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1. INTRODUCTION

Ministry of urban and infrastructure is one of the federal organization which has its own duties and responsibilities based on proclamation number 1263/2021. “Undertaking studies relating to urbanization, in coordination with other relevant bodies establish system for integrated urban development & preparation of national spatial plan; follow up implementation of same” is among the duties specified for the ministry office.

The Urban Plan and Urbanization Lead Executive Office is one of the established organizational structures within the ministry of Urban & Infrastructure since 2014 E.C to perform the above duties and others. This Office begins to prepare Ethiopia cities urban profile as a single document under the newly established desk called urban observatory and capacity building to demonstrate the urbanization changes and urban information of cities/town.

In this regards, the desk prepared this Enewari town urban Profile document based on the Structural Plan report of the town and the Ethiopian Statistical Service data.

Enewari town is found in the Amhara Regional State within North Shoa zone of Ethiopia in Moretena Jiru Woreda. Enewari town is boarded with four rural Kebele, in the north Bolo kebele, in the south Manegudo, in the east Kusayu and in the west Enetera rural kebeles boarder the town.

Enewari is one of the main ("Meri") Municipal Level towns of Amhara Region. The town has different natural, religious, historical, cultural and traditional resources.

Finally, we would like to say thanks to the national regional government of the Amhara Region Urban Plan Institute in providing the Structural Plan study report of Enewari town. The details of the town profile information presented as follows:

2. ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF THE TOWN

- The information gathered from elderly residents of the town indicates that the establishment of Enawari town is linked to the year 1929 E.C., when the Italians settled in the area and set up a military camp.
- During that period, Ras Abebe Aregay fought against the Italians at a place called **Meshig** and, after defeating them, took control of their military camp and made it a settlement area. This event is considered to be the main reason for the founding of the town, according to various oral traditions.
- Initially, the town was established in the area known as **Quncha Sefer** and **Set Debir**, which is the present location of the market. Later, it expanded towards the north and east.
- In its early days, the town was called **Meshig Ber** (meaning “fort gate” or “defensive area against enemies”). After the Italian occupation, it is said that a man named **Ware** lived in the area, and that the town got its name **Enawari** from the term “Enawari Sefer,” meaning “the place where Ware lived,” according to accounts from local elders.
- The town consists of different neighborhoods with distinct names, such as **Negade Sefer** (where most merchants lived), **Set Debir** (where mainly women traders resided), **Bole Sefer**, **Quncha Sefer**, and **Chebere Sefer**. Most of these names have been in use since the 1950s.
- Currently, the town is divided into six villages.

