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10.1) Concepts, Scope & Value of Medical Geography

Medical geography studies how location, environment, and spatial relationships influence health. In Ethiopia, where altitude, climate, settlement patterns, and access to services vary widely, spatial analysis helps explain disease risks, target scarce resources, and monitor equity. This section introduces core ideas, typical data, and the value proposition for policy.

Figures (illustrative concepts)

Figure . Distance-decay of service utilization



Figure . Accessibility coverage curve (T thresholds)

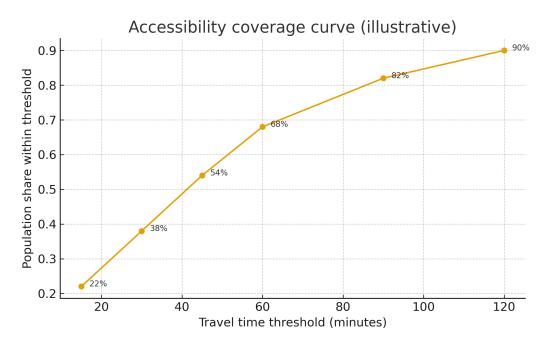


Table 10.1-A. Core terms in medical geography

Key term	Short definition
Place	A location with social, cultural, and environmental meaning (e.g., a kebele, market town).
Space	Abstract geographic surface used to quantify distance and spatial relations.
Scale	Spatial or temporal level of analysis (household, kebele, woreda, region, nation).
Context	Features around a person/place that shape health risk (e.g., housing, water, pollution).
Spatial accessibility	Ease of reaching services (distance, time, cost, transport, terrain).
Catchment	Population that realistically seeks care at a facility or school.
Hotspot / cold-spot	Area with significantly higher / lower value than expected (cluster).

Table 10.1-B. Ethiopia use-cases enabled by spatial analysis

Ethiopia use-case	What spatial analysis enables
Malaria stratification	Overlay temperature, elevation, water bodies, vector habitat with case data to stratify for LLIN/IRS and surveillance.
Maternal & newborn care	Map travel time to EmONC, maternity waiting homes, and referral networks to close gaps.
Immunization micro-planning	Use gridded population and facility lists to design outreach routes and session sites.
WASH & diarrheal disease	Link water points, sanitation coverage, and remote sensing (flood/dry) to target investments.
Nutrition & food security	Combine market access, prices, agro-ecology, and survey rates to detect stunting hotspots.
NTDs elimination	Map endemicity and MDA coverage to plan verification and focused surveys.

Table 10.1-C. Data foundations for geo-health work in Ethiopia

Data asset	Notes for use in Ethiopia
Facility master list (FML)	Name, geocode, type, ownership; link to HMIS/LMIS; update quarterly.
HMIS/IDSR	Routine case and service volumes; ensure stable coordinates and denominators.
CRVS & ID	Vital events; spatial completeness checks and linkage with residence.
DHS/MICS/ESS	Representative survey indicators; small-area estimation with geospatial covariates.
Remote sensing	Rainfall, temperature, NDVI, night lights, land cover, elevation.

Gridded populations	WorldPop, HRSL, GHS-POP; validate with census and local counts.
Roads & transport	OSM, official road classes, terrain/land-cover for impedance surfaces.

Table 10.1-D. Standard indicators for dashboards & planning

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Indicator	Definition / construction idea
T15/T30/T60 coverage	% population within 15/30/60 minutes of target facility/service.
EmONC readiness index	Composite of signal functions, HRH, commodities, blood.
FOF cold obein time	Time from regional store to sutreach acceion.
E2E cold-chain time	Time from regional store to outreach session; risk of breaks.
Malaria suitability index	Temperature × elevation × water proximity × cases.
Under-5 mortality risk map	Small-area estimates from survey + covariates.
Equity gradient	Service coverage difference between poorest/remote vs richest/central quintiles.

Table 10.1-E. Common pitfalls & how to avoid them

Common pitfall	How to avoid in Ethiopia
Misclassified coordinates	Wrong facility points can flip accessibility results; verify with field photos or GPS.
Denominator mismatch	Coverage rates off if catchment denoms differ from reporting areas.
Urban bias	Short distances but long times due to congestion; use travel time, not Euclidean distance.
Ecological fallacy	Area averages may not reflect individual risk; complement with microdata.
Privacy risk	Don't map sensitive point data (e.g., HIV status) at identifiable resolution.

Why this matters for Ethiopia (value proposition)

- Targeting: Map who is underserved (by distance, cost, or terrain) and direct mobile/outreach teams accordingly.
- Preparedness: Anticipate outbreaks by tracking climate anomalies, vector habitats, and mobility.
- Efficiency: Optimize facility locations, referral routes, and supply chains to reduce delays and stock-outs.
- Equity: Monitor urban–rural and regional gaps; publish access and quality by wealth and remoteness.
- Accountability: Public dashboards with clear thresholds (e.g., T30 to basic care, T60 to EmONC) support results-based management.

Plain-language summary

Where people live affects their health. Mountains, climate, roads, and distance to clinics all change the risks people face and the care they can reach. By putting health data on a map and combining them with information on the environment and transport, Ethiopia can see which places need help first. This saves lives and money, because actions are focused where they have the biggest impact.

- Cromley & McLafferty. GIS and Public Health.
- Meade & Emch. Medical Geography.
- WHO. Service Availability and Readiness Assessment (SARA) methods.
- UNICEF/WHO. Global accessibility mapping guidance.
- DHS Program. Spatial data and displacement documentation.

10.2) Data Foundations (HMIS, CRVS, DHS/MICS, Facility Master Lists, Remote Sensing)

Robust medical geography depends on reliable, linkable data. This section summarizes Ethiopia's core health and spatial data assets, key quality indicators, metadata standards, and ethical safeguards. Charts below are illustrative placeholders and should be replaced with official series before publication.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . HMIS reporting timeliness

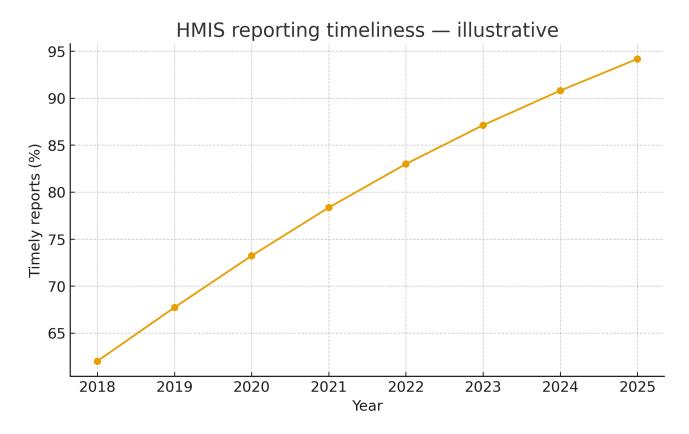


Figure . CRVS completeness (births, deaths)

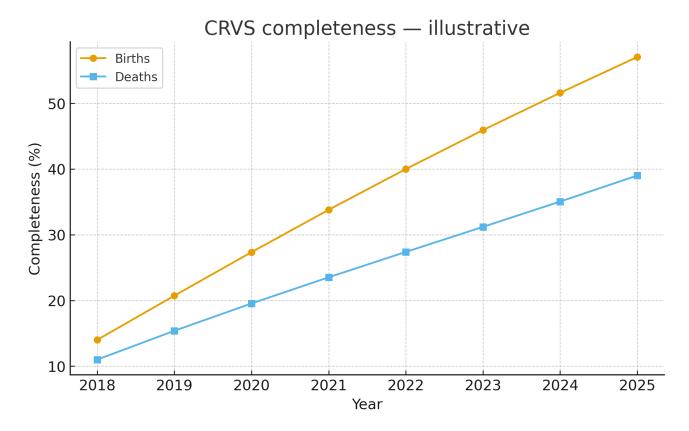


Figure . Facility geocode completeness (FML)

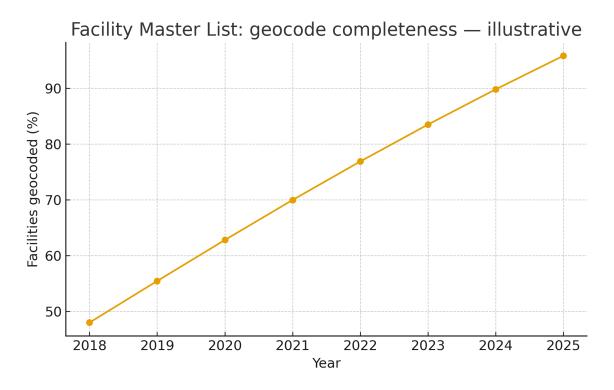


Figure . Remote sensing availability index

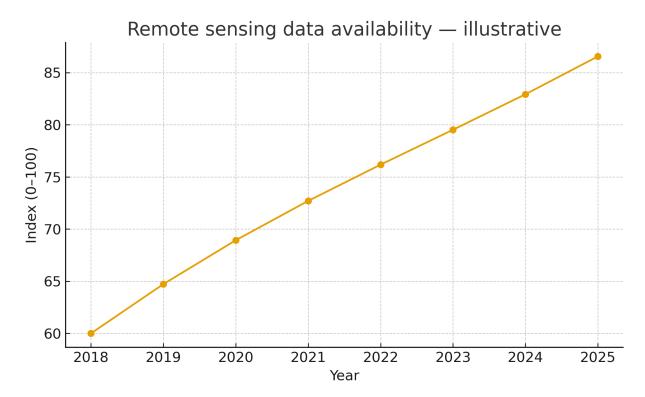


Figure . Birth registration with ID linkag

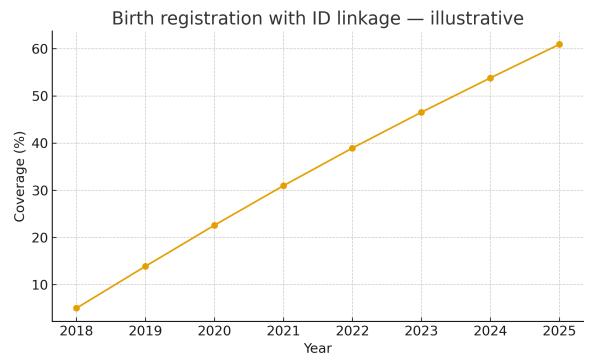


Table 10.2-A. Core data assets & custodians (Ethiopia)

Data asset	Lead(s)	Notes for use
HMIS (DHIS2/EMR)	MoH + regions	Monthly service volumes, cases; facility-level; needs stable denominators
CRVS / Vital Events	Vital Events Registration Agency (VERA) + MoH	Continuous births, deaths, causes; completeness improving
Facility Master List (FML)	MoH + CSA + regions	Unique IDs, geocodes, attributes; quarterly reconciliation
DHS/MICS/ESS	CSA with partners	Representative surveys; geospatially masked clusters
ID (National ID / Civil ID)	National ID program	Linkable identifiers for person-level records
Remote sensing & geospatial layers	EMA, international sources	Rainfall, temperature, NDVI, land cover, elevation, roads
Supply Chain (LMIS/eLMIS)	EPSA/MoH	Stock levels, cold chain, routings; link to facilities

Table 10.2-B. Minimum metadata & standards

Item	Specification (Ethiopia practice)
Unique IDs	Facility ID, person ID (hashed), admin codes; versioned
Spatial refs	WGS84 lat/long; admin area codes (CSA)
Time	Reporting period start/end; timestamp of extraction
Quality flags	Outlier tags, late/missing, duplicates, heaping indicators
Privacy	De-identification, suppression rules, min cell sizes

Interoperability	Crosswalks between IDs; master code
	lists; API endpoints

Table 10.2-C. Data quality checks — dashboard metrics

Dimension	Example metrics
Completeness	% facilities reporting; % events registered
Timeliness	% on-time submissions; lag days
Consistency	Month-over-month change within bounds; rolling medians
Plausibility	Rates within expected ranges by age/sex/region
Spatial checks	Coordinate validity, admin boundary alignment
Linkage quality	Match rates FML↔HMIS↔LMIS, CRVS↔ID
Feedback loop	Ticketing for data corrections; closure times

Table 10.2-D. Geocoding & linkage workflow

Step	What to do
Clean facility list	Deduplicate names; standardize
	types/ownership
2. Validate coordinates	Snap to settlements/roads; fix obvious
	errors
3. Assign master IDs	Immutable IDs + crosswalk to legacy
	codes
4. Link systems	Map HMIS/LMIS/CRVS/ID to FML IDs
5. QA & publish	Dashboards, data dictionary, update cycle
6. Field verification	Spot-checks, GPS/photo evidence,
	partner feedback

Table 10.2-E. Data ethics & sharing

Principle	Application in Ethiopia
Purpose limitation	Use data only for defined public-health tasks
Minimum necessary	Aggregate/suppress where small numbers risk re-ID
Consent/notice	Use clear notices; respect legal bases where applicable
Data sharing MOUs	Define roles, retention, breach protocols
Community safeguards	Engage local leaders when mapping sensitive issues

Plain-language summary

Maps are only as good as the data behind them. Ethiopia's health maps depend on a clean list of facilities with correct GPS points, regular reports from clinics and hospitals, proper registration of births and deaths, national surveys, and satellite information about the environment and roads. We track basic checks like: Are reports on time? Are events registered? Do coordinates look right? With good standards and privacy rules, these data can be linked together to show where needs are greatest and how services are improving.

