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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 Yismala town urban Profile document based on the Basic plan report of the town and the Ethiopian Statistical Service data. Yismala town is found in the Amhara national Regional State, West Gojjam zone and NorthAchefer woreda. The town of Yismala is located about 20 kilometers southwest of Lake Tana at an altitude of 2,072 meters above sea level.

## **2. ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF THE TOWN**

- The name Yismala was derived from the names Janay and Misle, who brought the Tabot and established the Church of Saint George (Kidus Giorgis), as well as founded the ancient village of Yismala. Over time, the name gradually evolved into what is now called Yismala.
- Year of establishment 1646 E.C.

### 3. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOWN

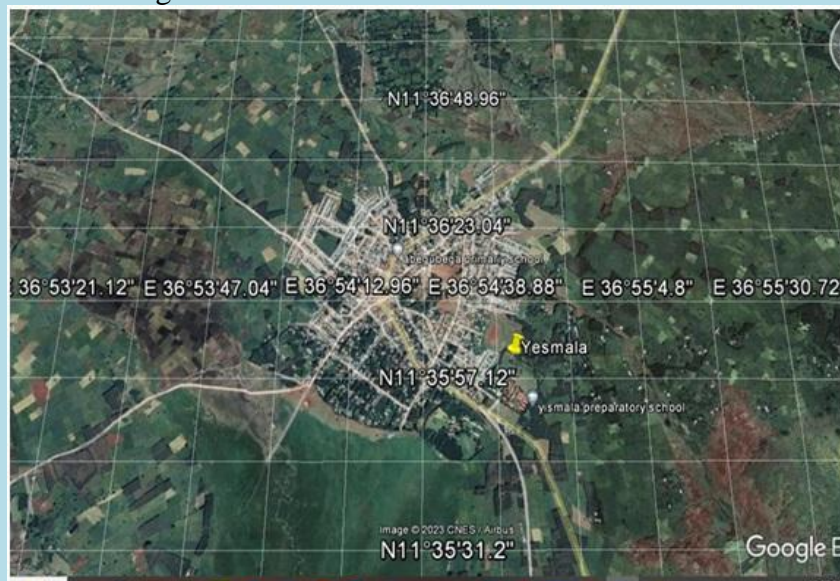
#### 3.1 Administrative Structure

- Name of the Town: Yismala
- Region: Amhara
- Zone: West Gojjam
- Woreda: North Achefer
- Hierarchy of the town: 3<sup>rd</sup>
- No. of kebeles: 1
- Area of town: 1269 Hectare

