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1. INTRODUCTION

This document contains urban profile of cities/towns in Ethiopia that shows an overview of multi-sectorial images of activities. 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.

Urban profile is a single document that captures all information’s from both primary and secondary data sources such as cities urban Planning Institutes, Ethiopia statistical service (ESS) based on the checklist that has been prepared. Urban profile offers a detailed snapshot of existing situation of cities/towns able to provide a set of information for citizens, internal and external customers, researchers, academicians etc. The preparation of urban profile is the beginning job to establish urban observatory in Ethiopia. It also encourages to generate, collect, organize and disseminating quality urban data useful for recognizing cities/town worldwide.

This profile is proposed to show the detail image of matahara town which is an important urban center located in the present day of East Shawa administrative zone in the district of Fanalle of Oromia regional state of Ethiopia.

2. ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF MATAHARA TOWN

- The first nucleus or the birth site of Matahara town evolved following the emergence of Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway station in the current Somali/old railway station/lagahar neighborhood earlier to 1920s.C.
- The name of Matahara town was changed several times by different regimes. The first/indigenous name of Matahara town was Dirre Gobbu.
- This name served as the official name of the town from the birth of current Matahara town up to 1947 EC. However, the name Dirre Gobbu was changed to Matahara in 1947EC in the time of the imperial era by emperor Hailasilassie I.
- The town of Matahara got town status in 1963EC. In 1978 the first Master plan of the town was worked out and the two urban towns were aligned in the plan.