3. PHYSICAL CHARACTRSTICS OF THE TOWN

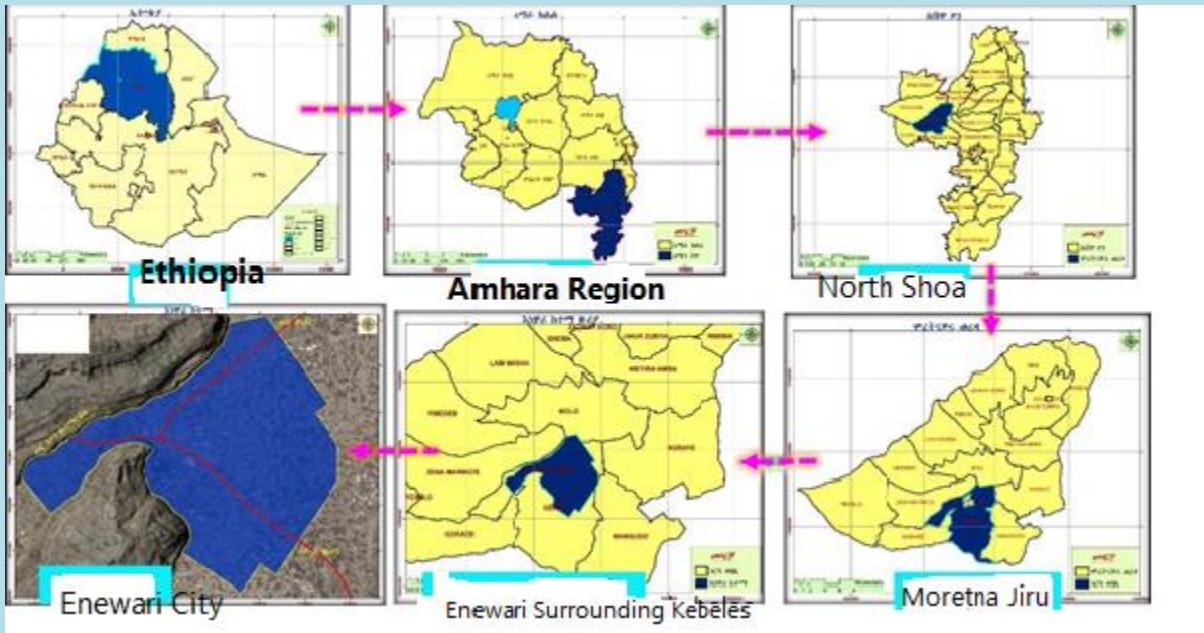
3.1 Administrative Structure

- Name of the Town: Enewari Town
- Region: Amhara Region
- Zone: North Shoa
- Woreda: Moretna Jiru
- Hierarchy of the town: Main ("Meri") Municipal Level
- Administrative function: Woreda Center
- no. of kebeles: 2
- Area of the town: 389.7 Hectare

3.2 Location

- Latitude: 9°53'32" N
- Longitude: 39°8'47" E
- Distance from Bahir Dar (km): 759 km
- Distance from Addis Ababa (km): 185 km

Fig 1: Location map of Enewari Town

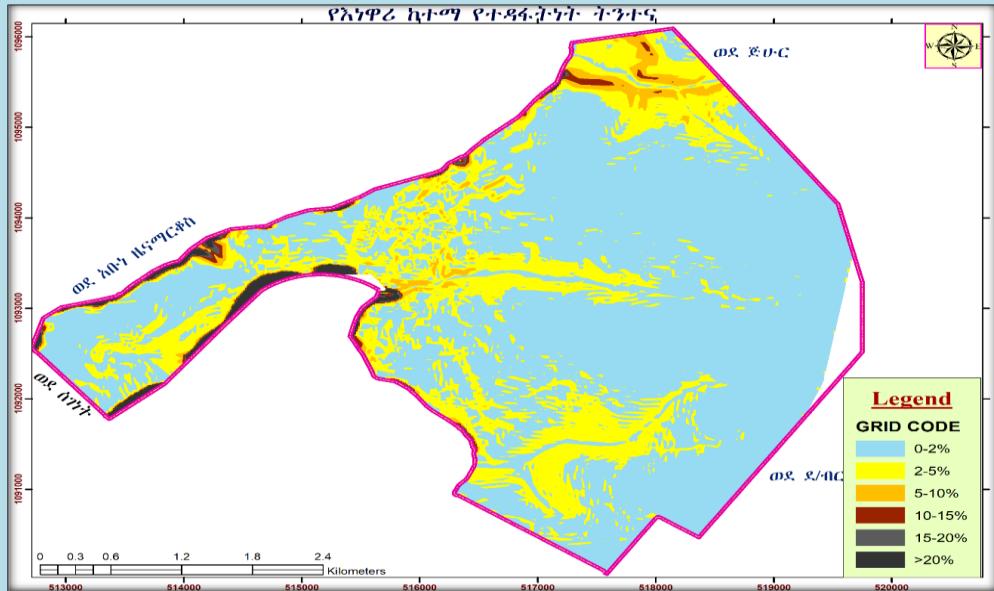


Source: Enewari town Structural Plan socio-economy study report 2015 E.C

3.3 Topography

- The altitude of the town (above sea level): 2655m above sea level.
- Dominant topography of the town: 100% flat terrain.
- Dominant Soil type of the town: 85% black soil, and 15% red soil.
- Shape of the town is compacted or Circular.

Fig 2 Slope analysis map of the town



Source: Enewari town Structural Plan socio-economy study report 2015 E.C.

