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
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