

Overview of Data

Ethiopia's scores on the governance indicators surveyed here are squarely below the global median, suggesting elevated corruption risks when engaging with local third parties. However, Ethiopia can be considered an outperformer when taking into account its very low GDP per capita. It also performs well for its troubled region, which includes neighbors Somalia, Eritrea, and South Sudan. Only one FCPA case was identified involving bribery of Ethiopian officials, an expected number given the size of its economy. As such, no specific risk or enforcement trends can be inferred.

Corruption and Governance Indicators	Ethiopia	G7 Average
Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index	34	73
World Bank Control of Corruption Score	38	87
World Justice Project Rule of Law Score	39	76
Major Correlates of Corruption		
Nominal GDP Per Capita Percentile Rank	11	89
World Bank Government Effectiveness Score	29	89

**All indicators are scores/100 or are percentile ranks, 100=best. Some scores have been adjusted accordingly. 1-33 34-66 67-100*

World Bank Enterprise Survey Responses (2015)	Ethiopia	Top 10 Countries
Share of firms reporting at least one bribe request	27%	1.4%
Share of firms expected to give gifts to secure government contract	20%	1.9%
Share of firms expected to give gifts to officials to "get things done"	8%	1.5%
Share of businesses reporting corruption is a major constraint	28%	7.5%

FCPA Cases (as reported)

Total FCPA Enforcement: 1 Case

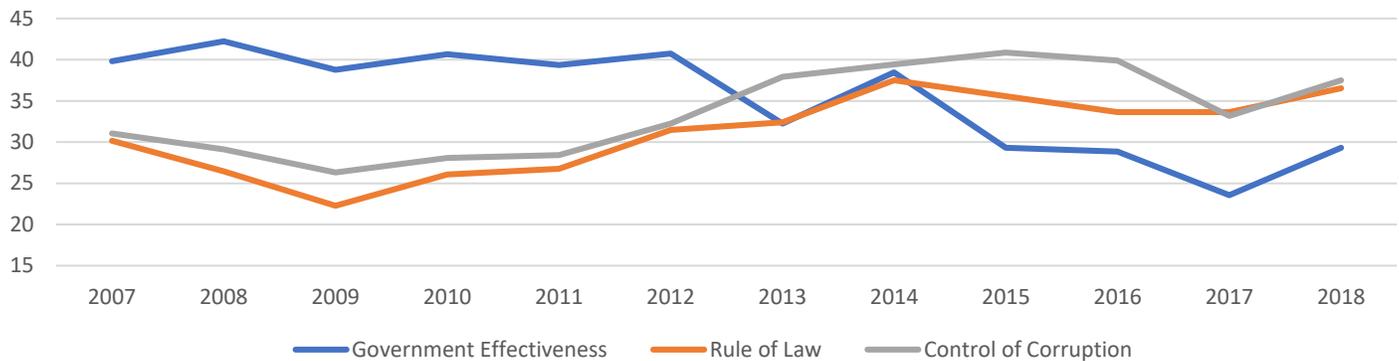
- Personnel at an international adoption agency headquartered in Ohio pleaded guilty to charges including submitting fraudulent documents and bribing two Ethiopian officials to facilitate adoptions of Ethiopian children by American sponsors. The alleged acts took place between 2006 and 2009. Criminal convictions and sentences ranging from probation to 18 months in prison were issued in 2017.

Information Accessibility and Transparency

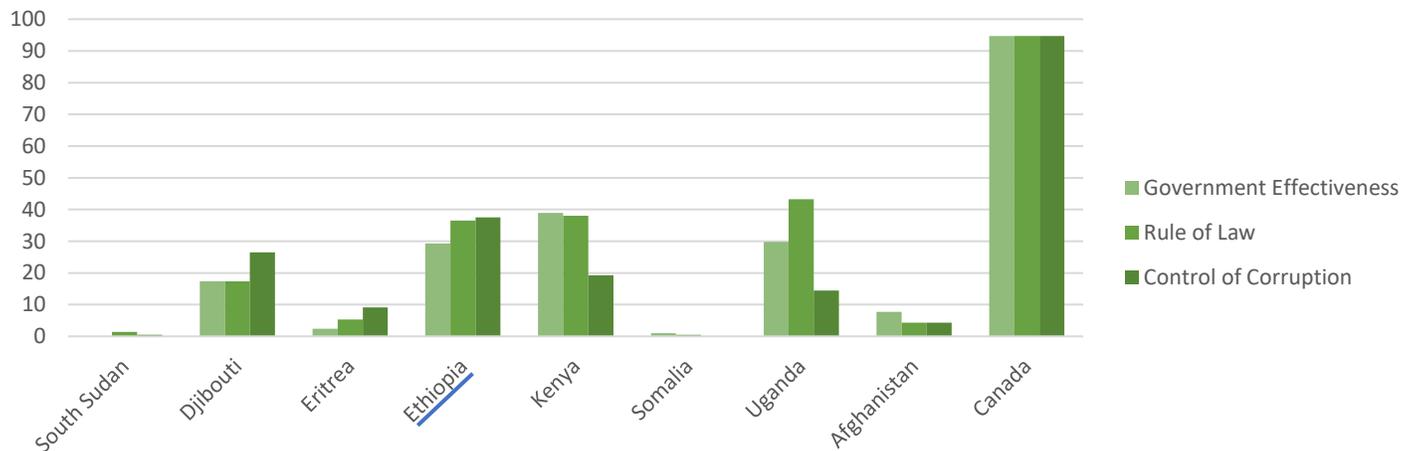
Availability of Records	●	Corporate registration and litigation records typically must be retrieved in-country.
Freedom of Press	●	Freedom House freedom of press rating 86/100, “not free” (100=least free) Reporters Without Borders rank 110/180 (180=least free)
Language Accessibility	●	The official language, Amharic, is only one of several local languages. Ethiopian languages and scripts present significant machine-translation challenges. Relevant information may appear in diaspora media sources outside Ethiopia.
Financial Disclosure	●	No data. (Tax Justice Network Financial Secrecy Index)

● Poor ● Moderate ● Accessible

Trendlines—World Bank Worldwide Governance Indicators (100=best)



Country Comparison —World Bank Worldwide Governance Indicators (100=best)



Context: Corruption in Ethiopia

Ethiopia is Africa’s second most populous country and has been among the world’s fastest growing economies for the past few years. According to IMF data, Ethiopia’s current growth rate puts it seventh in the world, and it is expected to remain among the top growth performers into the foreseeable future. Detailed survey data from Transparency International suggests that everyday corruption is widespread, with nearly half of all Ethiopians paying a bribe to secure government services in all areas in the last year. Areas of Ethiopia’s economy most likely to be the target of foreign investment—such as infrastructure and natural resources—present inherently elevated FCPA risks due to high levels of government engagement throughout the product cycle.

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