- WHO. Health Facility Master List (FML) guideline.
- WHO. Standards-based data quality review (DQR) for routine health data.
- UNICEF/WHO. Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) guidance.
- DHS Program & MICS surveys sampling and geospatial documentation.
- Weiss et al. Global travel-time to cities; global accessibility layers (methods).

10.3) Population, Settlement & Mobility Patterns

Ethiopia's people are unevenly distributed across highlands and lowlands, with growing corridors of towns and cities. Mobility ranges from daily commuting to seasonal pastoral movements and long-distance trade. Understanding these patterns helps anticipate disease risk, size service catchments, plan referral networks, and align investments in roads, health, and education.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . Urban hierarchy (rank-size plot)

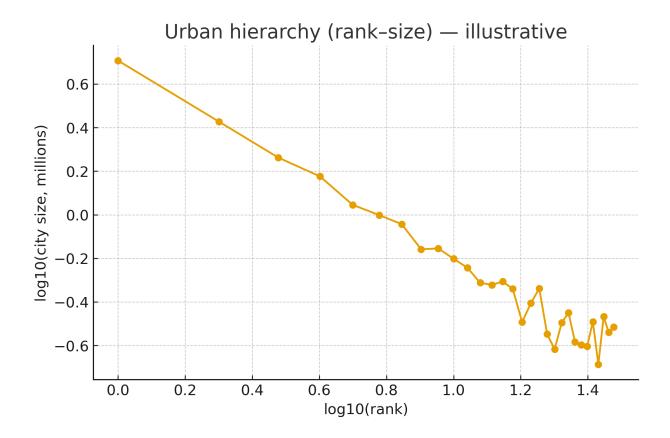


Figure . Commuting time distributions (urban vs rural)

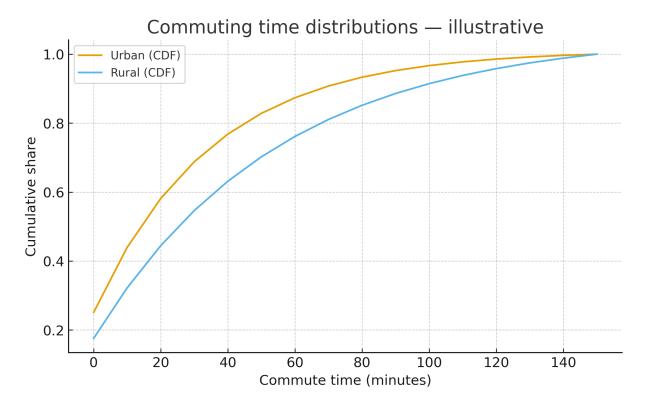


Figure . Seasonal mobility index (monthly)

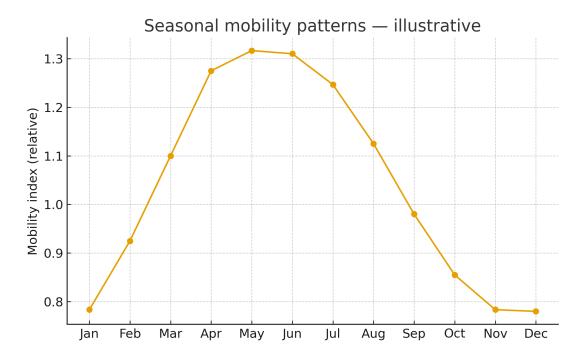


Figure . Accessibility coverage curves (urban vs rural)

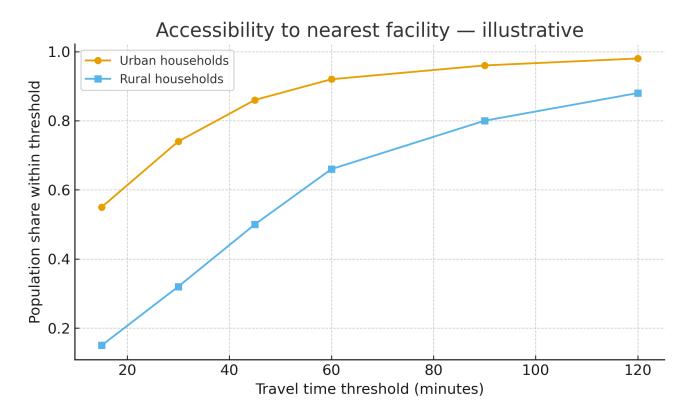


Table 10.3-A. Settlement types & characteristics (Ethiopia)

Settlement type	Typical characteristics in Ethiopia
Metropolitan core (e.g., Addis Ababa)	High density, diversified economy, tertiary services, referral hospitals
Secondary cities (e.g., Adama, Hawassa, Mekelle)	Regional markets, universities, specialized care
Intermediate/Small towns	Basic services, feeder markets, primary care
Rural agrarian highlands	Dispersed villages, road density moderate, seasonal labor moves
Pastoral/agro-pastoral lowlands	Mobile settlements, seasonal wells, market-linked migration

Table 10.3-B. Mobility typology & data sources

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Mobility type		Primary data sources	

Daily commuting	Household travel surveys; mobile positioning data; transit counts
Seasonal/pastoral movement	Key informant mapping; satellite water/vegetation; livestock routes
Education- and care-seeking flows	School catchments; facility registers; referral logs
Trade & freight corridors	Road sensors, weigh stations, customs/border stats
Displacement & returns	DTM/IDP assessments; registration; geofenced shelters

Table 10.3-C. Indicators for population & mobility geography

Indicator	Why it matters
Urbanization share	% population in urban areas (consistent definition)
Rank-size slope	Hierarchy concentration; planning for secondary cities
T30/T60 coverage	% population within 30/60 min of primary/emergency care
School and facility catchments	Population served; equity of access
OD flow centrality	Network hubs and bottlenecks for services & outbreaks

Table 10.3-D. Ethiopia patterns & health implications (examples)

Pattern	Implication for health planning
Highland concentration	Majority of population lives 1500–2500 m; malaria risk lower above ~2000 m
Urban corridors	Addis–Adama–Hawassa and Addis– Ambo corridors concentrate flows
Pastoral routes	Somali/Afar transhumance follows rainfall and pasture patterns
Seasonal peaks	Holiday and harvest periods produce mobility spikes affecting services

Table 10.3-E. Common pitfalls & remedies

Common pitfall	Remedy
Inconsistent urban definition	Adopt stable, documented urban criteria; test sensitivity
Euclidean distances used	Switch to travel time surfaces; validate with field times
Ignoring seasonality	Use monthly data; incorporate RS rainfall/NDVI proxies
Overfitting to one data source	Triangulate surveys, admin, and remotesensing data

Plain-language summary

Most Ethiopians live in the highlands, where the climate is cooler and farms are common. Cities are growing along major roads, and many people travel every day for work or school. In the lowlands, some communities move with their herds depending on the rains. These movements change when and where people need health services. By looking at elevation, city size, travel times, and movement between cities, planners can place clinics and supplies where they will help the most.

- CSA Ethiopia Census & survey urbanization statistics; regional profiles.
- WorldPop/HRSL/GHS-POP Gridded population datasets (methods).
- Weiss et al. Global travel-time to cities; accessibility modeling.
- UN-Habitat & World Bank Ethiopia urbanization diagnostics.
- IOM DTM Mobility tracking methods (for displacement/mobility context).

10.4) Physical Geography, Altitude & Climate Zones

Ethiopia's dramatic relief and climate gradients shape health risks and service access. Traditional altitude belts (Kolla, Weyna Dega, Dega) align with temperature and rainfall patterns that influence vectors, crops, and mobility. This section summarizes key geographies and how programs can use them.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . Population by altitude belt

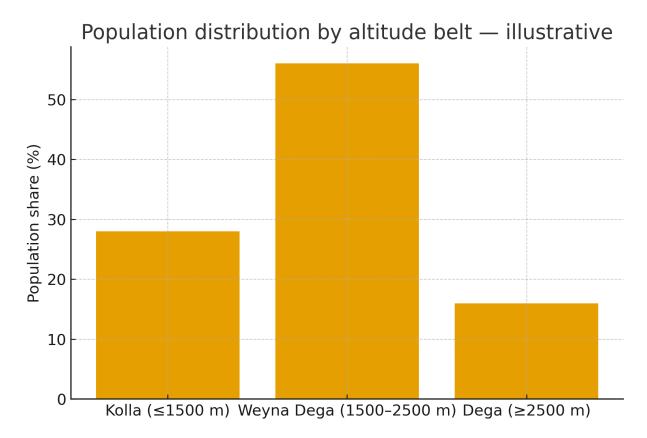


Figure . Temperature vs altitude (lapse rate)

Temperature declines with altitude (standard lapse) — illustrative

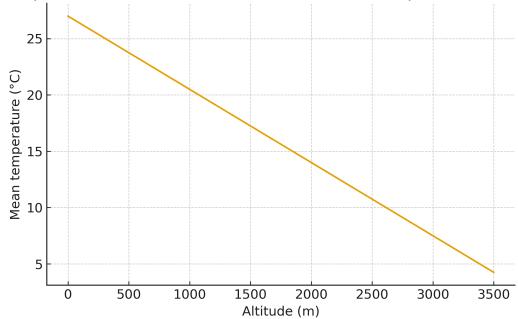


Figure . Malaria suitability vs altitude

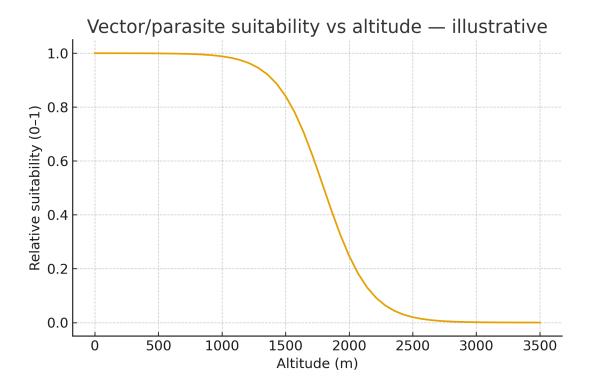


Figure . Rainfall seasonality by eco-zone

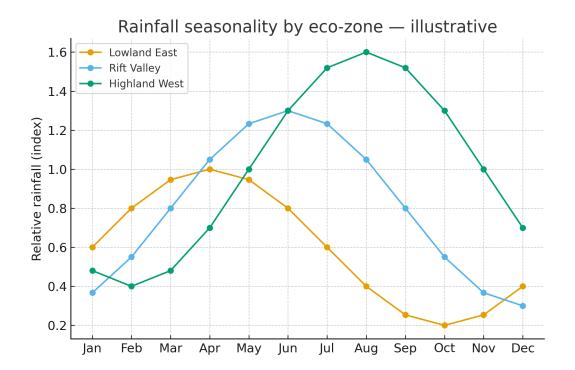


Table 10.4-A. Altitude belts, climate traits & health relevance

Altitude belt	Typical climate & terrain	Selected health relevance in Ethiopia
Kolla (≤1500 m)	Warmer; vector-friendly in many areas; water scarcity pockets	Malaria/arboviruses; heat stress; water-borne disease risk
Weyna Dega (1500– 2500 m)	Temperate; major settlement zone; mixed agriculture	Lower malaria risk but outbreaks possible in fringes; ARI seasonality
Dega (≥2500 m)	Cooler; steep slopes; frost risk	Hypoxia in high passes; lower

	malaria risk; indoor
	air pollution (cold)

Table 10.4-B. Climate variables & common data sources

Variable	Common sources
Temperature (°C)	Reanalysis (ERA5), station data
	(NMA), MODIS LST
Rainfall (mm)	CHIRPS, TAMSAT, station data
Humidity/vapour pressure	ERA5
Vegetation (NDVI/EVI)	MODIS, Sentinel-2
Surface water/wetlands	JRC Global Surface Water,
	Sentinel-1/2
Elevation/slope	SRTM/ALOS DEM
Land cover	Copernicus, ESA CCI

Table 10.4-C. Health pathways linking climate to outcomes

Pathway	Mechanism (simplified)
Vector-borne	Temp & rainfall → vector abundance;
	altitude thresholds for malaria
Water-borne	Flood/dry spells → contamination; storage
	→ Aedes breeding
Respiratory	Cold season → indoor crowding/air
	pollution; dust events → ARI/asthma
Nutrition	Rain/temperature → yields & prices →
	wasting/stunting risk
Heat-related	Extremes → dehydration, CKD, pregnancy
	risks
	wasting/stunting risk Extremes → dehydration, CKD, pregnancy

Table 10.4-D. Program uses in Ethiopia

Program use	Operational decision
Malaria stratification	Exclude high-altitude kebeles from IRS; focus LLIN & surveillance in suitable fringes
Immunization & outreach	Time sessions before heavy rain; adjust cold-chain routes during floods
WASH	Prioritize drought-prone lowlands and flood-prone riverine zones
NTDs	Snail habitat mapping for schisto; soil type for STH
Maternal/Newborn care	Travel-time risk rises in rainy season; plan maternity waiting homes accordingly

Table 10.4-E. Pitfalls & cautions

Pitfall	How to avoid
Altitude as proxy for risk	Use with temperature data; local micro-climates can differ
Static thresholds	Re-check as climate warms; suitability fringes can shift upward
County/zone averages	Mask hot-spots; use high-resolution rasters and local verification
Data gaps	Blend station and satellite products; validate against ground truth

Plain-language summary

Ethiopia has lowlands, middle-altitude lands, and highlands. As you go higher, it gets cooler and some diseases become less common. Rain also changes across the country and through the year. These patterns affect crops, water, mosquitoes, and how easily people can travel. By using altitude, temperature, and rainfall together, health programs can choose the right mix of prevention and care for each place.