#### 3.2 Location

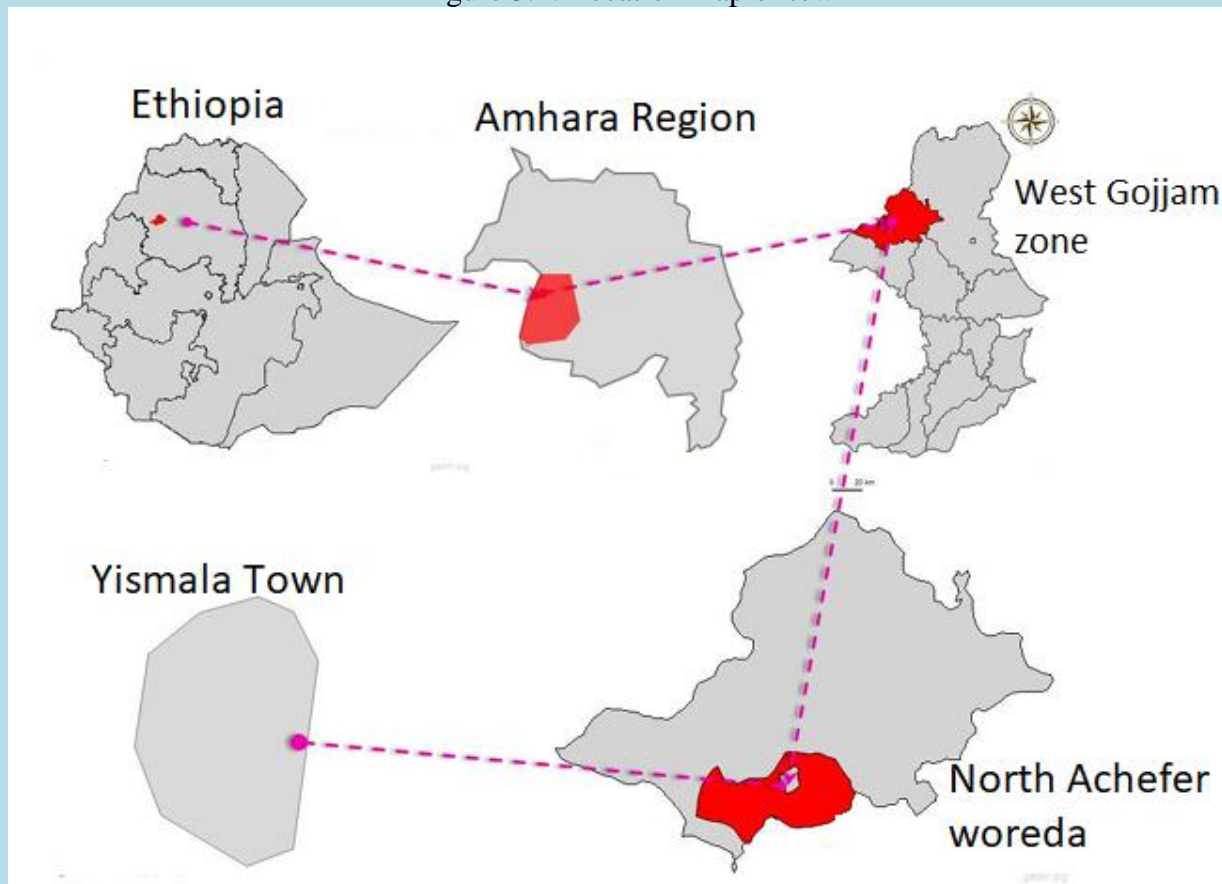
- Latitude: 11° 36' 48" to 11° 35' 31" N
- Longitude: 36° 53' 47" to 36° 55' 4.8" E
- Distance from Addis Ababa: 532 km
- Distance from Bahirdar: 98 km
- Distance from Bahirdar airport: 66.9 km
- Distance from Gondor airport: 187.7 km
- Distance from Finote Selam: 147 km

Figure 3.1: Absolute Location of the town



Source: Google Earth

Figure 3.2: Location map of town



Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

### 3.3 Topography

- The altitude of the town: 2,072 meters above sea level
- Dominant topography (Slope) of the town: Flat
- Dominant Soil type of the town : 90 % red soil and 10 black soil
- Shape of the city town: Compact-shape

### 3.4 Climate

- The agro- ecology of the town: Woina dega (moderate climatic zone)
- The mean annual temperature of the town : 1,500 -1,800 mm
- The annual rainfall (in mm): 18 ° C - 25 °C
- The prevailing /dominant/ wind direction: From West to East

### 3.5 Principal Constraints for the physical expansion of the town

- Natural: Two River in the town, Soil erosion
- Man Made: The presence of high electric power transmission



## 4 DEMOGRAPHY

### 4.1 Population size of Yismala town

Table 4.1 Population size of Yismala town

Number of Population		Percent
Male	8,482	51.02
Female	8,146	48.98
Total	16,625	100

Source: Population projection, ESS 2023

### 4.2 Population Age Composition

Table 4.2: Yismala town population age compositions

Broad Age Group	Age Group Population by %
0-14	32.38 %
15-64	66.06 %
65 <sup>+</sup>	1.56%

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

## 5 BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

### 5.1 Education Services

Table 5.1: Number and Types of schools of the town

No.	School level	Gross Enrolment rate	Number of Schools				Remarks
			Government	Private	NGO (Others)	Total	
1	Kindergarten	110	1	-	-	1	
2	Primary	1316	2	-	-	2	
3	Secondary school	3476	1	-	-	1	
	Total		4	-	-	4	