3.4 Climate

- The agro- ecology of the town is found in Weina Dega (Temperate climate).
- The mean annual temperature of the town is 17 degrees Celsius.
- The annual rainfall is between 900-1000 mm.
- The prevailing wind / dominant wind direction flows from North East to South West.

3.5 Principal Constraints for the physical expansion of the city

- Natural: different parts of the town's potential expansion areas are characterized by steep and mountainous terrain,
- Man Made: -

4. DEMOGRAPHY

4.1 Population Size of Enewari Town

Table 4.1 Population Size of Enewari Town

Number of Population		Percent
Male	8,304	51.97 %
Female	7,674	48.03%
Total	15,978	100 %

Source: Ethiopian Statistical Service Population Projections, 2023 G.C

4.2 Population Age Composition

Table 4:2 Enewari Town Population age compositions

Broad Age Group	Age Group Population by %
0-14	8.74
15-64	87.77
65+	3.49

Source: Enewari town Structural Plan socio-economy study report 2015 E.C.

4.3. Ethnic Composition

Table 4.3 Ethnic composition at 2015 E.C.

List of Ethnic group (Amhara, Oromo, Tigre, Sidama etc	Percent (%)
Amhara	88.639%
Tigre	0.054%
Oromo	11.038%
Gurage	0.269%
Total	100%

Source: - Enewari town Structural Plan socio-economy study report 2015 E.C

4.4. Religious Composition

Table 4:4 Religious compositions and Distribution of Religion Services

S.N	Religious Composition (Orthodox, Muslim, Catholic, Protestant, ...)	Population size in %
1	Orthodox	99.267 %
2	Muslim	0.107%
3	Protestant	0.626%
	Total	100%

Source: - Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C

5. BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

5.1 Education Services

Table 5.1: Number and Types of Schools in 2015 E.C

No.	School level	Number of Schools			Remarks
		Government	Private	Total	
1	Kindergarten	-	1	1	
2	Primary	3	-	3	1 from grade 1 up to grade 8, 1 from grade 1 up to 6, 1 from grade 1 up to 4
3	Secondary& Preparatory (9-12)	1	-	1	
4	TVET	1	-	1	
	Total	5	1	6	

Source: - Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C

5.2. Teacher, Student and Classroom ratio

Table 5.2 Teacher to student ratio, Teachers by Qualifications

School Level	Enrolment rate	Student /Teach. Ratio	Student/Class Ratio
Kindergarten	198	1:25	1:50
Primary	2122	1:23	1:39
Senior Secondary & Preparatory(9-12)	3486	1:25	1:60

Source: - Amhara Region Urban Plan Institute

5.3 Health Services

5.3.1 Ownership of Health Institution

Table 5.3: Type of Health Institution by Number and Ownership in 2015 E.C

No.	Type of Health Institutions	No. Health Institution	Ownership		
			Government	Private	Other
1	Health Center	1	1	-	-
2	Clinic	3	-	3	
3	Pharmacy	4	-	4	
	Total	8	1	7	

Source: Enewari town Structural Plan socio-economy study report 2015 E.C.

5.3.2 Ratios of Health Professionals and Population.

Table 5.4: Health Professionals of Enewari Town in 2015 E.C

No	Professional Title	Number of professionals	Ratio of Health Professionals to Population
1	Doctors	-	
2	Health officer	5	1 HO: 7449 people
3	Nurses	12	
4	Midwife Nurse	4	1 Nurse: 2328 people
5	Pharmacist	4	1 Clinical pharmacist: 9311 people
6	Lab. Technician	5	1 Lab. Technician : 7449 people
7	Sanitary	1	
8	Health Extension	10	
Total		41	

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

5.4 Housing Issues

Table 5.5: Housing Issues

Year	Total number of Houses	Backlog
2015 E.C	6,372	3,906

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

5.5 Worships and Cemetery Services

Table 5.6 Worships and Cemetery Services

S.N	Types of Religion	No. of Worships Place	Number of Cemetery	Remark
1	Orthodox	5	4	4 worship places has a cemetery within the worship place
2	Protestant	1	-	

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

6. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Table 6.1 Municipal Services (in 2015 E.C)