- National Meteorology Agency (NMA) Climate normals and station data.
- CHIRPS/TAMSAT Satellite-gauge rainfall products.
- MODIS/ERA5 Land surface temperature and reanalysis.
- WHO & FMOH Ethiopia malaria stratification guidance.
- USGS & ESA DEM and land-cover datasets.

10.5) Environmental Determinants: Land Cover, Hydrology & Soils

Environmental layers help explain when and where disease risks rise and how people reach care. In Ethiopia, land cover, rivers and wetlands, irrigation schemes, and soils interact with climate and settlement to shape malaria, diarrheal disease, NTDs, and access challenges. This section outlines practical variables, pathways, indicators, and pitfalls.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . Land cover shares

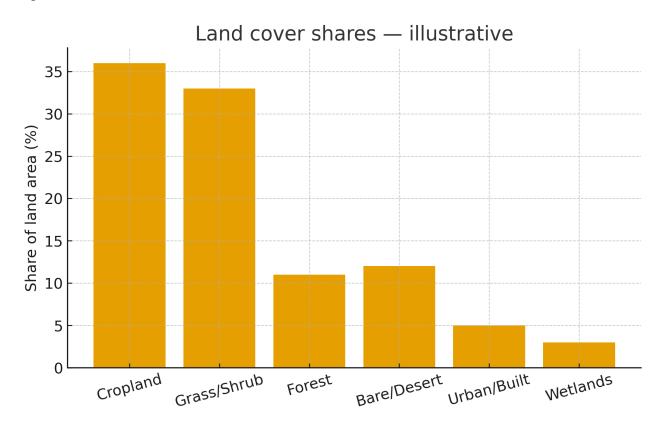


Figure . Seasonal flood exposure by basin

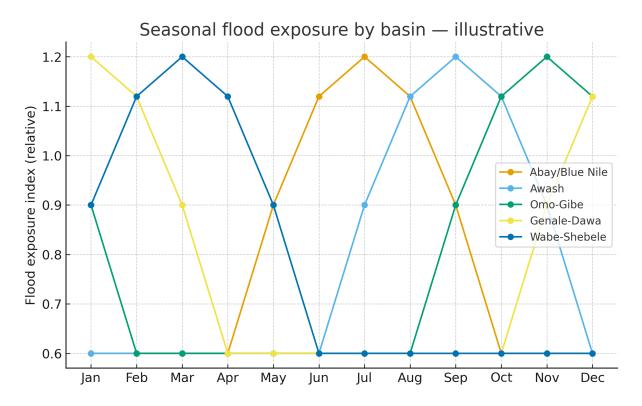


Figure . WASH risk vs proximity to water (urban vs rural)

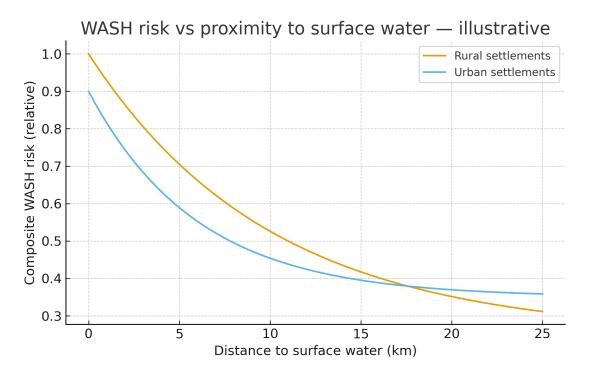


Table 10.5-A. Key environmental variables & sources

Variable	Common sources for Ethiopia
Land cover	Copernicus Global Land Cover, ESA CCI,
	local land-use maps
Surface water & wetlands	JRC Global Surface Water,
	HydroSHEDS, national hydrology
Soils	FAO/ISRIC SoilGrids, Ethiopia soils maps
Elevation & slope	SRTM/ALOS DEM; derivatives for
	slope/roughness
Irrigation & canals	National irrigation datasets; RS irrigated
	extents
Urban extents	HRSL/GHS-BUILT, Sentinel-derived
	built-up
Roads/paths	OSM + official road network;
	tracks/footpaths

Table 10.5-B. Environment \rightarrow health pathways

Environmental feature	Health pathway (simplified)
Standing water	Mosquito breeding → malaria/dengue risk
Soils (clay/Vertisols)	Drainage & latrine stability; schisto snail habitats
Slope/relief	Travel time to care; flood run-off risk
Bare/Desert & drought	Dust/ARI; water scarcity; meningitis dynamics
Urban/built surfaces	Heat islands; drainage; waste-borne vectors
River networks	Cholera & diarrheal outbreaks; flood exposure

Table 10.5-C. Ethiopia program use-cases

Program area	How environmental layers inform action

Malaria & arboviruses	Combine temperature, water, land cover to stratify risk and plan LLIN/IRS & larval control
Schistosomiasis & STH	Map water bodies, soils and schools; target MDA & WASH
Cholera/diarrhea	Overlay rivers/floodplains with sanitation and water points; pre-position supplies
Maternal/newborn access	Include slope and river crossings in travel-time models
Immunization	Plan dry-season outreach in flood-prone kebeles; protect cold chain near hot zones

Table 10.5-D. Indicators for dashboards

Indicator	Interpretation/use
Population ≤2 km water	Flood/water-borne risk vs. water access
% facilities in floodplain	Service continuity risk
Slope-adjusted T30/T60	Accessibility with terrain
Built-up near wetlands (%)	Urban drainage/vector risk
Irrigated area near settlements	Larval habitat potential

Table 10.5-E. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Equating water presence with risk	Consider flow, seasonality, contact
Static maps used year-round	Use seasonal composites; monitor anomalies
Coarse classes	Validate locally; increase resolution for micro-planning
Ignoring behavior	Add mobility & WASH behaviors to environment maps

Plain-language summary

Health is shaped by the land. Farms, forests, deserts, rivers, and slopes all affect which diseases are common and how quickly people can get help. For example, mosquitoes breed in standing water, floods can spread cholera, and steep hills make ambulance travel slow. By combining maps of land cover, water, and soil with data on people and clinics, Ethiopia can target prevention, plan safe routes, and prepare for seasonal risks.

- Copernicus/ESA CCI Land Cover documentation and products.
- JRC Global Surface Water & HydroSHEDS surface water datasets.
- ISRIC SoilGrids & FAO soils soil properties and classes.
- USGS SRTM & ALOS elevation/slope datasets.
- WHO & MoH Ethiopia environmental health and malaria/NTD stratification guidance.

10.6) Climate Variability & Change

Ethiopia experiences strong climate variability across seasons and regions, with long-term warming. Health planners need to monitor anomalies, anticipate risks, and adapt services. The charts below are illustrative placeholders.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . National temperature anomalies

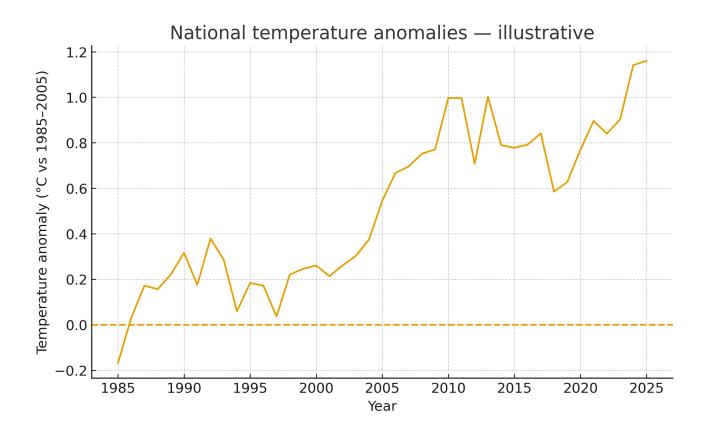


Figure . Rainfall anomalies (% of normal)

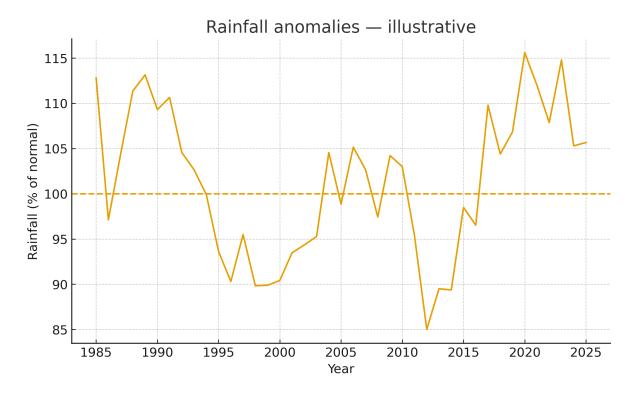


Figure . SPI-12 drought/wetness index

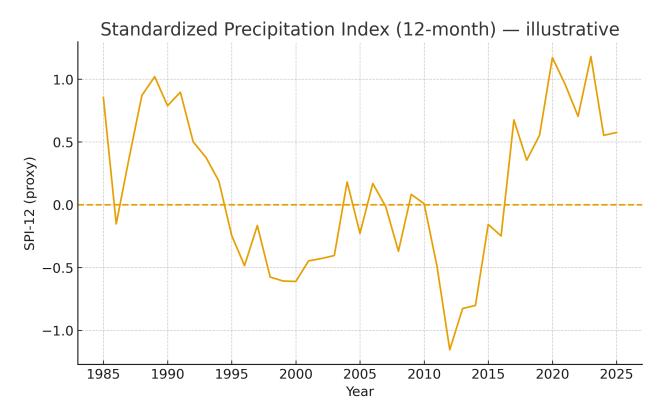


Figure . Annual heatwave days (≥35°C)

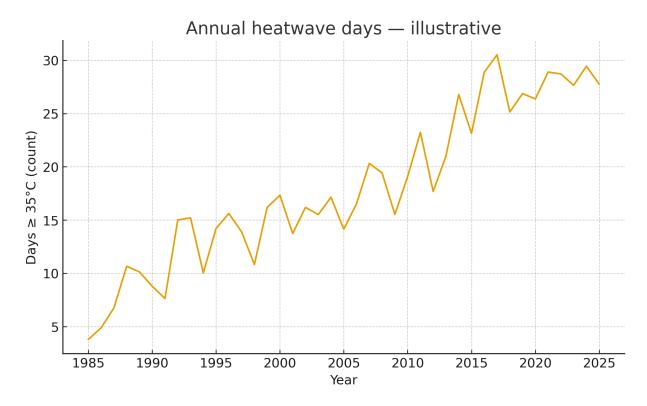


Figure . Flood exposure index

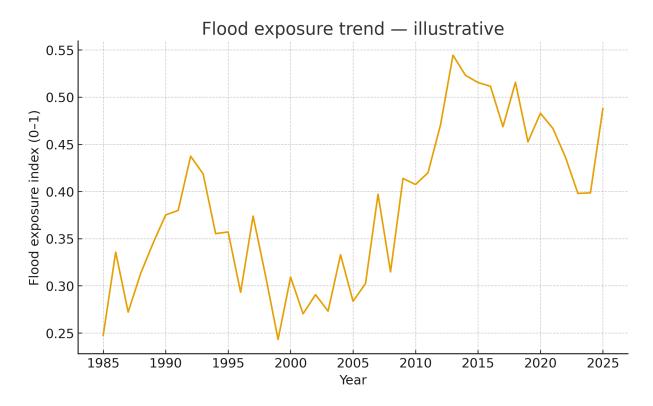


Figure . Malaria suitability range shift

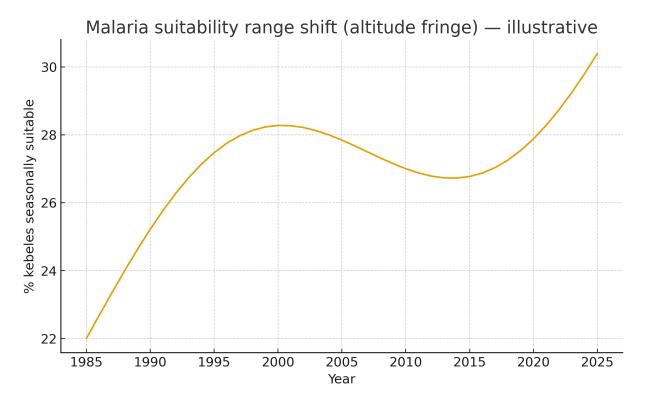


Table 10.6-A. Climate hazards relevant to Ethiopia

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Hazard	Context in Ethiopia
Drought (meteorological/agricultural)	Long dry periods; failed rains
	(Belg/Kiremt)
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Floods & flash floods	Riverine & urban drainage; dam releases
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Heatwaves	Extended hot spells; high nighttime
	temperatures
Vector range shifts	Altitude/temperature enabling
	malaria/arboviruses
Dust & air quality	Dry-season dust; biomass burning; urban
	pollution
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Landslides	Steep slopes + heavy rainfall

Table 10.6-B. Climate \rightarrow health pathways

Outcome	Climate pathway

Undernutrition	Crop failure → food prices → wasting/stunting; water scarcity
Enteric diseases	Floods contaminate water; cholera/diarrhea outbreaks
Vector-borne	Temp/rain/humidity affect vectors & parasites (malaria, dengue)
Heat stress	Dehydration, CKD of unknown etiology; pregnancy risks
Respiratory	Dust & smoke → ARI/asthma; wildfire/charcoal exposures
Injuries & disruption	Flood/landslide injuries; facility and supply-chain outages

