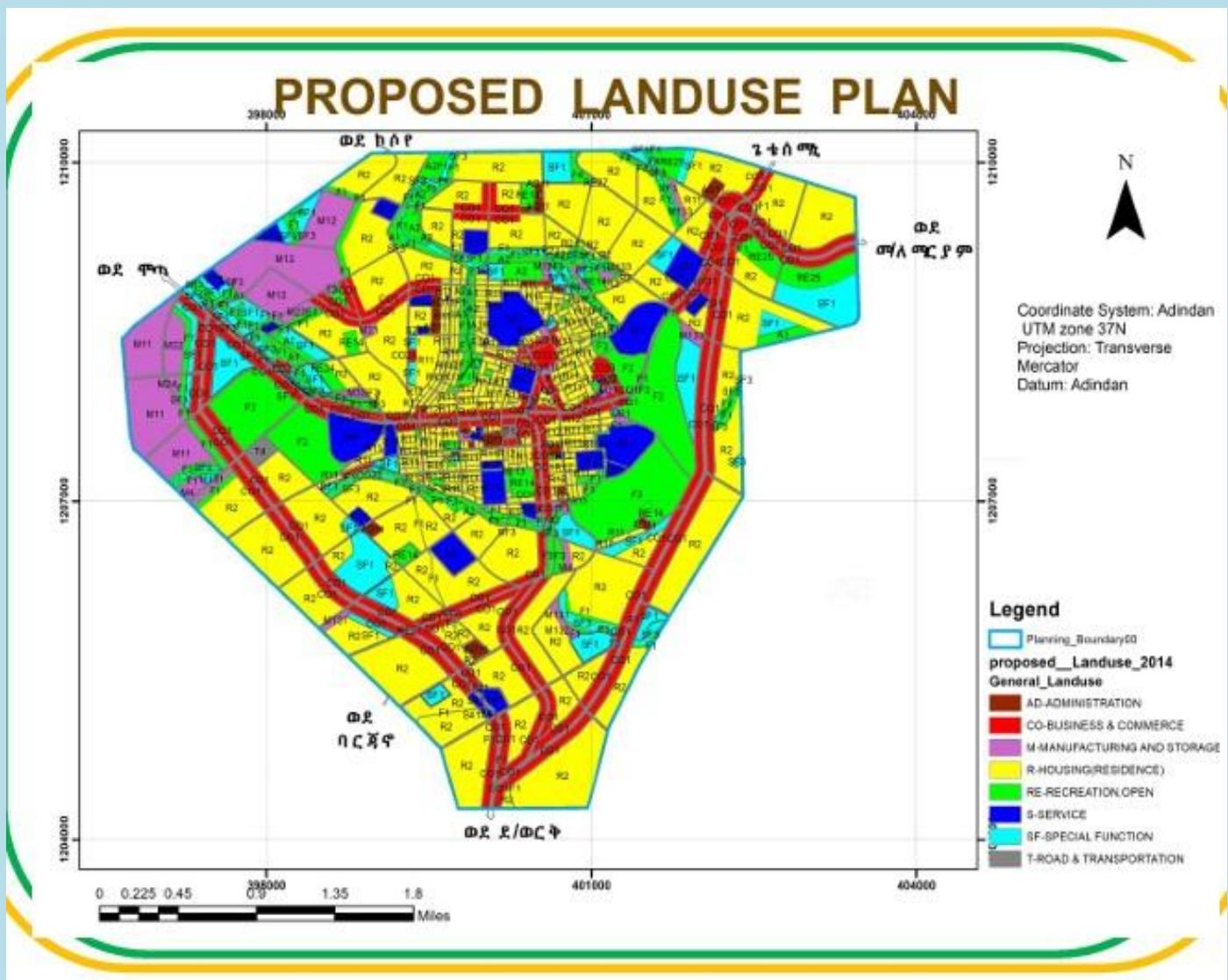


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URBAN PROFILE OF GUNDEWEYN TOWN**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Urban Profile is a single document that captures all information's about cities/towns from different data sources i.e. primary and secondary data sources.

An urban profile offer a detailed snapshot of the conditions of an urban area to provide a set of information and plans that officials as well as NGOs and other stakeholders can use to make sustainable urban planning decisions. This mapped information can range from demographics data to mobility and infrastructure to environmental studies. And while urban profiling does extensive context analysis, it actually goes one step further by making policy recommendations.

Urban profiling is an effective way of developing a shared understanding of the urban environments across different sectors and key indicators many of which are represented within demographical, economical, municipal, infrastructural development and basic social services like education, health.

It is prepared by FDRE Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure. Ministry of urban and infrastructure is a federal organization which has its own duties 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.

In this regards, the desk prepared this Gundeweyn town urban Profile document based on the structural plan report of the town and the Ethiopian Statistical Service data. Gundeweyn town is found in the Amhara national Regional State, East Gojjam zone and Goncha Siso Inese woreda.

