

TRANSPARENT CAPITAL: INDIAN TEXTILES, GLOBAL STANDARDS, AND THE ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTAL STATE



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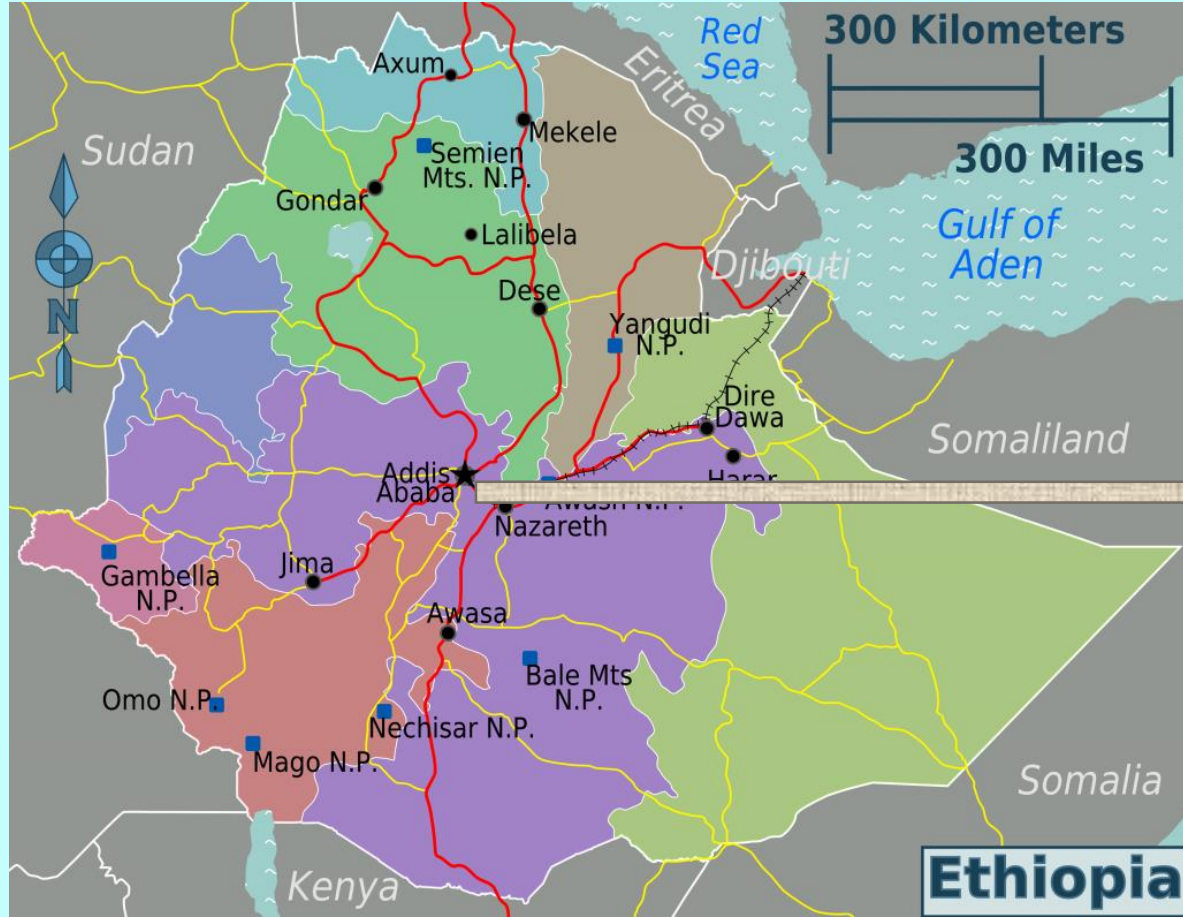




Ethiopia

Kenya

South Africa



Bishoftu



“Ethiopia has become
Africa’s investment
hub for textile and
garment industry.”

Fistum Arega, Ethiopian Investment
Commission Commissioner

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African states and society, operate within a profoundly transnationalized global context (Jim Ferguson, 2006)





Bishoftu station in the Djibouti train line

Adama expressway







Inside the stitching room



THE WORKPLACE

Job	Nationality	Number	Age	Sex
Top Management	Indian	75	50-60	Male
Middle Management	Indian (except HR)		40-50	Male
Trainers	Indian		40-50	Male
Supervisors	Ethiopian	115	23-25	Male 108 Female 7
Office staff	Ethiopian	252	23-25	NA
Shop-floor Workers	Ethiopian	580	19-21	Female 487 Male 123

THE SHOP-FLOOR



The Strike on October 26, 2018



Quality check



Packing

“Ethiopians and Indians eat with hands; Indian *dosa* and *idly* are just like Ethiopian *injira*.”

“Ethiopian women would look like Indian women, if only they were a little fairer.”

“Ethiopia is not Africa; It is an old civilization just like India.”

“There is no need to be aggressive to the workers. Try to convince them. Give them counselling. Indian style threatening does not work. Understand them. Bond with them. Give a healing touch. You will learn a lot.”

“They are kids *Manjushaji*, not workers.”



Children in Delo village using the Kanoria water pump