

Institutionalized Protection

- Ethiopia has institutionalized the protection and well-being of animals, making it a priority within its governance framework.

Collaboration

- Collaboration between NGOs, donors, and the government

Duties and responsibilities

● Animal Welfare Department are centered around promoting and ensuring the well-being of animals throughout the country.

● The department plays a crucial role in implementing and enforcing animal welfare policies, regulations, and standards.

● Develop and implement national policies, strategies, and action plans for animal welfare

- Regulation and enforcement
- Public awareness and education
- Training and capacity building
- Collaboration and coordination
- Research and development







Animal Welfare Working Group

Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration ➤ The Animal Welfare Working Group in Ethiopia comprises government officials, NGOs, academics, charities, professional associations and private sector representatives.

Coordinating Efforts ➤ This group serves as a platform for coordinating efforts, sharing knowledge, and developing comprehensive strategies to enhance animal welfare nationwide.

Aligning with International Standards ➤ The working group plays a crucial role in aligning national practices with international standards and ensuring that animal welfare is integrated into broader development agendas.





Proclamation on Animal Health and Welfare

1 **Landmark Move**

- ❑ Ethiopia's Cabinet of Ministers ratified a proclamation on animal health and welfare, providing a robust foundation for protecting animals from cruelty.

2 **Rights and Responsibilities**

- ❑ The proclamation outlines the rights and responsibilities of animal owners, veterinarians, and other stakeholders, establishing clear guidelines for the treatment and care of animals.

3 **Commitment to Animal Welfare**

- ❑ This ratification demonstrates Ethiopia's commitment to upholding animal welfare at the highest levels of government.

Strategy for Animal Welfare

Comprehensive Strategy

- Ethiopia has developed a comprehensive strategy for animal welfare, outlining the country's vision, goals, and actions for improving the lives of animals.

Roadmap for Implementation

- This strategy serves as a roadmap for implementing animal welfare initiatives, ensuring that efforts are systematic, coordinated, and aligned with both national priorities and international best practices.

Enhancing Animal Welfare

- The strategy includes measures to enhance veterinary services, promote humane treatment, and improve the overall quality of life for animals.



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)
CENTRE FOR PASTORAL AREAS AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
ETHIOPIA

NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY AND
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (2017-2021)

ETHIOPIA NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (2025-2030)

Draft Version

Focus of the strategy

- The strategy therefore covers all sentient animals found in Ethiopia including;
 - Livestock (animals including beef cattle, sheep, goats, camels, poultry)
 - Working animals (animals used for transportation including horses, donkeys, mules, camels or other working animals including oxen and military/security dogs)
 - Companion animals, including dogs, cats, birds and other animals
 - Wildlife and captive animals and the management of the natural resource
 - Aquatic animals
 - Animals used for education and research, in the few veterinary schools.

Strategic pillars

- The strategic pillars of the national animal welfare strategy are;
 1. **Strategic objectives 1**
 - To develop and review the policy, legislation and institutional framework for animal welfare
 2. **Strategic objective 2**
 - To strengthen communication, awareness, and advocacy on animal welfare
 3. **Strategic objective 3**
 - To promote education, training, research and capacity building on animal welfare among all stakeholders
 4. **Strategic objective 4**
 - To develop a sustainable implementation framework for animal welfare programs



Animal Welfare Guidelines for Livestock Value Chain

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The Donkey Academy

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) offering high-quality education and training resources

Training Content

VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Course Delivery System

QR Code to register

thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk

'A Life Worth Living' 2025 Global Strategy

OUR VISION

OUR MISSION

OUR VALUES

STRATEGIC CHANGE GOALS

1. To build strong, resilient equine communities, powered by ethics and welfare, that can improve the livelihoods of people and animals.
2. To improve the livelihoods of people and animals, by providing quality products of all kinds, including welfare & veterinary products.
3. To bring sustainable animal products to market that provide livelihoods & future needs of working farmers, donkeys & mules.
4. To develop an organization fit for the future.
5. To develop an organization fit for the future.
6. To develop an organization fit for the future.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

Driving Ethiopian National Equine Strategy

Agriculture

Women

Water

Transport

Culture & Tourism

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Communication Strategy on Animal Health and Welfare

Public Awareness

- ❖ Ethiopia has ratified a communication strategy on animal health and welfare to raise awareness among the public, livestock owners, and other stakeholders.

Changing Attitudes

- ❖ Through targeted communication campaigns, the strategy aims to change attitudes and behaviors towards animals, fostering a culture of care and compassion.

Disseminating Information

- ❖ It also supports the dissemination of information on best practices for animal health and welfare.



Ethiopia's Animal Health Communications Strategy

Animal Welfare Working Group
December 15, 2023
Inter-continental Hotel, AA



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Guidelines on Animal Welfare

Consistency

- Ethiopia has developed comprehensive guidelines on animal welfare to ensure consistency in the application of animal welfare principles.
 - ❖ The document is to outline the minimum welfare requirements to be applied **along the value chain** with the ultimate goal of improving the export trade and health of consumers.

