



# Ethiopia - Country Profile

- Total population 80 million in 2010
- Close to 30% of the population is less than 15 yrs. of age
- Total fertility rate is 5.4 children per woman of reproductive age
- Contraceptive prevalence rate 15% (EDHS 2005)
- Maternal Mortality Rate 673 per 100,000 live births
- Under five child mortality rate 123 per 1000 live births
- Gross national income (GNI) 1,050 per person



# Ethiopian Parliament

- Ethiopia has a federal system of administration
- There are nine regional states and two city councils
- The main function of the parliament is to review/endorse legislations and ensure the accountability of the executives

# Ethiopian Parliament cont'd

- Under the incumbent regime Ethiopia has conducted four consecutive elections in 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010.
- The house of peoples representatives has 547 seats
- Ethiopia has shown tremendous progress in increasing women's participation in the decision making processes.
  - In 1995 Ethiopia has 13 women members in the parliament
  - In 2000 this number was increased to 57
  - In 2005 this number raised to 117
  - In this year's election 174 seats was occupied by women parliamentarians
- There are 13 standing committees in the parliament of which the social affairs and health sub-committee is one of them
- In the last one year the social standing committee has undertaken a number of activities to improve the RH/FP situation in Ethiopia