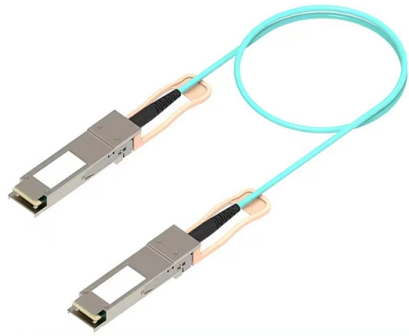


# Ethiopia s Internet Good and Bad



## Overview

Ethiopia's ambitious digital transformation faces significant hurdles, revealing a landscape marked by rapid growth and persistent obstacles. Despite efforts to boost connectivity, millions remain disconnected due to infrastructural gaps, regulatory challenges, and recurrent. Internet Society rates the choice of Internet service providers as very poor. Ethiopia received a security preparedness score of 76. Out of the 1000 most-visited websites, 12% can be reached on a local. The digital landscape in Ethiopia reflects significant progress in the country's digital transformation, particularly through its “Digital Ethiopia 2025” strategy. Among the most notable advancements is the expansion of mobile broadband coverage, which now reaches 94% of the population, according. In Ethiopia, the Internet penetration rate is 25% as of January 2022, and it is currently attempting a broad expansion of access throughout the country. From the Addis ICT Park to expanding 4G coverage and reforming telecom policy, Ethiopia is laying the groundwork for a more inclusive, tech-driven economy.



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However, barely a week after the ECOWAS ruling, Ethiopia initiated a nationwide shutdown, thus serving a reminder of the persistent threat of internet shutdowns on the continent.

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Despite marginal gains in internet access, Ethiopia remains one of the least connected countries in the world.

### Ethiopia's Internet Access Struggles

Ethiopia's low internet access adversely affects its socio-economic and political growth. Ethiopians are faced with the problem of lack of education, information, communication, and

### Why Ethiopia's Internet connectivity matters?

Unfortunately, Ethiopia is still at the bottom of Africa's connectivity pyramid. Ethiopia is one of the least developed countries of Sub-Saharan Africa in terms of Internet connectivity.

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### The challenges facing Ethiopia's digital transformation

Launched in July 2020, Ethiopia's Digital Transformation Strategy seeks to use technology to improve the country's economy, governance, and

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The internet has played a decisive role in transforming the lives of millions in Ethiopia. Private companies and mobile telecommunication rely on it

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Assessing Internet development in Ethiopia

This report not only provides a detailed snapshot of Ethiopia's internet ecosystem but also outlines a roadmap for improvement, emphasizing the need for enhanced multistakeholder

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Activity Ethiopia's netizen community remains small due to the country's lack of Internet penetration, but there is growing interest in and demand for greater Internet access. Blogging gained popularity

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Internet in Ethiopia

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In Ethiopia, the Internet penetration rate is 25% as of January 2022, and it is currently attempting a broad expansion of access throughout the country. These efforts have been hampered by the largely rural makeup of the Ethiopian population and the government's refusal to permit any privatization of the telecommunications market. Only 360,000 people had Internet access in 2008, a penetration rate of 0.4%. The state-owned Ethio Telecom (previously known as Ethiopian Telecommunications Corporation (ETC))

Ethiopia ranks lowest for internet freedom among 17 African nations

Ethiopia has received the lowest internet freedom score among 17 African nations assessed in Freedom House's "Freedom on the Net 2024" report, scoring 27 out of 100 and earning

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Ethiopia's shutdown also bears some traits with the Togolese shutdown of 2017, which was initiated following the announcement of planned anti-government protests by members of the

Internet shutdowns in Ethiopia: Discourses of digital sovereignty and ...

This study examines Ethiopia's Internet shutdowns between 2005 and 2024, analyzing their frequency, motives, and socio-political impact within the discursive frames of digital sovereignty

Equitability of Access to the Internet in Ethiopia

However, internet access remains unevenly distributed worldwide. In Ethiopia, internet penetration is still in its early stages, with approximately 17%

Ethiopia's Mobile and Broadband Internet Speeds

Ethiopia ranked undefinedth in the world for mobile speeds and 150th for fixed broadband speeds during March 2026.

Ethiopia

mAccess Indicators & Rankings The information below is part of the mAccess Diagnostic Tool and is intended to help assess foundational components of Ethiopia's digital ecosystem using indicators on

Internet shutdowns cost Ethiopia \$146 million in 2022

Internet shutdowns cost Ethiopia \$146 million in 2022 Internet blackout is still ongoing in Ethiopia's Tigray region even after a truce was signed

The Road to Digital Ethiopia: Why Reliable Infrastructure Is Critical ...

As Ethiopia advances toward its Digital Ethiopia 2025 vision, one thing is clear: reliable infrastructure is not a luxury, it's a necessity. From the Addis ICT Park to expanding 4G coverage

Digital 2025: Ethiopia — DataReportal – Global Digital Insights

All the data, insights, and trends you need to help you make sense of the "state of digital" in Ethiopia in 2025, including detailed statistics for internet use, social media use, and mobile use, as

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