

# Abstract

Ethiopia has been experiencing tremendous growth and is considered one of the fastest growing economies in Africa. It has made significant progress in recent years with regards to reaching their sustainable development goals. Nevertheless, various challenges hinder further development, specifically in areas of poverty reduction, exposure to opportunity, income (in)equality and social development. This study therefore aims to analyze development strategies that are being implemented by the Ethiopian government, the contribution of development aid and their effectiveness for socioeconomic progress. The thesis focuses on the change in development experienced in Ethiopia, by using key performance measurements to statistically represent change, as well as assess the effectiveness of development strategies in mid- to long-term goal definition in cooperation with development partners. A qualitative research design was chosen to support the secondary data by conducting four asynchronous interviews with experts representing four different stakeholder groups.

The research concludes a strong relationship between socioeconomic development, partners and strategies implemented. However, the implementation process in addition to the collaboration between government and development partners face many challenges that slow socioeconomic development in Ethiopia.