3. PHYSICAL CHARACTRSTICS OF MATAHARA TOWN

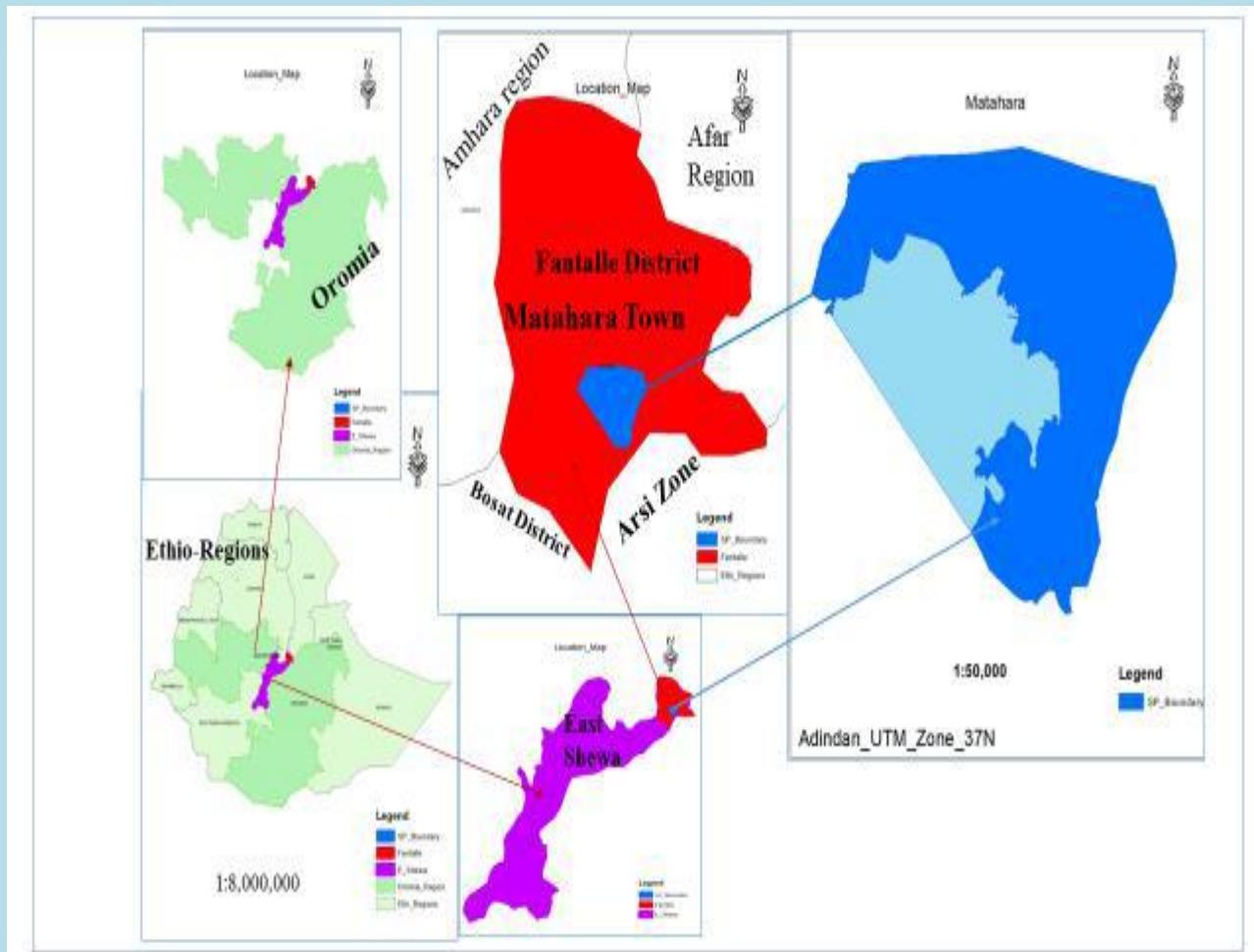
3.1 Administrative Structure

- Name of the City/Town: Matahara Town
- Region: Oromia Region
- Zone: East Shawa administrative zone
- Woreda: fentale-wereda
- Administrative function: Town
- Area of City/town: 5279 hectares

3.2 Location

- Latitude between $8^{\circ}51' 00''$ - $8^{\circ}05'50''$ North and $39^{\circ}51'35''$ - $39^{\circ}56'45''$ East.
- highest altitude is 1046 meter above sea
- lowest altitude is 903 meter above sea
- Distance from Regional Center (km): 186 km
- Distance from Addis Ababa (km): 186 km

picture 3.1 Location map of the town



3.3 Topography

- Altitude of the town (above sea level): 143 meter above sea level
- Dominant topography (Slope) of the town: excessively plain.

- Shape of the city City/town: compacted

3.4 Climate

- The mean annual temperature of the town: 250c.
- The average annual rainfall (in mm):
- The prevailing /dominant/ wind direction: North easterly winds are the dominant winds.

3.5 Principal Constraints for the physical expansion of the city

Natural:

- Slope (flat): over flooded during rainy season
- Forest (wild type of acacia tree)
- Lake (Basaqa): invade the town, cover 1663hectares of area.
- Mountain (Fantalle): may hinder the future expansion of the town to north.

Man Made:

- Old rail way line (cover greater than 41000m² area)
- Substation, high tension line
- Rail way line, railway station and rail way power substation.

4 DEMOGRAPHY

4.1 Population size of Matahara town

Table 4.1 Population size of Matahara town

Sex	Population size	Percent
Male	10,607	51.5
Female	9,975	48.5
Total	20,582	

[Ethiopian Statistical Service population projection, 2023]

4.2 Population Age Composition

Table 4.2: population age compositions

Broad Age Group	%
0-14	24
15-64	69
65-75	7
Total	100

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

4.3. Ethnic Composition

Table 4.3: Ethnic composition of matahara population

Ethnic Group	%
Oromo	49
Amhara	20
Kembata	12
Hadiya	9
Welayta	5
Gurage	3
Silxe	1.5
Others	0.5
Total	100

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

4.4 Religious Composition

Table 4.4: Distribution of Population by Religion 2015EC

Religion	Percentage
Muslim	49.7
Orthodox	26.5
protestant	19.7
waqefata	1.59
Catholic	1.26

Adventist	0.62
others	0.69
Total	100%

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

5 BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

5.1 Education Services

Table 5.1: Ownership of schools in 2015 E.C

No	Educational Level	Number of Schools			
		Government	Private	NGO (Others)	Total
1	Kindergarten	3	4	-	7
2	Primary				
3	Junior Secondary School	3	4		7
4	Senior Secondary & Preparatory	1	0		1
5	TVET	-	-		-
6	College		1		1
7	University				
	Total	7	9	-	16

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

Table: 5.2 Teacher to student ratio, Teachers by Qualifications in 2015 E.C

School Level	Enrolment No	Student /Teach. Ratio	Student /Class Ratio	dropout rate	Qualification of Teachers (No.)
Kindergarten	1046	1:52	1:7		20
Primary	2420	1:83	1:96		29
Junior Secondary School	1984	1:23	1:46		86
Senior Secondary & Preparatory	995	1:33	1:83		30
Total				5.9	

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

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. of Health Institution			
		Government	Private	NGO/ Other	Total
1	Health Center	1	-	-	1
2	Health Post	2	-	-	2
3	Clinic	1	12	-	13
6	Pharmacy	-	8	-	8
Total		3	24	-	28