## 2. ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF THE TOWN

- Various historical accounts indicate that the name of the town, which is named after it, directly derives from the church's dedication to Maryam Gundeweyn as a single foundation. This name, established as the foundation of the church beginning in the 15th century.
- The first reason is that, at the time the church was constructed, a vine branch found inside the cave gave rise to the town's name from this. The second reason, meanwhile, is that while they were planning to build the church and seeking a holy relic to consecrate it, distressed and praying without finding a vine, the vine branch that miraculously appeared to them became their holy relic; in view of this, it became the church dedication named Gundeweyn, and the town also received its dedication from this.
- Year of establishment 1933 E.C.

### 3. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOWN

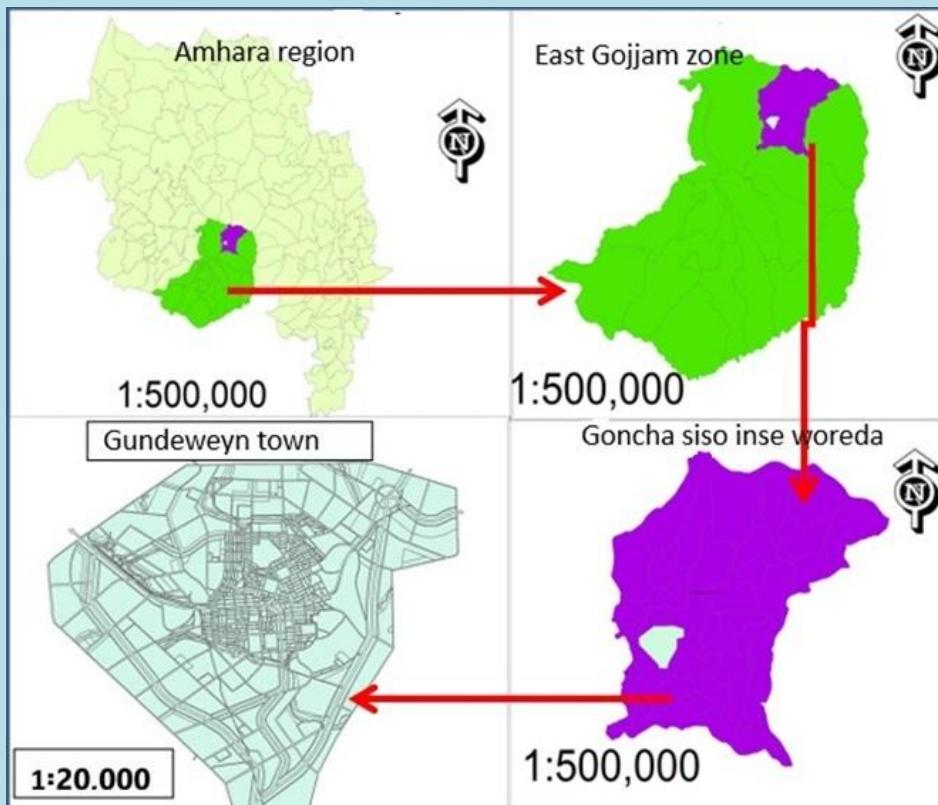
#### 3.1 Administrative Structure

- Name of the Town: Gundeweyn
- Region: Amhara
- Zone: East Gojjam zone
- Woreda: Goncha Siso Inese
- Hierarchy of the town: Lead Municipal
- No. of kebeles: 2 kebeles
- Area of town: 2499.5 Hectar

#### 3.2 Location

- Latitude:  $10^{\circ} 55'$  to  $38^{\circ} 24'$
- Longitude:  $11^{\circ} 9'$  to  $10^{\circ} 42'$
- Distance from Bahirdar: 154 km
- Distance from Addis Ababa: 335 km

Figure 3.1: Location map of Gundeweyn town



Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### **3.3 Topography**

- The altitude of the town: from 2359 to 2456 above sea level
- Dominant topography (Slope) of the town: 45% flat land, 16% valley, 39% sloppy.
- Dominant Soil type of the town : 95% red soil, 5% black soil
- Shape of the town: Diamond

### **3.4 Climate**

- The agro- ecology of the tow: Woina dega (Temperate climate) climate type
- The prevailing /dominant/ wind direction: North east to South West

### **3.5 Principal Constraints for the physical expansion of the Town**

- Natural: The presence of mountainous areas, Expansion of eroded gully
- Man made: no constraints

## **4 DEMOGRAPHY**

### **4.1 Population size of Gundeweyn town**

Table 4.1: Population size of Gundeweyn town (2023 G.C)