Table 10.6-C. Early-warning indicators & sources

Indicator	Use in early warning
Rainfall anomalies (CHIRPS/TAMSAT)	Drought/flood alerts by woreda
NDVI (vegetation index)	Pasture/bio-mass shortfalls for pastoral zones
Temp anomalies (ERA5/MODIS)	Heatwave monitoring & malaria suitability
River levels & soil moisture	Flood forecasts & landslide risk
Market prices & IPC phases	Food security & nutrition early warning
Disease surveillance (IDSR/HMIS)	Spikes in AWD/cholera, malaria, measles

Table 10.6-D. Adaptation & risk-management actions

Action	Health application in Ethiopia
Integrated surveillance	Link climate dashboards with HMIS/IDSR; trigger thresholds
Seasonal micro-planning	Pre-position supplies; schedule outreach before heavy rains
Climate-smart WASH	Protect wells/latrines from floods; chlorination surge plans

Vector control targeting	Altitude/temperature-informed LLIN/IRS timing
Heat-health plans	Cooling/shade, work-rest cycles, maternal guidance
Resilient infrastructure	Elevate clinics in flood zones; all-weather access roads

Table 10.6-E. Metrics for dashboards & MEL

Metric	Interpretation/use
Drought severity (SPI-3/6/12)	Track by woreda/region; link to nutrition admissions
Flood exposure (% pop within floodplain)	Facility & household exposure
Heat days (≥35°C)	Work stoppage guidance; maternal advisories
Malaria suitability (degree-days)	Shifts in fringe kebeles; outbreak risk
Service continuity index	% facilities functional during shocks
Lead time achieved (days)	From alert to action (supplies deployed)

Table 10.6-F. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Using global thresholds blindly	Calibrate to Ethiopian climate/altitude and sector thresholds
Confusing correlation with causation	Triangulate with local data; account for confounders
Ignoring uncertainty	Show bands & scenario ranges; document revisions
Static risk maps	Update with seasons and ENSO/IOD phases
Equity blind spots	Track impacts by wealth, remoteness, and gender

Plain-language summary

Ethiopia's climate has always had dry and wet years, but heat is rising over time. Droughts, floods, and heatwaves affect health by changing food supplies, water safety, and the spread of diseases like malaria. By tracking weather and climate signals and linking them to health data, the country can act earlier—moving supplies, scheduling outreach, and protecting the most exposed families.

- National Meteorology Agency (NMA) climate normals, advisories, and seasonal forecasts.
- CHIRPS/TAMSAT rainfall anomalies; SPI construction guidance.
- ERA5/MODIS temperature anomalies and heat indicators.
- WHO Climate change and health country profiles; heat-health action planning.
- IPCC Africa regional chapters; risk framing and adaptation options.

10.7) WASH, Housing & Built Environment

Water, sanitation, hygiene, housing, and city infrastructure strongly influence health in Ethiopia. This section compiles key indicators, trends, and planning levers. All charts are illustrative placeholders.

Figures (illustrative — replace with official series)

Figure . Basic water & sanitation coverage by residence

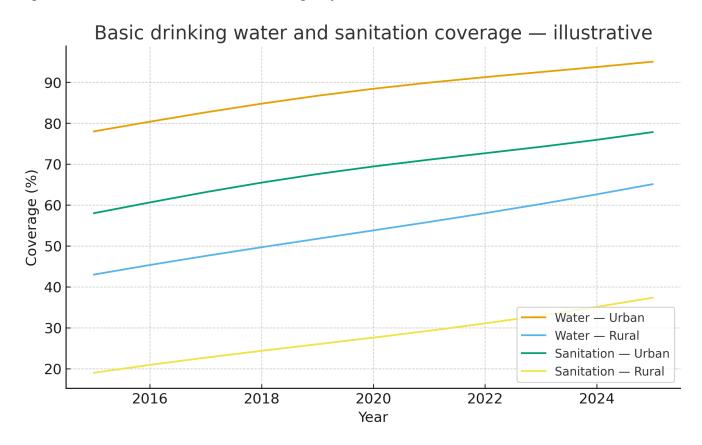


Figure . Handwashing facilities with soap

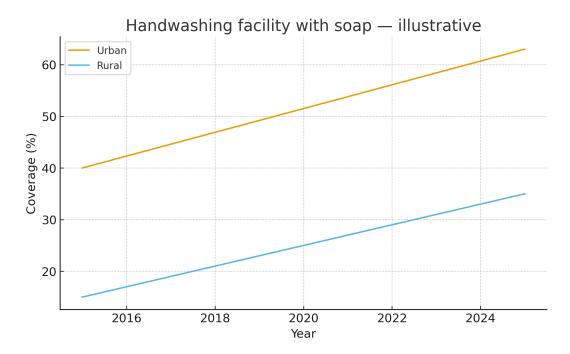


Figure . Housing quality index (urban vs rural)

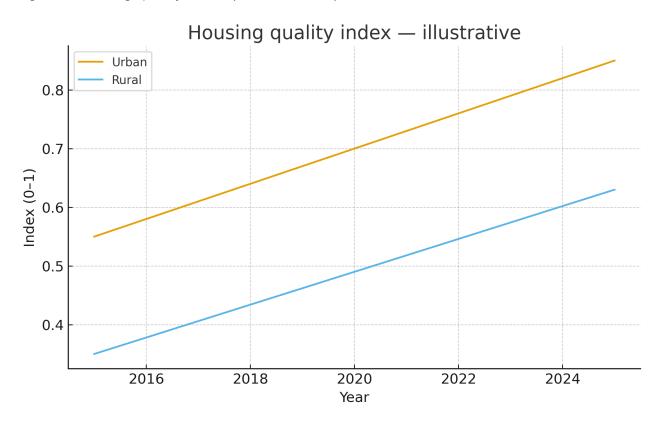


Figure . Ambient PM2.5 exposure (urban vs rural)

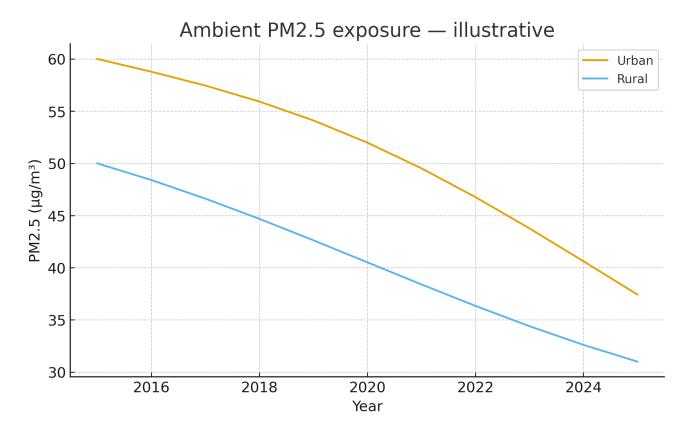


Figure . Urban storm-drainage coverage

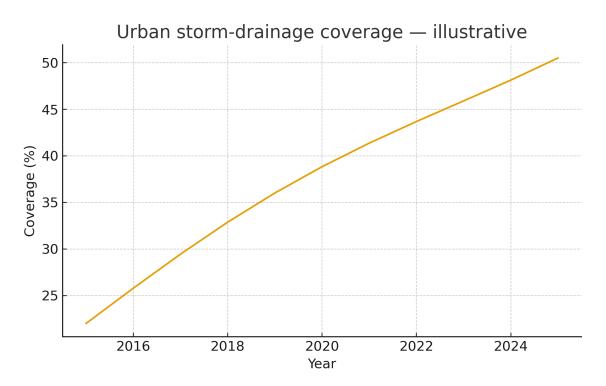


Figure . Informal settlement (slum) share

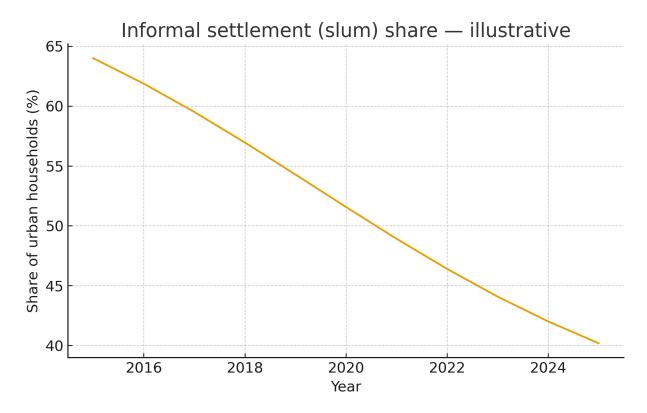


Figure 10.7-7. Distance to solid-waste collection point (urban)

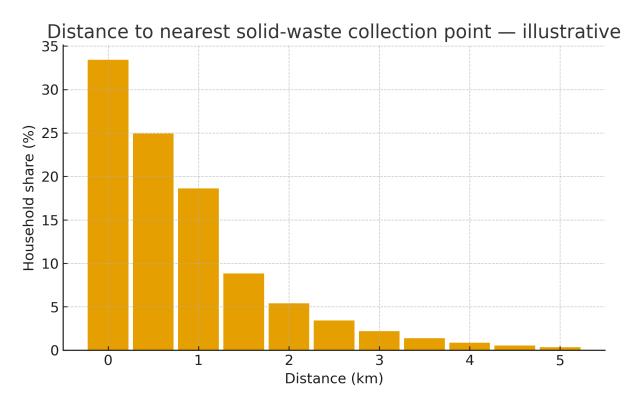


Table 10.7-A. Built environment indicators & sources

Indicator	Notes & data sources (Ethiopia practice)
Basic water (JMP definition)	Safely managed/ basic source; household survey & admin
Basic sanitation (JMP)	Improved facility not shared; survey & admin
Handwashing facility with soap	Observation in surveys; behavior promotion tracking
Housing quality index	Materials, crowding, ventilation, electricity
PM2.5 exposure	Ground monitors + satellite; WHO methods
Storm drainage coverage	Municipal asset data; city surveys
Solid-waste collection access	Distance/time to point; service frequency

Table 10.7-B. Built environment → **health pathways**

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Built environment factor	Health pathway (simplified)
Unsafe water & sanitation	Diarrhea, cholera, typhoid; under-5 morbidity & mortality
Crowding & poor ventilation	Respiratory infections, TB transmission
Household air pollution	Biomass fuels → ARI, COPD; pregnancy risks
Poor drainage & waste	Vector breeding (Aedes/Culex), floods
Heat islands (urban)	Heat stress; cardiovascular risks

Table 10.7-C. Urban-planning levers for health

Lever	Operational hints for Ethiopia
Network expansion	Piped water, sewers, drains; pro-poor connections
On-site sanitation upgrades	Septic/pit upgrades; fecal-sludge management (FSM)

Housing standards	Materials, ventilation, density caps; rental regulation
Clean energy transition	LPG/electric cooking; improved stoves; grid/off-grid
Solid-waste systems	Door-to-door collection; transfer stations; safe disposal
Nature-based solutions	Urban trees/parks; permeable surfaces; wetlands restoration

Table 10.7-D. Dashboard & MEL metrics

Metric	How to use
JMP ladder positions	Distribution by wealth/region over time
Service safely-managed share	Water quality, continuity, point-of-use treatment
FSM coverage	% fecal sludge safely contained/emptied/treated
PM2.5 compliance	% population under WHO guideline thresholds
Flood-risk households	% in 100-year floodplain; mitigation coverage
Slum share	Share of urban households in informal settlements
Access distance to services	% households within 500 m of standpipe, 1 km of collection point

Table 10.7-E. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Counting taps, not service	Measure continuity/quality and affordability
Ignoring informal areas	Include slums/peri-urban; participatory mapping
City averages hide gaps	Disaggregate by woreda/kebele; map hot-spots
Indoor vs outdoor air	Track both PM2.5 and cooking fuels
Static flood maps	Update with drainage works and new development

Plain-language summary

Clean water, safe toilets, handwashing, good houses, and well-planned streets protect health. In Ethiopia's fast-growing towns and cities, some neighborhoods still lack these basics. The maps and charts in this section help leaders see where to extend networks, upgrade sanitation, improve drainage, reduce smoke and dust, and manage flood risks. Small improvements at the neighborhood level can quickly reduce diarrhea, lung disease, and injuries.

- WHO/UNICEF JMP Water, sanitation and hygiene definitions and estimates.
- World Bank & UN-Habitat Urbanization and slum upgrading guidance.
- WHO Air quality guidelines; PM2.5 methods.
- City administrations & MoH Ethiopia WASH and drainage asset data; FSM guidelines.

10.8) Nutrition Geography & Food Security

Nutrition outcomes vary across Ethiopia with climate, markets, culture, and services. This section links spatial determinants to stunting, wasting, and diet diversity, and shows how market access and seasonal greenness relate to prices and admissions (illustrative charts).