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

5.3.2 Health Professionals

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

No	List of Professions	Number	Ratio of health Professionals to population
1	Health officer	8	1:2573
2	Nurses	28	1:735
3	Druggist (pharmacy)	9	1:2287
4	Lab. Technician	9	1:2287
5	X-ray	3	1:6861
6	Health Assistant	10	1:2058
7	Others (health extension)	7	2940
Total		67	

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

5.4 Housing Issues

Table 5.5: Distribution of House by ownership in 2015EC

Housing Ownership	Number of Housing	Percent
Private	8718	82
Kebele	676	6.2
Cooperatives	632	5.1
FBO and NGO	18	0.01
NGO	2	0.00
Government houses	691	6.4
Real estate houses	11	0.01
Total	10,748	100

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

5.5 Worship places and Cemetery services:

Table 6.1 worship places and cemetery in Metahara town

Religion	Worship	Cemetery
Muslim	9	2
Orthodox	2	2
protestant	9	2
waqefata	1	-
Catholic	1	-
Adventist	1	-
others	1	-
Total	24	6

6. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Table 6.1 Municipal Services

Abattoir services	Available municipal services (in number)					Market (in number)		Urban greenery		Recreational facilities								
	Municipal cemetery	Religious cemetery	Fire Brigade	Ambulance	Public Library	City/Town Hall	General	cattle	daily	Street green areas (km)	Coverage %	park (No.)	standard hotels (No.)	sport field (No.)	Playground (No.)	museum (No.)	water body (No.)	services for special need (yes/no)
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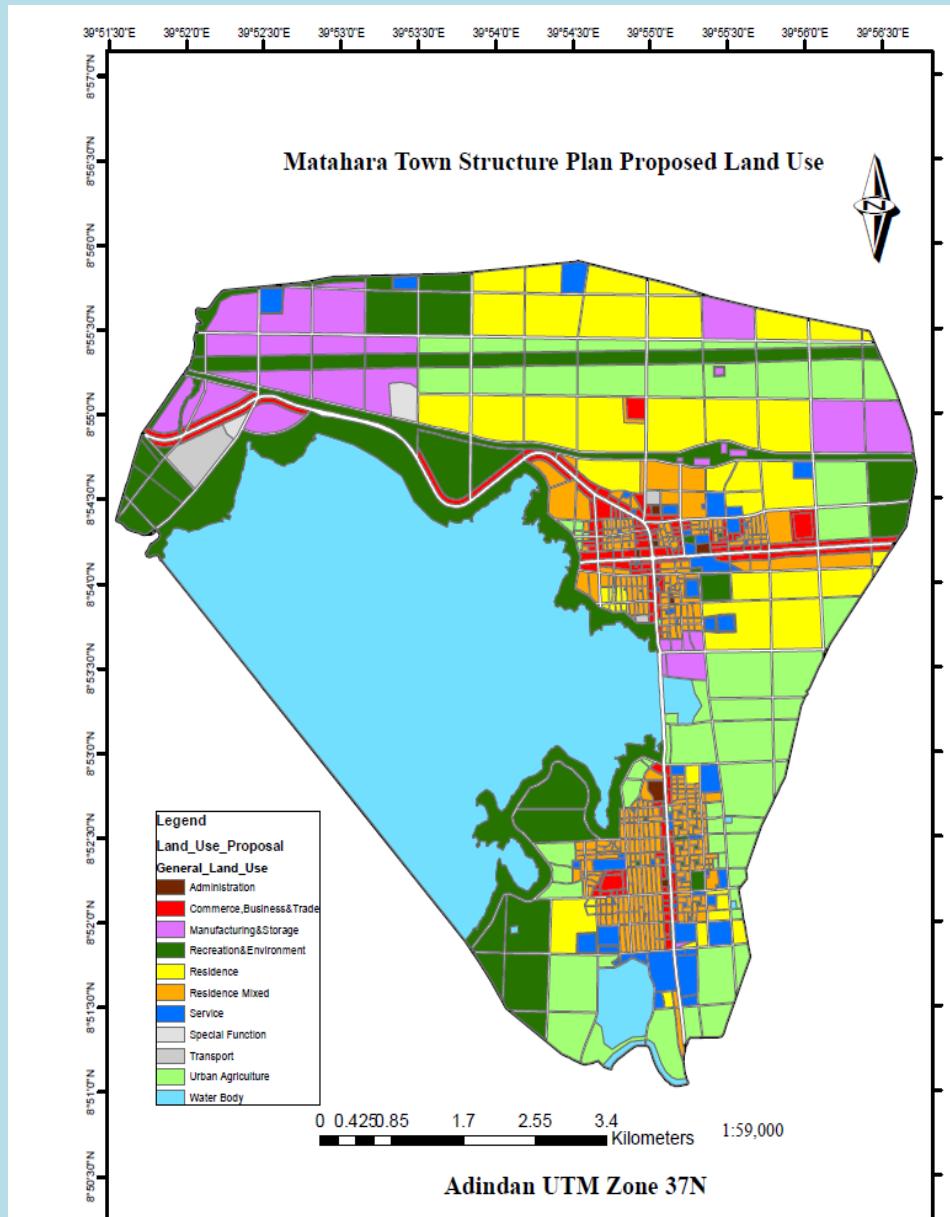
Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018