Number of Population		Percent
Male	9317	51.4
Female	8808	48.6
Total	18,125	100

Source: Population projection, ESS 2023

### **4.2 Population Age Composition**

Table 4.2: Gundeweyn town population age compositions

Broad Age Group	Age Group Population by %
0-14	36.55%
15-64	61.02%
65 <sup>+</sup>	2.42%

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### **4.3. Ethnic Composition**

Table 4.3 Ethnic composition of the town

Ethnic composition	Percent (%)
Amhara	100 %

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

#### 4.4 Religious Composition

Table 4:4 Religious compositions

S.N	Religious composition	Population size in %
1	Orthodox	99.99 %
2	Muslim	0.001 %

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 5 BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

#### 5.1 Education Services

Table 5.1: Number and Types of schools in the town

No.	School level	Number of Schools				Remarks
		Government	Private	NGO (Others)	Total	
1	Kindergarten	-	1	-	1	
2	Primary	2	-	-	2	
3	Senior Secondary & Preparatory	1	-	-	1	
	Total	3	1		4	

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

#### 5.2 Teacher, Student and Classroom ratio

Table: 5.2 Teacher to student ratio and student class ratio

School Level	Number of student	Number of section	Number of teacher	Teach. / Student Ratio	Class/ StudentRatio
Kindergarten	173	4	8	1:22	1:43
Primary	3,344	65	105	1:31	1:51
Senior Secondary & Preparatory	5,560	74	188	1:30	1:75
TVET	255	7	20		
Total	9,332	150	321		

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

## 5.3 Health Services

### 5.3.1 Ownership of Health Institution

Table 5.3 Type of Health Institution by Ownership

No.	Type of Health Institutions	Ownership of Health Institution	
		Government	Private
1	Health Center	1	-
2	Clinic	-	5
3	Pharmacy	-	4
Total			10

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 5.3.2 Health Professionals of Gundeweyn town

Table 5.4: Health Professionals of Gundeweyn Town

No	Professional Title	Number of professionals
1	Health officer	5
2	Nurses	12
3	Druggist (pharmacy)	4
4	Lab. Technician	5
5	Sanitarian	1
6	Health extension	10
7	Mid-wifely nurse	4
Total		41

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

## 5.4 Housing Issues

Table 5.5: Housing Issues

Year	Total number of Houses	Backlog	Remark
2013	7,200	1,345	

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

## 5.5 Worships and Cemetery services

Table 5.6 Worships and Cemetery Services

S.N	Religious composition	number of worship places	number of Cemetery
1	Orthodox	6	4

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

## 6. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Table 6.1 Municipal Services

Available municipal services (in number)							Market (in number)		Urban greenery		Recreational facilities								
Abattoir services	Municipal cemetery	Religious cemetery	Fire Brigade	Ambulance	Public Library	Town Hall	General	cattle	daily	Street green areas (km)	Coverage %	park (No.)	standard hotels (No.)	sport field (No.)	Playground (No.)	museum (No.)	Youth center (No.)	services for special need (yes/no)	others
1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	3	-	1	4	-	1	-	-