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . Under-5 stunting trends (urban vs rural)

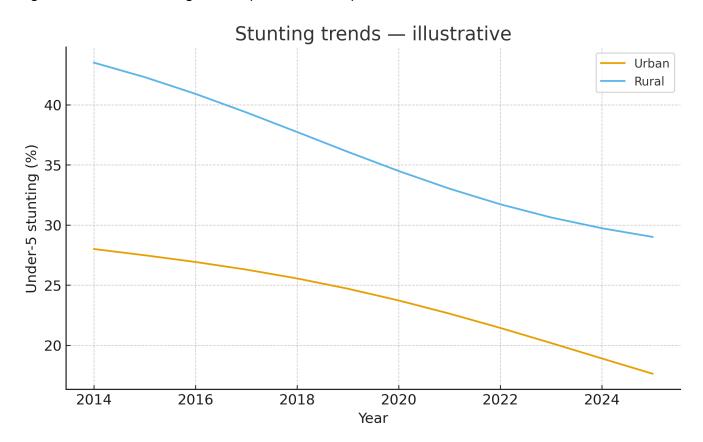


Figure . Under-5 wasting trends (urban vs rural)

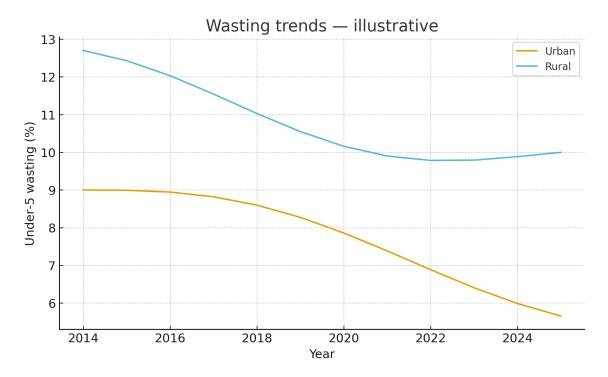


Figure . Minimum dietary diversity (6–23 months)

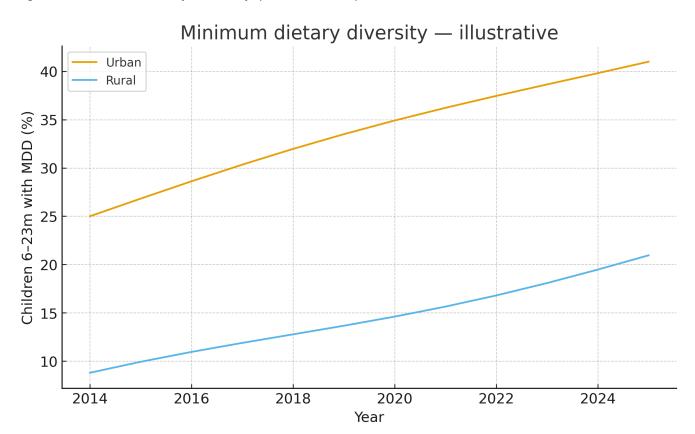


Figure . Staple food basket price index by region

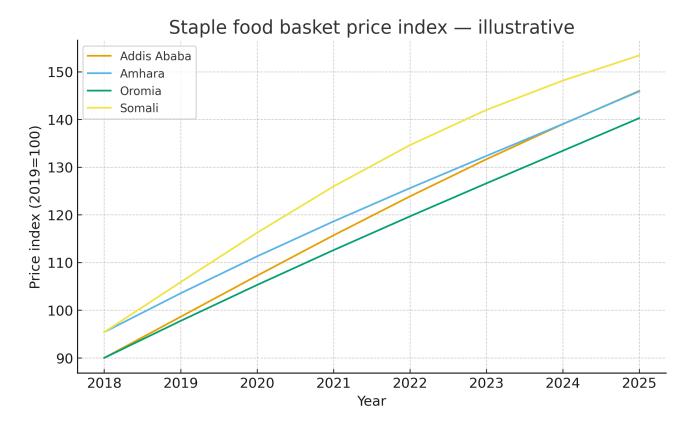


Figure . Seasonal vegetation (NDVI)

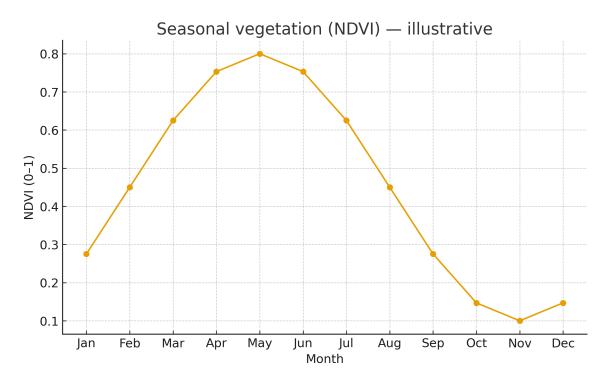


Figure . Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admissions

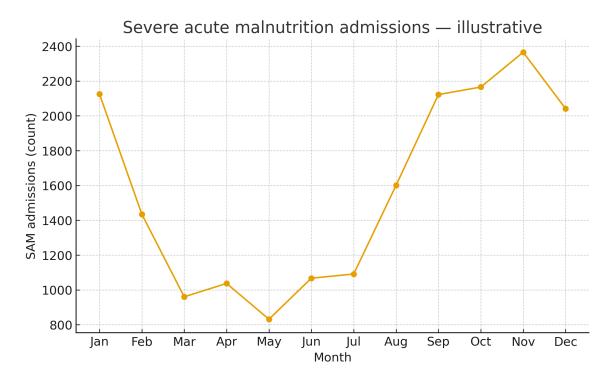


Figure . Market access vs food price volatility

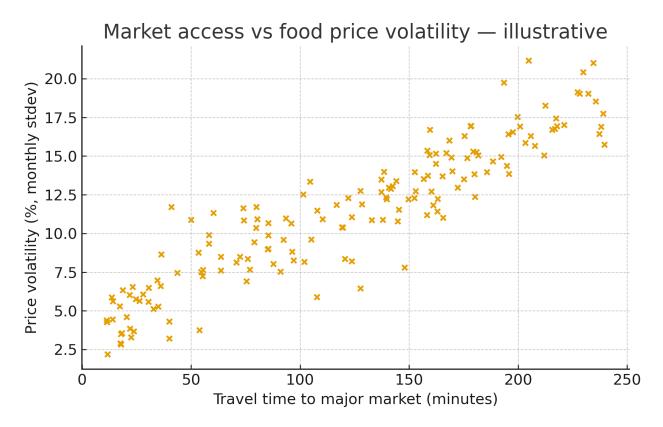


Figure . IPC phase distribution by month

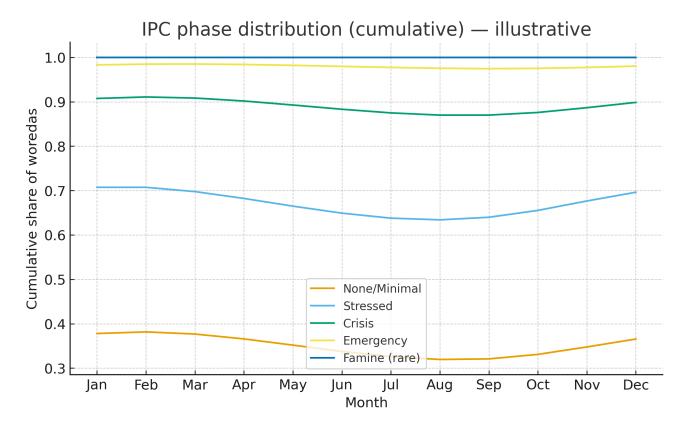


Table 10.8-A. Core indicators & sources

Indicator	Main sources
Stunting / wasting (U5)	DHS/MICS, ENCU nutrition surveys, HMIS (SAM admissions)
MDD (6-23m) & IYCF	DHS/MICS modules; SBCC program data
Food prices & inflation	CSA CPI; WFP market monitor; MoT trade stats
IPC Acute Food Insecurity	FSNWG/FEWS NET/IPC analyses (woreda maps)
NDVI/rainfall anomalies	CHIRPS/TAMSAT/ERA5; MODIS/VIIRS vegetation
Market access/travel time	Roads + terrain + transport speeds; WorldPop/GHS settlements

Table 10.8-B. Nutrition pathways & spatial determinants

Pathway	Spatial determinants / notes
Food availability & access	Production + prices + income; remoteness raises prices/volatility
Care & feeding practices	Maternal education, time, norms; health worker reach
Health environment (WASH)	Safe water/sanitation; disease burden (diarrhea)
Shocks & seasonality	Drought/flood/conflict displace households; lean seasons
Services & supplies	TSFP/OTP sites, stock levels, cold chain for RUTF

Table 10.8-C. Program levers (Ethiopia)

Lever	Operationalization in Ethiopia
Targeted TSFP/OTP expansion	Place sites in high-need kebeles; mobile teams in pastoral zones
Cash/food assistance routing	Use market access & prices to set transfer values; pick pay-points
SBCC & IYCF counseling	Prioritize low-MDD, high-stunting areas; link to women's groups
WASH upgrades	Pair with nutrition hotspots; protect water in cholera-prone rivers
Shock-responsive safety nets	Trigger by rainfall/NDVI/price thresholds; pre-position RUSF/RUTF

Table 10.8-D. Dashboard & MEL metrics

Metric	How to use
U5 stunting & wasting	Trends by region, residence, wealth; map hotspots
MDD & diet diversity gap	% children meeting MDD; poorest vs richest gap
Price index & volatility	By region and market; alerts for spikes

NDVI/rainfall anomalies	Link to admissions and IPC phase changes
Coverage of nutrition services	% children reached; stock-out rates; outreach sessions

Table 10.8-E. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Using price levels only	Track volatility and lean-season spikes;
	triangulate with NDVI
Assuming uniform diets	Diversity differs by culture/market; target
	SBCC accordingly
Single-source bias	Blend DHS/MICS, ENCU, HMIS, markets, and RS data
Masking pastoralist dynamics	Use mobile/outreach data; adapt
	indicators to mobility
Privacy & stigma risks	Aggregate to safe levels; protect
	household IDs

Plain-language summary

Children's growth depends on food, care, and a healthy environment. In Ethiopia, some places face higher food prices or repeated droughts, while others have better roads and markets. By tracking diets, prices, rainfall, and clinic admissions together, leaders can send help to the right places at the right time—before children become severely malnourished.

- CSA Ethiopia CPI and price bulletins; food basket methods.
- ENCU/UNICEF Nutrition surveys and SAM admissions guidance.
- DHS Program & MICS Nutrition and IYCF indicators; geospatial documentation.
- FEWS NET / IPC Food security analyses and classifications.
- CHIRPS/TAMSAT & MODIS/VIIRS Rainfall and vegetation indices; methods.

10.9) Infectious Disease Ecology (National Overview)

This overview summarizes Ethiopia's infectious-disease patterns through a spatial lens: long-term trends, seasonality, regional contrasts, vector suitability, intervention coverage, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Charts are illustrative placeholders.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . Major infectious disease trends

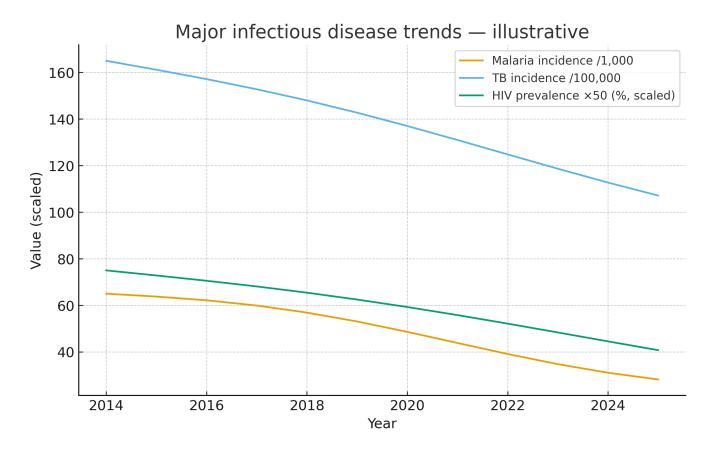


Figure . Measles reported cases

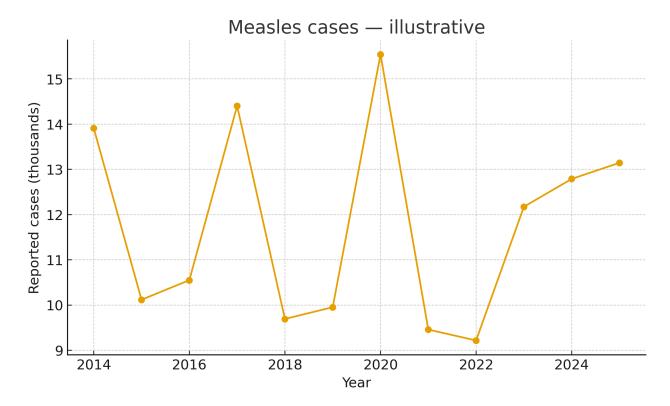


Figure . Malaria seasonality (monthly index)

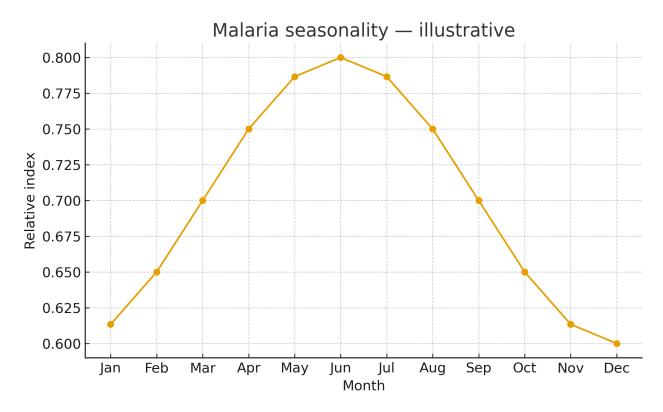


Figure . Vector suitability vs temperature (conceptual)