Humane Treatment

- These guidelines provide detailed instructions on the humane treatment of animals across various sectors, including agriculture, transportation, and veterinary care.

Standardizing Practices

- The guidelines serve as a reference for all stakeholders involved in the care and management of animals, helping to standardize practices and promote high standards of animal welfare.



14 different guidelines and SOPs



Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate

Animal Handling Guideline

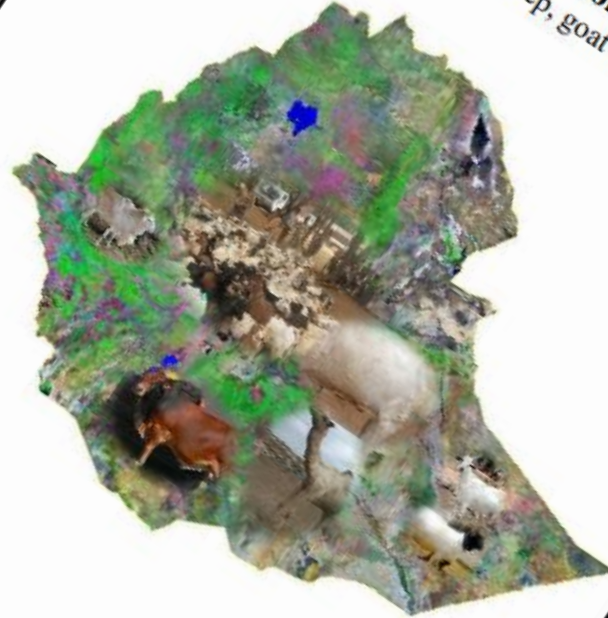


November,
Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia



Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate

Pre-purchase Inspection Guidelines (for export cattle, sheep, goat and camel)



November, 2008
Addis Ababa
Ethiopia

SOP for Animal Slaughtering

SOP	Animal Slaughtering
1. SCOPE	APPLIED ON municipality and export abattoirs
2. RESPONSIBILITY	Abattoir operators, meat inspectors on charge ,abattoir facility personnel, slaughter worker
3. FREQUENCY	Every animal slaughtering time
4. PROCEDURE	<p>4.1 RESTRAINING DEVICE PREPARATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Workers not involved with the restraint or slaughter process should not be in the area. ➤ Inspection and preparation of the restraining device should be completed before animals are moved from the lairage into the handling system. ➤ Inspect the outside of the restraining device. ➤ Inspect the head-restraining equipment. ➤ Inspect the inside of the restraining device for obstructions and sharp edges. Remove any obstructions that can cause animals to hesitate when moving into the device. ➤ Inspect the screen between the restraining device and the slaughter floor to ensure that it is placed to reduce the amount of visual stimulation that animals are exposed to. <p>4.2 THE RESTRAINING PROCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Restrain the animal as soon as it is in position. Do not leave it waiting in the device ✓ If the animal falls in the device, give it time to stand before attempting to restrain the head. ✓ The animal should now be positioned in the device with its head effectively restrained for stunning. ✓ The restraint should apply sufficient pressure to hold the animal effectively, but not excessive pressure. ✓ The stunning operative must be ready to stun the animal as soon as it is effectively restrained ✓ The slaughter man should be ready and waiting to stick the stunned animal as soon as it is released. ✓ Do not pour water on to the animal during restraint, stunning or slaughter. <p>4.3 OPERATION OF STUNNING EQUIPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check the stunning equipment before the slaughter operation begins. ✓ To dismantle and maintain the stunning equipment, ✓ Do not get the stunning device wet.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Operationalizing AW

- Ethiopia has drafted Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to further operationalize animal welfare practices.

Step-by-Step Instructions

- These SOPs provide step-by-step instructions for implementing animal welfare measures, ensuring that procedures are consistent, transparent, and effective.

Minimizing Stress

- The SOPs cover a wide range of activities, from animal handling and transport to veterinary interventions, and are designed to minimize stress, pain, and suffering for animals.

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Welfare

Cycle III Africa English language
Nairobi, Kenya
3 - 5 September 2024



Contributions and expectations

1 **Capacity Building**

- The training equips WOAHA focal points with the latest knowledge, tools, and techniques in animal welfare.

2 **Harmonization of Practices**

- The training fosters the harmonization of animal welfare practices across different regions.

3 **Strengthening Regional Networks**

- One of the significant contributions of the training is the strengthening of regional networks among focal points.

4 **Advancement of National Frameworks**

- The training provides focal points with the necessary skills to advance national animal welfare frameworks.

5 **Monitoring and Reporting**

- Focal points are expected to monitor the progress of animal welfare initiatives in their countries and report back to WOAHA.

Thank you for your attention!