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

## 5.2 Teacher, Student and Classroom ratio

Table: 5.2 Teacher to student ratio and student to section ratio

School Level	Number of student	Number teacher	Number of sections	Teach. / Student Ratio	Class / Student Ratio
Kindergarten	110	4	4	1:28	1:28
Primary	1316	77	49	1:17	1:27
Secondary School	3476	128	31	1:27	1:112
Total	6173	209	84		

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

## 5.3 Health Services

### 5.3.1 Ownership of Health Institution

Table 5.3 Type of Health Institution by Number and Ownership

No.	Type of Health Institutions	No. of Health Institution			
		Government	Private	NGO/ Other	Total
1	Health Center	1	-	-	1
	Total	1	-	-	1

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

### 5.3.2 Ratios of Health Professionals and Population.

Table 5.4: Health Professionals of Yismala Town

No	Professional Title	Number of professionals
1	Doctors	-
2	Health officer	7
3	Nurses	9
4	Druggist (pharmacy)	3
5	Lab. Technician	3
	Total	22

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

## 5.4 Housing Issues

Table 5.5: Housing Issues

Year	Total number of Houses	Backlog	Remark
2015 E.C	2,339	39	

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 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	2	2
2	Muslim	1	1

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

## 6. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Table 6.1 Municipal Services (in 2017 E.C)

Available municipal services (in number)							Market (in number)			Urban greenery		Recreational facilities							
Abattoir services	Municipal cemetery	Youth center	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)	others
1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C



## 7. URBAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

- Types of urban plan: Basic Plan
- Year of plan prepared: 2017 E.C
- Period of plan expired: 2027 E.C
- For How many times the town plan is prepared: for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

Figure 7.1: Proposed land use of the town



Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 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	Hotels	14
2	Restaurants	16
3	Grain store	100
4	Mill house	60
5	Leather storehouse	1
6	Furniture	55
7	Garage	5
8	Tea and coffee	130
9	Retail trade	300

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

### 8.2 Municipal Finance /Annual income/

Table 8.4 Situation of the Municipal finance (2012-2015)

Year	Annual revenue
2012	3,191,019
2013	734,245
2014	1,213,135
2015	4,788,459

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

### 8.3 Economic Linkage

Table 8.5 Origin and destination of goods and services in 2017 E.C

S.no	Types of goods and services	Origin	Destination	Remark
1	Sheep, goats, donkeys, teff, finger millet, maize, chickpeas, haricot beans, peas, groundnuts, lentils, niger seed, field peas, and wheat.	Surrounding kebeles	Yismala town	

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

## 8.4 Development Potentials for Investment in the Town

- Extensive livestock production and livestock by-products in and around the town
- Abundant underground and surface water resources in and around the town
- Honey production in the surrounding areas of the town
- Diverse and abundant crop production in the surrounding areas
- Ample human labor force

## 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

### 9.1 Road and Transport

Table 9.1 Road and Transportation system in recent year 2017 E.C

Road					Transport								Transport terminals					
Number of outlet or inlet roads	Coverage of Gravel road:(km)	Coverage of Earthen pressed (km)	Coverage of Asphalt surfaced (km)	Coverage (%)	Intra-urban mode of Transport						Inter-urban mode of transport							
					Number of Bus	Number of Taxis	Number of Motor Cycles	Number of Bajaj	Number of Bicycles	Truck	Bus	Railway	Airway	Bus station:	Railway	Air port	Freight terminals:	Number of towns with direct passenger interaction:
-	3 km	3 km	1 km	30 %	19	6	60	56	100	12	-	0	0	1	0	0		-

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

### 9.2 Water Coverage

Table 9.3 Water Services in recent year

Water Services						
Source of water	Customer Type /Type of connection/	Number of Public taps	Number of Bono	Average annual production(m <sup>3</sup> )	Average annual consumption	Coverage (%)
Underground, under surface, rope pump and deep well	Commercial	37	25	63,418 liter	41,754 liter	16.67 %
	Residential	1131				
	Gov't	13				

Source: Yismala Town Socio-Economic Study 2017 E.C

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