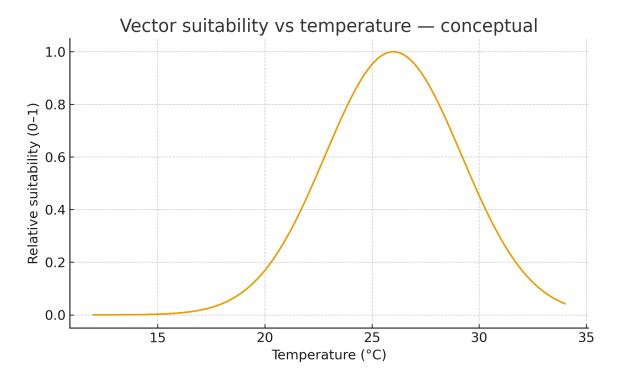


Figure . Regional composite risk (heatmap)

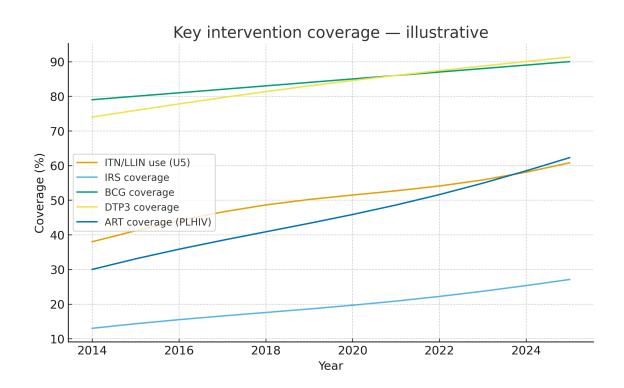


Figure . Antimicrobial resistance proxy trend

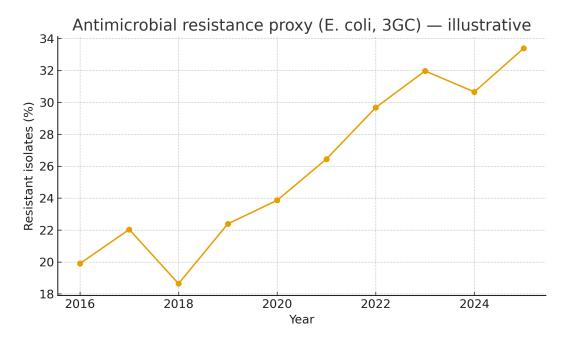


Table 10.9-A. Priority pathogens/conditions (Ethiopia context)

Pathogen/condition	Ethiopia context (spatial highlights)
Malaria (P. falciparum/vivax)	Highlands fringe outbreaks; vector suitability by altitude/temperature
Measles	Outbreaks linked to immunity gaps; urban/rural pockets
TB (incl. MDR)	Rural access & urban crowding dynamics; HIV co-infection
Cholera/AWD	Riverine/flood-prone and urban drainage hot-spots
Schisto & STH	Water/soil-linked; school-age MDA focus
Dengue/arboviruses	Emerging in lowlands/urban Aedes habitats
HIV	Declining prevalence; key populations require tailored outreach

Table 10.9-B. Data sources and spatial notes

Source	Spatial notes

IDSR/HMIS (weekly/monthly)	Facility reports; ensure stable denominators & catchments
Lab networks (EQA)	PCR/RDT/ELISA; AMR surveillance (GLASS)
DHS/MICS serology modules	HIV, hepatitis, measles serosurveys if available
Vector/entomology data	Larval/adult surveys; insecticide resistance maps
WASH/urban services	Drainage, water systems; floodplain overlays
Mobility/displacement	IOM DTM; road/market networks affecting spread

Table 10.9-C. Indicators for dashboards

Indicator	Why it matters
Incidence rate (by woreda)	Cases per population; standardized by age where possible
Test positivity rate (TPR)	Outbreak detection & residual transmission
Intervention coverage	ITN/IRS, vaccination, ART
Case fatality ratio (CFR)	Severity & access; watch for spikes
Time to care (T60)	Access proxy; links to outcomes
Resistance markers	Insecticide & antibiotic resistance trends

Table 10.9-D. Program stratification & actions

Program	Spatial actions in Ethiopia
Malaria	Stratify by incidence/suitability; focal IRS/LLIN; surveillance in high-risk fringes
Measles	Close immunity gaps; SIAs in clusters; zero-dose mapping
ТВ	Active case finding in urban hot-spots; community screening in remote areas

Cholera/AWD	Chlorination & WASH surge in
	flood-prone woredas; OCV as needed
NTDs	MDA in endemic schools; WASH
	co-interventions
HIV	Target key populations; linkage to ART; prevention commodities

Table 10.9-E. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Surveillance artefacts mistaken for risk	Check testing rates, reporting completeness, and catchments
Single-disease silos	Use integrated dashboards; co-target where risks overlap
Ignoring seasonality	Plan campaigns before peaks; pre-position supplies
Over-mapping sensitive data	Aggregate; apply disclosure control; protect key populations

Plain-language summary

Germs spread differently in different places and seasons. In Ethiopia, malaria rises after the rains, measles outbreaks happen when too few children are vaccinated, TB spreads faster in crowded areas, and cholera appears where water is unsafe. Maps and trends help leaders act sooner—by focusing bed nets and spraying where malaria still spreads, closing vaccine gaps, improving water and sanitation, and making sure people with HIV and TB get quick treatment. Watching for drug resistance is also important so medicines keep working.

- FMOH Ethiopia & EPHI IDSR/HMIS guidelines and bulletins.
- WHO Global TB, Malaria, HIV, and AMR (GLASS) surveillance reports.
- DHS Program & MICS Vaccination and disease-related indicators.
- UNICEF/WHO Measles and immunization resources.
- Peer-reviewed literature malaria altitude/temperature relationships; measles clustering; AMR trends.

10.10) Noncommunicable Diseases & Environmental Exposures

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancers are rising in Ethiopia while infectious threats persist. Environmental exposures—ambient and household air pollution, heat, road safety, and the food and built environment—vary by place and shape risk. This section assembles key trends, indicators, and policy levers. Charts are illustrative placeholders).

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . NCD prevalence trends (HTN & diabetes)

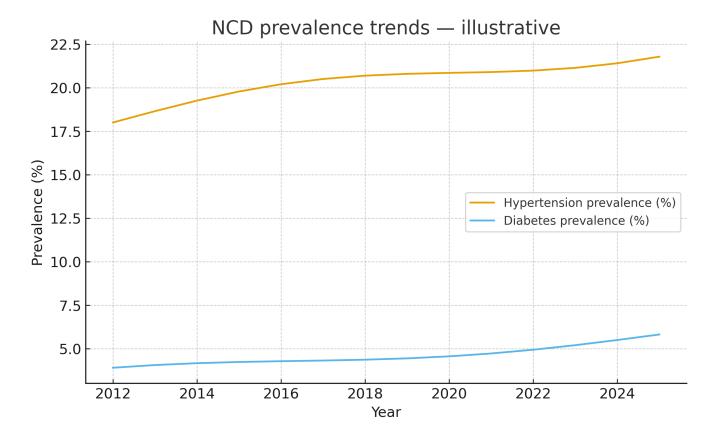


Figure . Treatment & control coverage

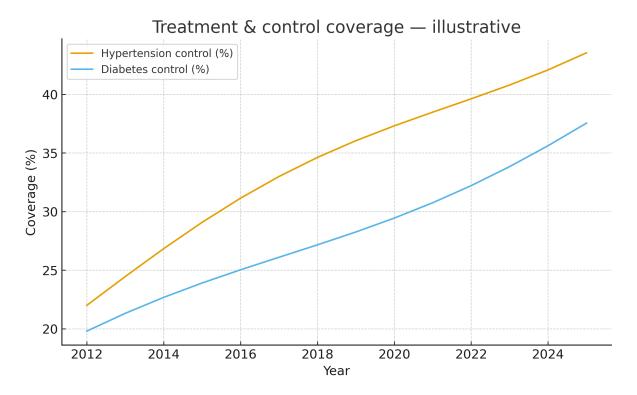


Figure . BMI distribution tails (underweight vs overweight/obese)

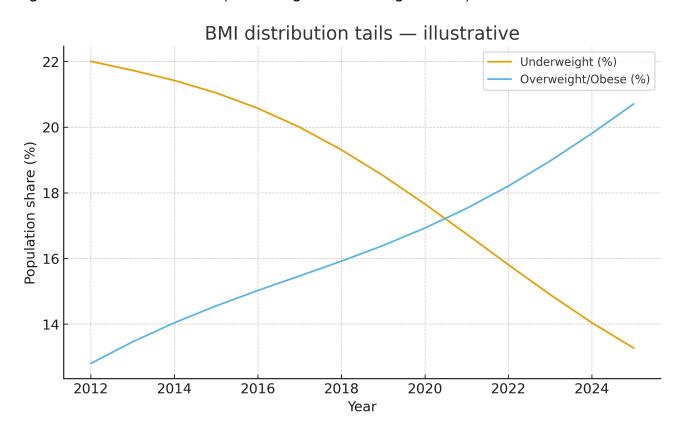


Figure . Ambient PM2.5 exposure (urban vs rural)

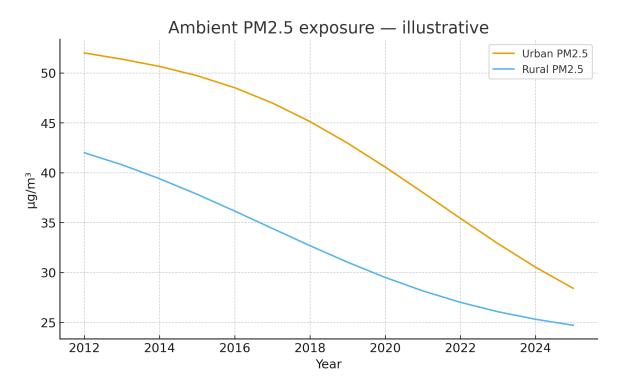


Figure . Household air pollution exposure (solid fuel use)

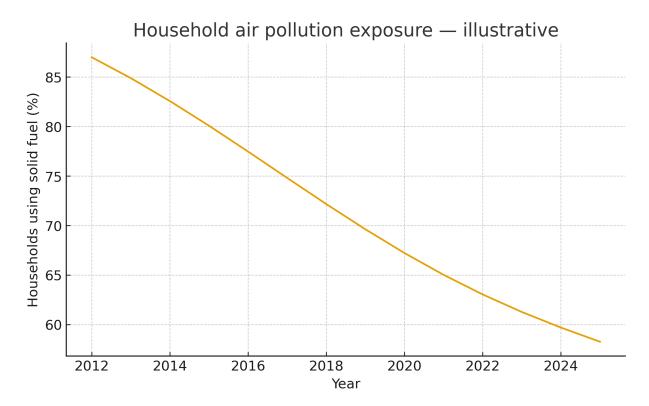


Figure . Heat-mortality relationship (conceptual)

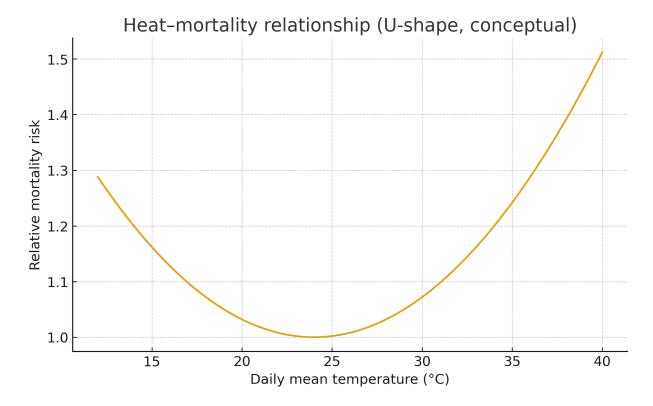


Figure . Physical inactivity (urban vs rural)

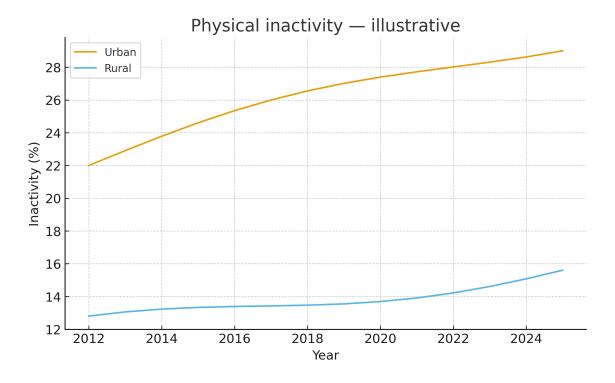


Figure . Road traffic injury mortality



Figure . Cancer incidence (aggregate proxy)