Available municipal services (in number)								Market (in number)			Recreational facilities								
Abattoir services	Municipal cemetery	Religious cemetery	Fire Brigade	Ambulance	Public Library	Public Toilet	City/Town Hall	General	Cattle	Daily	Park (No.)	Standard hotels (No.)	Sport field (No.)	Playground (No.)	Youth rec. Center (No.)	museum (No.)	water body (No.)	services for special need (yes/no)	others
1	1	4	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

Fig 3: General and Cattle Markets of Enwari Town



Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

Fig 4: Bus Station of Enewari Town

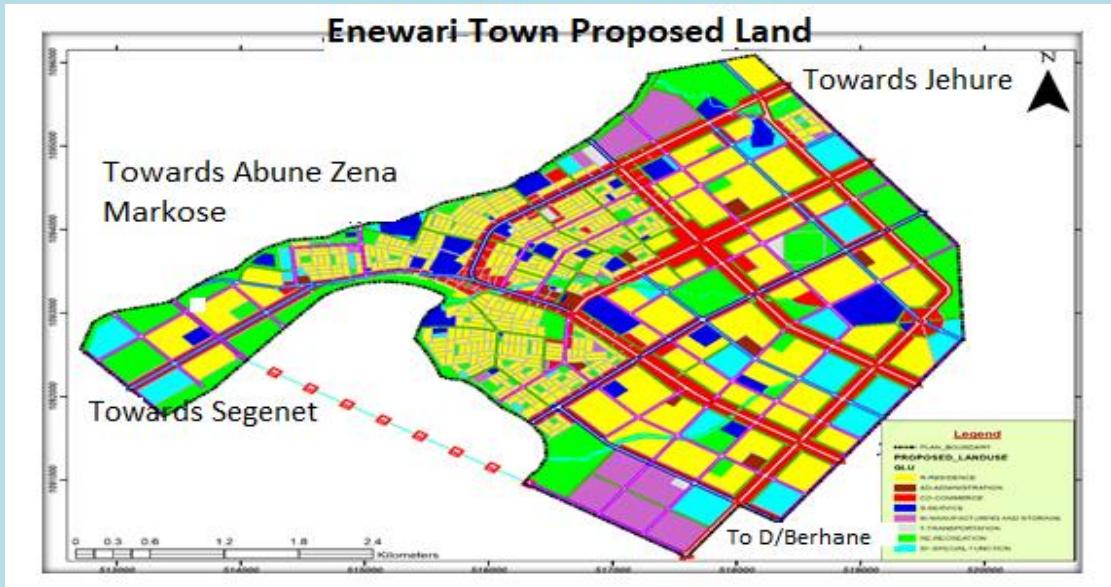


Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C

7. URBAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

- Types of Urban Plan: Strategic Plan
- Year of Plan Prepared: 2015 E.C
- Period of Plan Expired: 2025 E.C
- The town plan is prepared (Revised) 2 times: in 2003 E.C Development plan Prepared and then in 2015 E.C Structural plan Prepared

Fig 5 Proposed Land Use Map of Enewari Town



Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan socio-economy study report 2015 E.C.

8. ECONOMIC CONDITION

8.1 Major economy Activities (Enterprises) of the city/town

8.1.1 Trades, Services and Others Related Activities in the Town

Table 8.1.1 Number of Trade Organization in Enewari Town in 2015 E.C

No.	Economic Activities	No. of establishments (Total)
1	Hotel	8
2	Restaurant	30
3	Grain Storage	160
4	Grinding mill house	10
5	Hide warehouse / Leather storage/	3
6	Production of household and office furniture	10
7	Garage	3
8	Tea House	420
9	Shop	50
	Total	694

Source: Enewari Town Strategic Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

8.1.2 Micro and Small Scale Enterprises Activities in the Town

Table 8.1.2 Micro and Small Scale Enterprises data

Year	Economic Activities	Capital (Birr) (if data is available)	No. of Members			No. of employees (if data is available)
			M	F	T	
2015	Manufacturing Industries, Urban Agriculture, Construction, Service, Trade	35,112,034	715	286	1001	1581
	Total	35,112,034	715	286	1001	1581