Figure 6.1: General market and Cattle market of the town

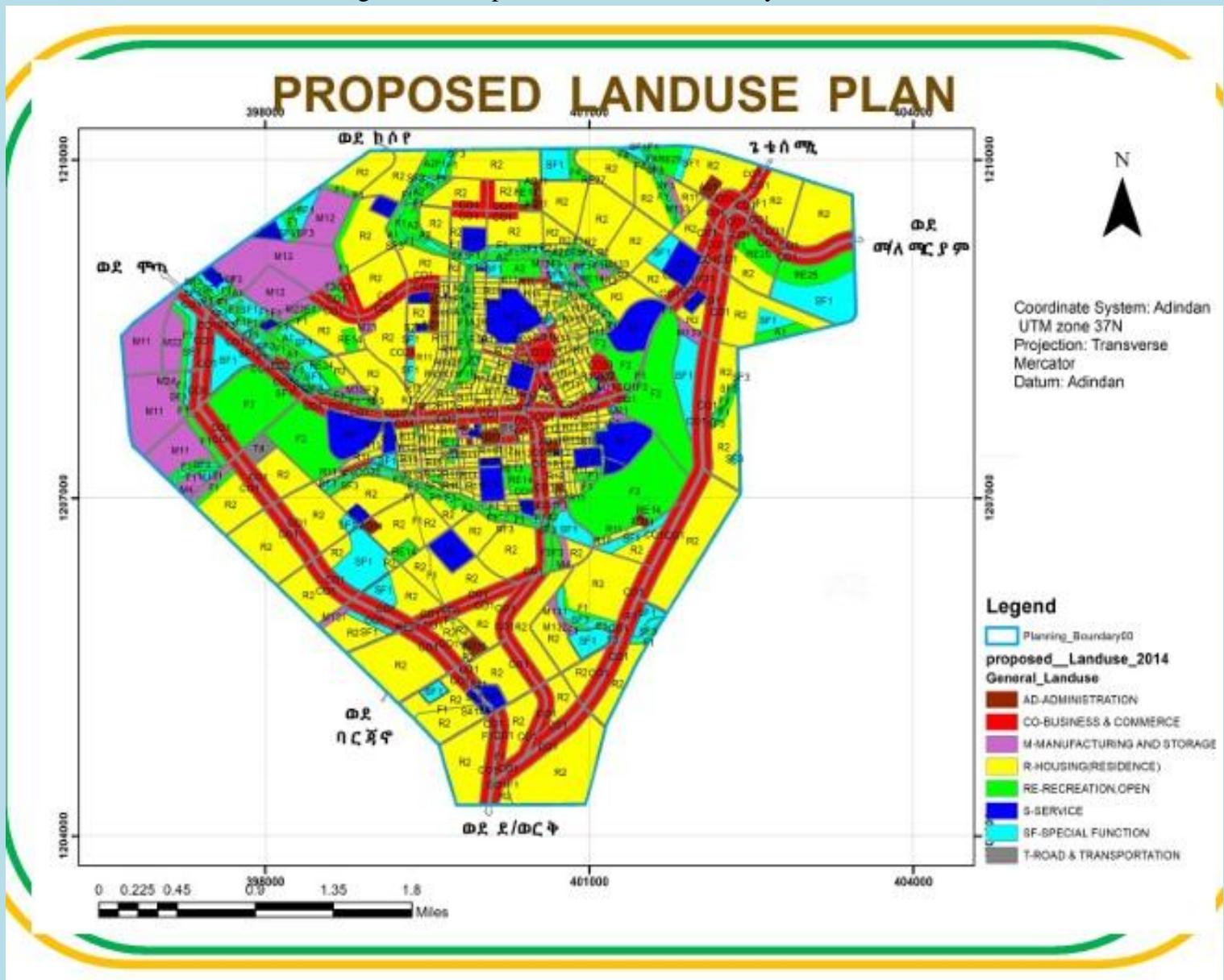


Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

## 7. URBAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

- Types of urban plan: Structural plan
- Year of plan prepared: 2013 E.C
- Period of plan expired: 2023 E.C

Figure 7.1: Proposed lan use of Gundeweyn Town



Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

## 8. ECONOMIC CONDITION

### 8.1 Major economy Activities (Enterprises) of the town

Table 8.1 Major economic/business Activities establishments

S.N	Economic Activities	No of establishments (Total)
1	Hotel	5
2	Restaurant	25
3	Grain Warehouse	44
4	Mill house	75
5	Leather Warehouse	4
6	Furniture	1
7	Garage	27
8	Tea and Coffee	400
9	Retail Shop	1070
10	Construction	30
	Total	1681

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 8.2 Financial Institutions

Table 8.2 Financial Institutions in the town

S. no.	Financial institutions	Government institutions (in No.)	Private institutions (in No.)	Total (in No.)
1	Banks	1	4	5
2	Micro finance institutions	-	4	4

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

Figure 8.1: Financial institution of the town



Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 8.3 Municipal Finance /Annual income/

Table 8.3 Situation of the Municipal finance (2010-2012)

Year / E.C	Annual revenue	Major sources of revenue
2010	7,306,418	From trade tax and other Revenue sources
2011	12,182,968	
2012	8,994,797	

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 8.4 Economic Linkage

Table 8.4 Origin and destination of goods and services

S.no	Types of goods and services	Origin	Destination
1	Industrial, consumer and service goods and clothes	Debre Markos, Bahirdar	Gundeweyn
2	Red pepper, oilseed crops and spices	Gundeweyn	Surrounding towns and woredas
3	Eggs, honey and butter, cattle, sheep and chickens	Gundeweyn	Surrounding towns and woredas

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 8.5 Development Potentials for Investment in the Town

- Animal feed processing
- Oil processing
- Flour factory

## 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

### 9.1 Road and Transport

Table 9.1 Road and Transportation system

Number of outlet or inlet roads	Road				Transport								Transport terminals	
	Coverage of Gravel road:(km)	Coverage of Cobblestone (km)	Coverage of Earthen pressed (km)	Coverage of Asphalt surfaced (km)	Intra-urban mode of Transport				Inter-urban mode of transport					
-	64.52	1.63	138.09	10.74	-	80	240	1500	1	553	681	-	-	1

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

### 9.2. Telephone, Postal and Electric Power service

Table 9.2 Telephone, Postal and Electric Power service data

Electric Power Services		
Connection Type/ Tariff Category	Number of Customer (Number of meter connection)	Number of transformer
Domestic, Commercial, Industry	1600	13

Source: Gundeweyn Town Socio-Economic Study 2013 E.C

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