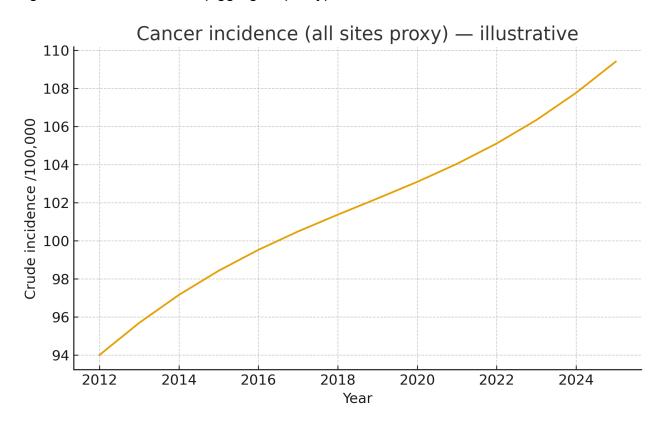


Figure . Market access & healthy diet potential

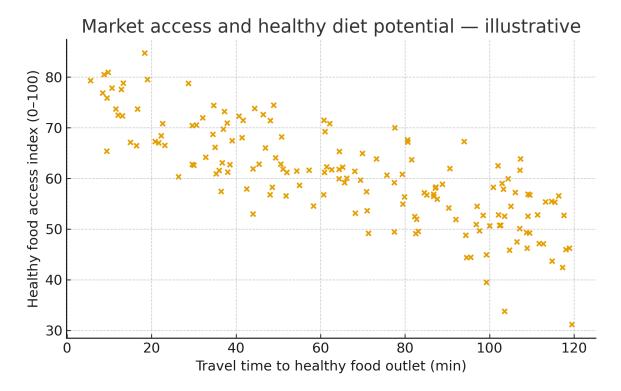


Table 10.10-A. NCD risk factors & spatial determinants

Risk factor	Spatial determinants / Ethiopia notes
Air pollution (PM2.5, HAP)	Higher in cities (traffic/industry) and biomass-using households; top CVD/COPD driver
Diet (salt, fats, fruit/veg)	Market access, prices, culture; food deserts in peri-urban areas
Physical inactivity	Urban design, safety, transport options; heat discourages activity
Alcohol & tobacco	Outlet density, enforcement; border smuggling corridors
Heat & climate	Heatwaves raise cardio-respiratory mortality; night heat matters
Built environment	Sidewalks, parks, stairs; housing quality & ventilation

Healthcare access	Proximity to BP/diabetes screening and
	meds; continuity of care

Table 10.10-B. Data sources for NCDs & exposures

Source	Notes for Ethiopia
STEPS survey	BP, glucose, BMI, behaviors; periodic
DHS/MICS (adult modules)	Anthropometry, tobacco/alcohol, cooking fuel
HMIS & facility EMR	Hypertension/diabetes visits, control rates, NCD clinics
Air quality	Ground monitors, satellite PM2.5, household stove/fuel surveys
Injury data	Police/traffic & hospital injury records; GIS of crash hot-spots
Cancer registry	Population-based or hospital-based incidence where available

Table 10.10-C. Indicators for dashboards & MEL

Indicator	Definition / use
Hypertension control (%)	Of adults with HTN: controlled BP <140/90
Diabetes control (HbA1c<8%)	Among treated diabetics
Population-weighted PM2.5 (μg/m³)	By woreda/city; WHO guideline compliance
Solid fuel use (%)	HAP proxy; monitor clean-cooking transition
Inactivity (%)	Adults meeting PA guidelines
RTI deaths (/100k)	Transport safety; speed & helmet/seatbelt enforcement
Cancer screening coverage	Cervical VIA/HPV; breast clinical exam; others as feasible

Table 10.10-D. Priority actions & policy levers

Action	Notes for Ethiopia
Primary care NCD package	Task-sharing for BP/diabetes; fixed-dose meds; registers & follow-up
Clean cooking & fuels	Subsidies/credit; LPG/electric; improved stoves as transition
Air quality management	Vehicle inspection, low-sulfur fuels, brick/industry controls
Active cities	Sidewalks, cycling lanes, shade trees; school-to-park networks
Healthy food environments	Markets, cold chains, salt-reduction policies, labelling
Road safety	Speed calming, helmets/seatbelts, safe crossings, trauma care
Heat-health plans	Early warning, cooling centers, work-rest cycles

Table 10.10-E. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Clinic-based data bias	Complement with surveys; account for access gaps
One-size-fits-all targets	Tailor to urban vs rural vs pastoral contexts
Ignoring co-morbidities	Integrate CVD, diabetes, COPD, depression screening
Privacy of health data	Aggregate; protect identifiers; ethical approvals
Short-term pilots	Plan for scale, supply chains, financing, maintenance

Plain-language summary

Diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, and some cancers are becoming more common as towns grow and lifestyles change. Dirty air—from traffic or cooking smoke—heat waves, unsafe roads, and hard-to-reach healthy foods also harm health. By checking blood pressure and sugar in clinics, improving fuels and transport, and designing walkable neighborhoods, Ethiopia can prevent many NCD deaths and keep people healthier for longer.

- WHO STEPS NCD risk factor surveillance methods.
- WHO Air Quality Guidelines & Global Health Estimates for PM2.5/HAP.
- Global Burden of Disease (GBD) NCD risk factors and causes.
- FMOH Ethiopia NCD/HP strategic plans; facility NCD registers/guidelines.
- World Bank/UN-Habitat Urban planning for healthy cities; road safety frameworks.

10.11) Biodiversity, Protected Areas & Human Pressure

Ethiopia's exceptional biodiversity—from afro-alpine endemics to lowland savannas—faces rising pressure from settlement growth, roads, and land-use change. This section links conservation indicators to health via One Health pathways and human—wildlife interfaces. Charts are illustrative placeholders.

Figures (illustrative)

Figure . Protected area coverage over time

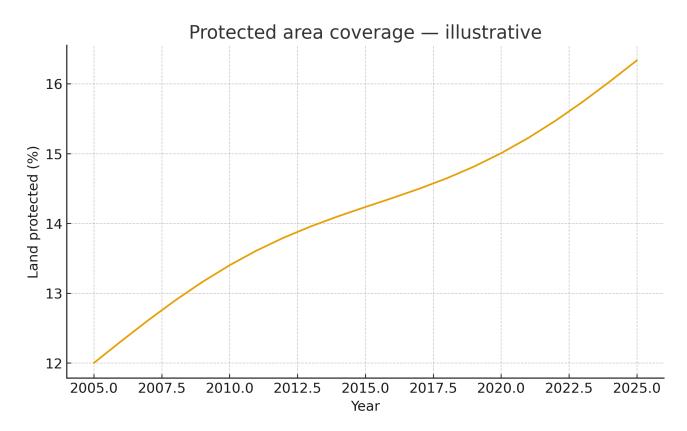


Figure . Human footprint index trend

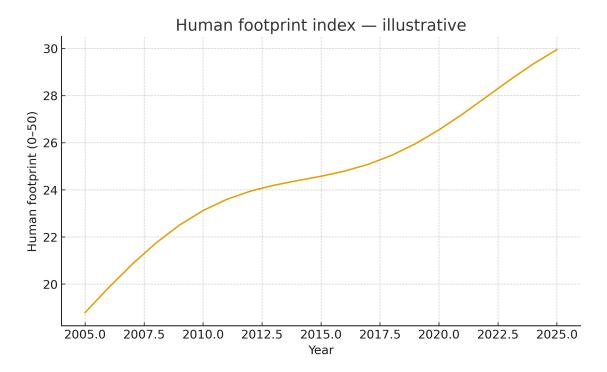


Figure . Forest cover (million ha)

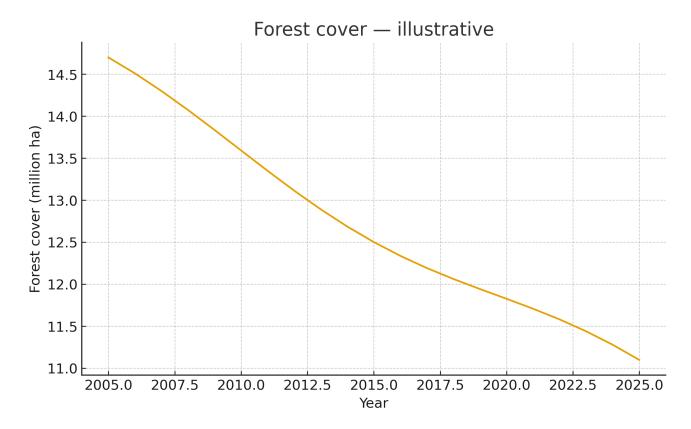


Figure . Species richness vs fragmentation

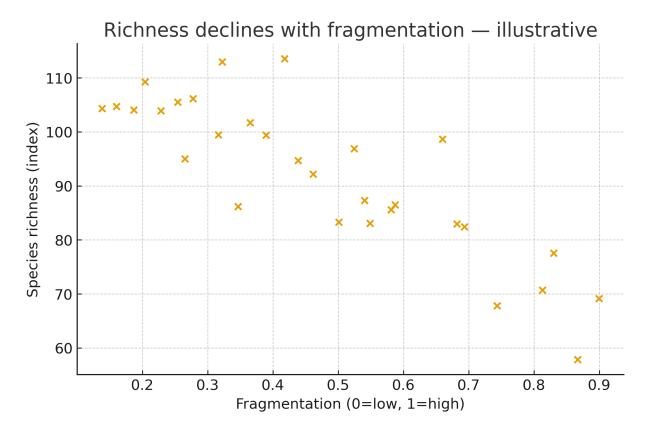


Figure . Population living near PAs (≤5 km)

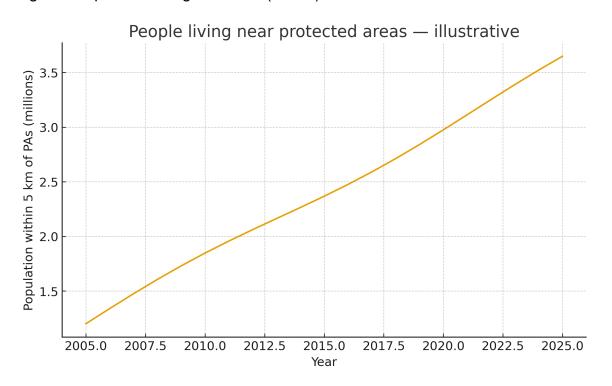


Figure . Zoonotic spillover risk proxy

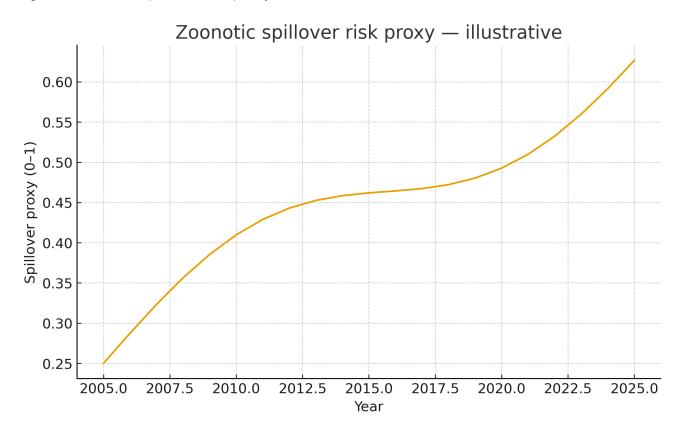


Table 10.11-A. Protected area categories & governance (Ethiopia)

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Category	Governance & purpose in Ethiopia
National Park	Federal or regional authority; biodiversity conservation & tourism
Wildlife Sanctuary/Reserve	Species protection; limited use zones
Community Conserved Area	Local governance; co-benefits & revenue sharing
Biosphere Reserve	Zonation (core, buffer, transition); UNESCO model
Forest Priority Area	Watershed & habitat protection; controlled use

Table 10.11-B. One Health pathways linking biodiversity & health

Pathway	Implications for public health
Ecosystem services	Water regulation; pollination; heat mitigation
Zoonotic interfaces	Wildlife-livestock-human contact at edges & markets
Vector habitats	Deforestation & irrigation shift vector ecology (malaria, RVF)
Nutrition & livelihoods	Bushmeat risks; fisheries; non-timber forest products
Mental & cultural health	Access to nature; cultural sites

Table 10.11-C. Indicators for dashboards

Indicator	Why it matters
PA coverage (%) & representativeness	% land protected; biomes represented
Forest loss (km²/yr) & fire counts	Hotspots for action; restoration targeting
HFI trend near PAs	Encroachment pressure; buffer management
Buffer population (≤5/10 km)	Human–wildlife interface; conflict risk
Connectivity index	Corridors intact vs blocked; species movement
Spillover proxy index	Wildlife density × HFI × livestock density

Table 10.11-D. Program options, co-benefits & trade-offs

Intervention	Co-benefits & trade-offs
Co-manage buffers	Reduce illegal use; jobs via eco-tourism; potential grazing trade-offs
Restoration (riparian/forest)	Water quality & flood reduction; land use conflicts possible
Integrated vector management	Target irrigation edges; avoid harm to non-targets

Alternative livelihoods	Reduce pressure on wildlife; requires market access
Health posts around PAs	Reduce conflict injuries; surveillance for zoonoses

Table 10.11-E. Data sources (Ethiopia & global)

Theme	Typical sources
Protected areas	WDPA/UNEP-WCMC; national PA agency datasets
Forest change & fires	Global Forest Watch; MODIS/VIIRS fire alerts
Human footprint & built-up	GHS, HRSL, roads; human footprint indices
Species/richness	IUCN ranges; eBird/GBIF occurrence data
Livestock density	FAO Gridded Livestock; national livestock census
Hydrology	HydroSHEDS; national river/basin datasets

Table 10.11-F. Pitfalls & safeguards

Pitfall	Safeguard
Counting % protected only	Assess representativeness, connectivity, management quality
Ignoring equity	Ensure communities benefit; FPIC for restrictions
Static buffers	Update with settlement growth and new roads
Attributing causation	Triangulate environmental change with enforcement & markets
Sensitive species data	Generalize/blur locations to prevent harm

Plain-language summary

Nature protects health. Forests keep water clean, trees cool cities, and animals and people share the same land and diseases. In Ethiopia, more people now live near protected areas, and some forests are shrinking. Planning with communities can protect wildlife and reduce problems like flooding, heat, and the spread of new diseases. Good maps and fair rules help everyone benefit while keeping nature alive for the future.