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

8.2 Financial Institutions

Table 8.2 Financial Institutions in the Town (2015 E.C)

S. no.	Financial institutions	Government institutions (in No.)	Private institutions (in No.)	Total (in No.)
1	Banks	1	6	7

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

8.3 Municipal Finance /Annual Income/

Table 8.3 Situation of the Municipal Finance (2011-2013)

Year	Annual Revenue	Major Sources of Revenue
2011	2,635,574.00	Direct Tax, Indirect Tax, Traffic Penalty, Municipal Service Income ...
2012	4,994,010.00	
2013	11,011,825.00	

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

8.4 Economic Linkage

Table 8.4 Origin and Destination of goods and services in 2015 E.C

S.no	Types of Goods and Services	Origin	Destination
1	Cereals, Pulses, Grain and Oil Crops	Enewari and Surrounding rural area	Enewari Town, Moretna Jiru wereda
2	Vegetables and Fruits	Enewari and Surrounding rural area	
3	Spices	Different Amhara Zones	Moretna Jiru wereda
4	Butter & Honey	Enewari and Surrounding area	
5	Goat & Sheep	"	
6	Cattles	"	
7	Hen & Egg	"	
8	Cereals, Pulses, and Oil Crops	Different Amhara Zones	Moretna Jiru wereda
9	Clothes	Debre Berhane, Addis Ababa...	Enewari and hinterlands/rural kebeles
10	Chili Pepper	Different Amhara Zones	Moretna Jiru wereda

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

8.5 Development Potentials for Investment in the Town

- Urban agricultural land that can easily be irrigated;
- Types of landscapes that allow for the development of recreational activities;
- Minerals such as building stones and sand;
- Rivers found within the town;
- The town has expansion areas to grow,
- Roads that connect and facilitate transport between the city, the surrounding districts, and neighboring towns;
- The town's location on terrain suitable for living and its strategic position that supports business activities;

- The presence of monasteries and churches within and around the town, which are convenient for tourism development;
- The town's proximity to an asphalt road currently under construction connecting it Debre Berhan to Jehure
- The city's possession of livestock resources suitable for animal husbandry and dairy production;
- The town's agricultural productivity, especially in wheat production.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Road and Transport

Table 9.1 Road and Transportation system in 2015 E.C

Road				Transport Terminals			
Coverage of Gravel road:(km)	Coverage of Cobblestone (km)	Coverage of Earthen pressed (km)	Coverage of surfaced (km)	Bus Station	Railway	Air port	Freight terminals:
1.7	1.5	4	-	1	-	-	1

Source: Enewari Town Structural Plan Socio-economy Study Report 2015 E.C.

9.2. Telephone, Postal and Electric Power service

- The town has been using 24-hour electricity since 1997 E.C. The town started getting regular telephone service in 1950 E.C. Enawari town has been receiving postal service since the 1960s E.C.

9.3 Water Coverage

Table 9.2 Water Services in 2015 E.C.

Water Services	
Source of water (underground or under surface)	Coverage (%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under ground water ▪ River ▪ sprig 	70%

Source: Amhara Region Urban Plan Institute

- Enawari town has been getting clean drinking water since 1992 E.C., and the sources of the water are deep wells, rivers, and springs.

10.CULTURE AND TOURISM

These includes: historical, cultural, and natural attractions in the town:-

10.1 Cultural Center:

The town contains many historical sites and religious festivals celebrated with great devotion.

Among the historical sites are the

- Abune Zena Markos Monastery
- The Enjera Meskel Cave, and the Gerba Giorgis Monastery and Church.

10.2 Tourism:

The town celebrates several major religious festivals, including the Feast of Saint George (Giyorgis) on Tikimt 23 (November 2) and Miazia 23 (May 1), the Feast of Saint Gabriel on Tahisas 19 (December 28), the Feast of Abune Zena Markos on Tahisas 3 (December 12), as well as the Timket (Epiphany) and Meskel (Finding of the True Cross) festivals, all of which are observed with great enthusiasm and large gatherings.

Moreover, in Gerba Giorgis Monastery and other ancient churches, there are numerous historical and cultural heritages, as well as unique traditional garments and artistic artifacts.

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