Informal green areas, open space and recreational places in Matahara town

7. URBAN PLANNING

- Types of urban plan: structure plan
- Year of plan prepared: 2023
- Period of plan expired: 2033



Picture 7.1 Proposed Land use Map

8. ECONOMIC CONDITION

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

Table 8.1 Number of wholesalers, Retailers, and Service trades in Matahara town, 2014 E.C

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

Ser No	Wholesalers	Amount	Retailers	Amount	Services	Amount
1	Soft drinks	1	Building materials supply	17	Public transport	9
2	Beer	1	Pharmacy	13	Tej house	55
3	Sugar	-	Soft drinks	2	Hotels& restaunts	129
4	Cement	1	Cosmetics	372	Pensions	19
5	Flour	1	General grocery	245	Café & restaunts	142
6	Clothes	10	Fuel station	4	Coffee & tea rooms	135
7	Shoes	2	Office furniture &equipment	18	Computer center	17
8	Cosmetics	11	General merchandise	345	Clinic	18
9	Building material supply	7	Butchery	37	Tailoring(sewing)	24
10	Edible oil	2	Edible oil	9	Beauty salon	135
Total		36		1067		683

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

8.3 Municipal Finance /Annual income/

Table 8.4 Situation of finance (2008-2014)

Year	Types of Revenue			
	State Revenue		Municipal Revenue	
	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual
2008	7,110,981	9,43,052	7,019,000	8,574,509
2009	8,498,180	10,098,026	7,203,620	7,461,014
2010	10,100,578	12,070,047	9,940,131	10,961,683
2011	12,067,749	13,980,391	13,310,566	12,889,727
2012	16,134,315	18,120,211	17,000,000	19,146,634
2013	25,120,668	26,017,371	30,500,000	31,653,479
2014	29,096,321	31,098,364	32,051,650	35,935,905
Total	79,032,471	80,286,046	84,973,317	90,687,046

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

8.3 Economic Linkage

Matahara town have different economic linkages with different towns and Woredas. Some of these urban economic linkages are:

- Market linkages
- Financial linkage
- Administrative linkage
- Social linkage

The town has urban –rural economic linkage with the neighboring Woredas and RPA within Fentale Woredas.

8.4 Development Potentials for Investment in Matahara Town

- The major or unique investment potential/ of the city or town

Beseka Lake: Beseka Lake is one of the major factors for the development of Matahara town for the future. It generates different revenue sources and creates more job opportunities. It gives different services like:

- Fish production
- Water transport
- Parks and recreations
- Lodges
- Irrigation and for tourist attractions

Picture 8.1 fish production



9. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Road and Transport

Table 9.1 Matahara town transport linkage

Departure	Destination	Distance(km)	No of trips/day	No of passengers/day
Matahara	Adama	95	110	1650
Matahara	Awash	25	42	630
Matahara	Bole	47	1	25
total	3			

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

Matahara town has one functional bus station which is located in ganda Dirree Gobbuu.



9.2. Telephone, Postal and Electric Power service

The town has 24 hr. electric service. High tension line carries 132kv cross the town. The town has fixed and mobile phone services.

9.3 Water Coverage

Table 9.3 Water Services in recent year 2014 E.C.

Water Services						
Source of water (underground or under surface)	Customer Type /Type of connection/	Number of Public taps	Average annual production(m3)	Average annual consumption	Estimated demand:	Coverage (%)
Groundwater		6	590137.1 m3	548883.1 m3	35 liter (0.035m3) per a day	

Source: Oromia Region: Urban Planning Institute; Socio-economy Study Report of Metahara Town, 2018

10.CULTURE AND TOURISM

10.1 Cultural heritages :



10.2 Tourism:

Mt. Fantalle too is a place with attractive scenery and home of endemic wildlife. It is one of the potential tourist attractions for the area and the town



Old railway



Awash National Park





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