- UNEP-WCMC/WDPA Protected areas database and guidance.
- Global Forest Watch (GFW) Forest loss and fire alerts.
- Human Footprint / Global Human Modification datasets methods and uses.
- IUCN Red List & range maps; GBIF/eBird occurrence data.
- FAO Gridded Livestock; national livestock census for interface metrics.
- One Health frameworks WHO/FAO/WOAH guidance.

10.12) Integrated Planning: Trade-offs, Co-benefits & Just Transitions

Integrated planning aligns health, climate, transport, energy and environment goals. In Ethiopia, the aim is to expand access to quality care, cut air pollution, manage climate risks, and support livelihoods. This section offers a practical frame—trade-off frontiers, co-benefit scoring, equity lenses and just-transition safeguards. Charts are illustrative placeholders and should be replaced with official series before publication.

Figures (illustrative — replace with official series)

Figure . Trade-off frontier: access vs emissions

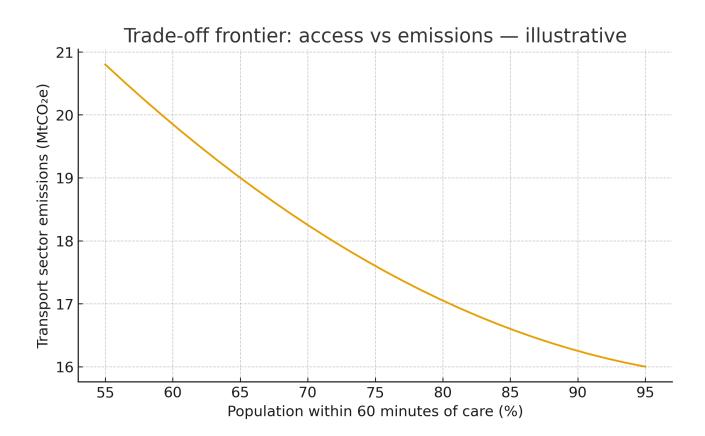


Figure 1. Co-benefits profile — example 1

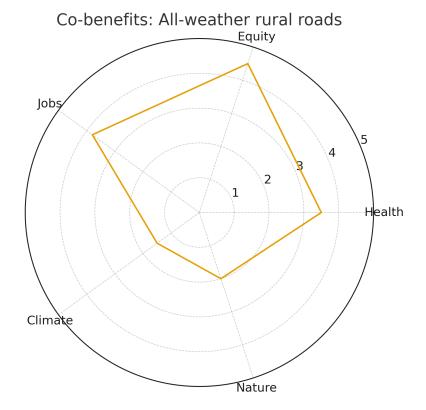


Figure . Co-benefits profile — example 2

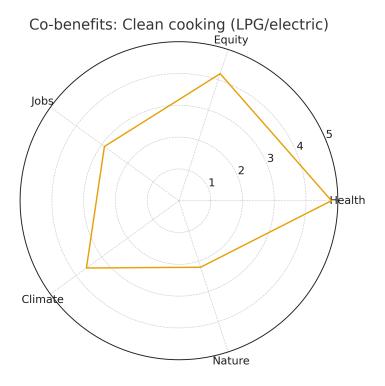


Figure . Co-benefits profile — example 3

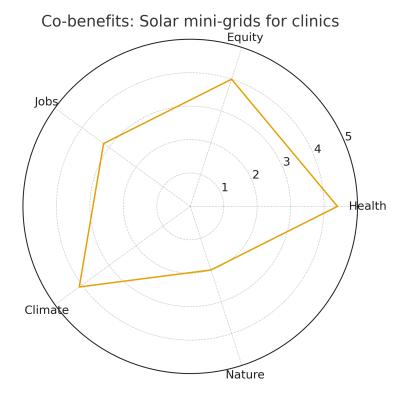


Figure . Co-benefits profile — example 4

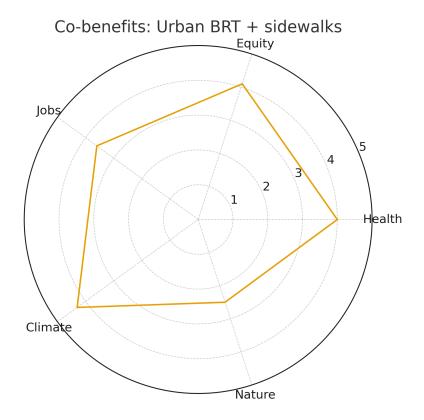


Figure . 2030 outcomes under alternative strategies

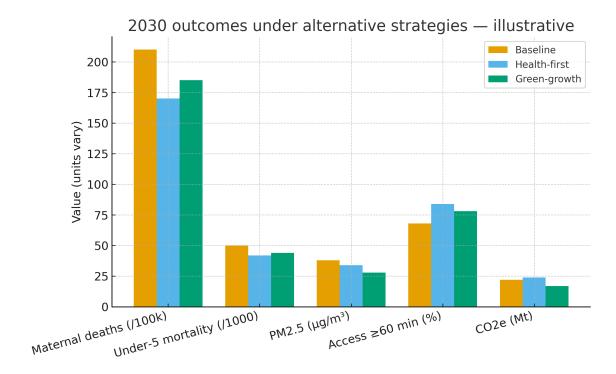


Figure 10.12-9. High-level roadmap (Gantt-like)

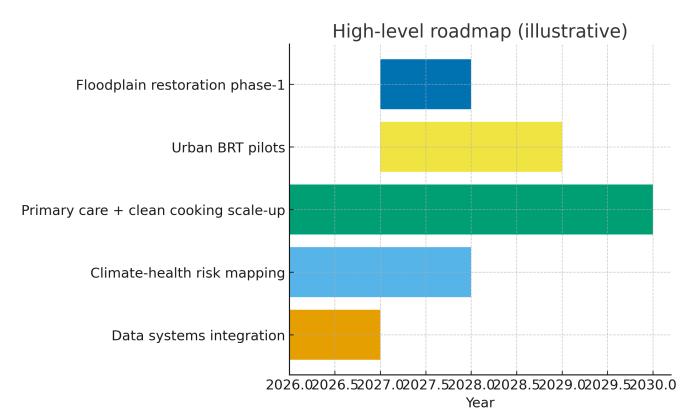


Table 10.12-A. Integrated indicators for planning dashboards

Indicator	Notes / how to use in Ethiopia
Access to care (T60/T120)	% pop within 60/120 minutes of emergency care; equity gaps
Service quality & continuity	Readiness index; % facilities functional in shocks
Air quality (PM2.5)	Population-weighted exposure; exceedance days
Clean cooking transition	% households with clean primary fuel; affordability
Transport emissions	MtCO₂e from on-road; per-capita trend
Nature & risk	Floodplain population; deforestation; heat island index

Table 10.12-B. Decision matrix — co-benefits & risks (0–5)

Intervention	Health	Equity	Jobs	Climate	Nature
All-weather rural roads	3.5	4.5	3.8	1.5	2.0
Clean cooking (LPG/electric)	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.6	2.2
Solar mini-grids for clinics	4.4	4.0	3.2	4.1	2.0
Urban BRT + sidewalks	4.0	4.1	3.6	4.3	2.5
Floodplain restoration	3.3	3.8	3.1	3.5	4.6
Malaria IVM at irrigation edges	3.9	3.7	3.0	2.8	3.4

Table 10.12-C. Just transition safeguards

Safeguard	Operationalization in Ethiopia
Livelihood mapping	Identify workers/households affected by
	fuel and transport shifts
Cash + retraining	Temporary income support and skills
	programs in affected regions
Tariff & subsidy design	Lifeline tariffs for the poor; avoid
	regressive taxes
Community participation	FPIC and grievance redress; include
	women & youth
Geo-targeting	Direct benefits to high-risk regions
	(transition index)

Table 10.12-D. MEL framework

Metric	Measurement & cadence
Outcome: saved time to care	Baseline T60; quarterly updates; mixed-methods validation
Outcome: reduced PM2.5	Ground monitors + satellite; annual audit
Equity: quintile gain	Poorest vs richest service gain; disaggregate by gender/region
Resilience: continuity	% facilities functional during flood/heat events
Climate: emissions	Transport CO₂e per capita; progress vs NDC targets

Table 10.12-E. Pitfalls & safeguards

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Pitfall	Safeguard
Shiny but inequitable projects	Use equity-weighted cost-benefit and participation
Silo budgets	Braided financing across health, transport, energy, environment
Short pilots, no scale plan	Plan O&M and procurement; build local capacity

Static risk maps	Update with new roads, climate anomalies, displacement
Data privacy	Aggregate outcomes; protect household and facility identifiers

Plain-language summary

Good plans solve more than one problem at a time. Ethiopia can choose actions that improve health, protect nature, and create jobs—like clean cooking, better roads to clinics, floodplain restoration, and safer city transport. By checking who benefits most (especially poorer families) and helping workers during change, the country can move toward a fair, healthy, low-carbon future.

- WHO Health in All Policies (HiAP) and air-pollution health co-benefits.
- World Bank & AfDB Just transition and climate-resilient development guidance.
- IPCC & UNEP Mitigation/adaptation co-benefits; integrated assessment framing.
- Government of Ethiopia NDCs, Health Sector Transformation Plans, and transport/energy strategies.

In one page

Health is shaped by where people live. In Ethiopia, rains, heat, altitude and roads all change disease risks and access to care. Malaria rises after the rains and mostly at lower elevations; measles flares where vaccination is low; and diarrhea increases where water and sanitation are poor. NCDs like high blood pressure and diabetes are growing in cities, where traffic and industry raise air pollution, while many rural families still breathe smoke from cooking with wood or charcoal. Good maps help leaders act faster—putting bed nets and spraying where malaria persists, filling vaccine gaps, improving roads to clinics, protecting forests and rivers, and planning cleaner energy. This chapter offers ready-to-use indicators and tools for fair, practical decisions.

Core indicators at a glance

- Access to care: % of people within 60/120 minutes of emergency care (T60/T120), and equity gap by wealth quintile and gender.
- WASH: safely-managed drinking water; basic sanitation; open defecation; handwashing with soap.
- Infectious diseases: malaria incidence & test positivity, measles immunity/coverage, TB case detection & treatment success, cholera alerts.
- NCDs & exposures: hypertension/diabetes control rates; PM2.5 exposure (ambient & household); physical inactivity; road-traffic deaths.
- One Health & environment: forest loss, human-footprint near protected areas, buffer-zone population, floodplain exposure.
- Programs & systems: stock-outs, facility "readiness" score, continuity during shocks, and data completeness/timeliness.

Glossary (selected terms used in Chapter 10)

- T60/T120: Share of the population that can reach an emergency-capable facility within 60/120 minutes by typical transport, accounting for terrain and roads.
- AMR (Antimicrobial resistance): When germs no longer respond to medicines that used to kill them.
- ART coverage: Proportion of people living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy.
- BCG/DTP3 coverage: Share of children receiving BCG (tuberculosis) and three doses of diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis vaccine.
- Case fatality ratio (CFR): Deaths among confirmed cases; a severity and care-access signal.

- CHIRPS: A gridded rainfall dataset (from satellites + stations) used for drought and flood monitoring.
- ERA5 / ERA5-Land: Reanalysis datasets providing consistent weather and land-surface variables over decades.
- FEWS NET / IPC: Early-warning systems and a common scale to classify food insecurity.
- HAP: Household air pollution from solid-fuel stoves (e.g., wood, charcoal, dung).
- Human Footprint: Composite index of built-up areas, roads, lights and other pressures on ecosystems.
- Integrated Vector Management (IVM): Coordinated actions (LLINs, spraying, larval control) based on local vector ecology.
- JMP (WHO/UNICEF): Global monitoring program for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).
- LLIN/ITN: Long-lasting insecticidal nets / insecticide-treated nets to prevent mosquito bites.
- NDVI: Vegetation greenness index from satellites; a proxy for biomass/seasonality.
- One Health: Approach recognizing links among people, animals and the environment.
- PM2.5: Fine particles in the air (≤2.5 μm) that can harm lungs and hearts.
- Protected Areas (PA): Lands or waters managed for conservation (e.g., national parks).
- TPR (Test Positivity Rate): Share of diagnostic tests that are positive; helps detect outbreaks and monitor residual transmission.

How to use this chapter

Pair maps with action. Use the indicators to target high-need woredas, schedule campaigns before seasonal peaks, strengthen facilities along key transport corridors, and protect nature in ways that also reduce floods, heat, and disease. Always check data quality, protect privacy, and involve communities in decisions.

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- DHS Program survey methods and datasets https://dhsprogram.com/
- UNICEF MICS survey program and microdata https://mics.unicef.org/
- CHIRPS rainfall dataset Climate Hazards Center https://www.chc.ucsb.edu/data/chirps
- TAMSAT African rainfall https://research.reading.ac.uk/tamsat/rainfall/
- ERA5 & ERA5-Land ECMWF reanalysis https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/datasets/browse-reanalysis-datasets
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- ISRIC SoilGrids https://soilgrids.org/
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- WorldPop gridded population https://www.worldpop.org/
- Protected Planet / WDPA https://www.protectedplanet.net/
- IUCN Red List of Threatened Species https://www.iucnredlist.org/
- GBIF biodiversity occurrence data https://www.gbif.org/
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