



## Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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### Editorial: Homegrown Gear for Food Security

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The government of Ethiopia drafted the Homegrown Economic Reform Agenda, which was launched in September 2019 at the initiative of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, to ensure the continuity of economic growth and respond to existing challenges. As per the reform, Ethiopia will be transformed from an agrarian, low-income country to an industrialized, lower-middle-income country by 2030. The reform agenda aimed to implement a variety of macroeconomic, structural, and sectoral reforms, as well as relevant policies and strategies, to address challenges and strengthen national capacity. Agriculture, the backbone of the Ethiopian economy, is one of the reform's four pillars.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3ydMSim>

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### Key Activities of the Month:

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**7 April 2022**, The Office of the Prime Minister hosted the monthly 'Addis Weg,' program, which was titled "rising living costs and potential solutions." The session examined the global and national causes of inflation, as well as the government's short- and long-term actions to mitigate the impact.

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**13-14 April 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted an Iftar dinner for members of the Muslim community both yesterday and today. The dinner was hosted today for migrant returnees from Saudi Arabia. The repatriation of citizens stranded in Saudi Arabia will be stepped up.

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**16 April 2022**, The 4<sup>th</sup> EBC-CBE Sports Award ceremony was presided over by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. As he congratulated the winners, he stated that sports require personal and collective efforts as well as hard work, have the potential to support national image building, and require adhering to rules and regulations, all of which are transferable to nation building efforts.

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**18 April 2022,** As a continuation of the ‘Each one Feed One’ initiative launched in 2020, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared essential food items with 200 impoverished individuals comprising the elderly, the disabled and young children during a handover ceremony held at Unity Park earlier this afternoon. The Prime Minister also provided the beneficiaries with startup backyard seedlings of spinach and salad variety as part of efforts to encourage home grown vegetables using recyclable materials.

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**23 April 2022,** On the Eve of Easter, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited the Central Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces and communities of Sekota town, Wag Hemra Zone of the Amhara region. During his discussion with community members, the Prime Minister praised the architectural excellence and philosophical foundation of the Agew people, highlighting the importance of capitalizing on these assets and maintaining unity to overcome challenges. Noting the recent experience of conflict in the vicinity, he emphasized enabling peace entails building peace within with a commitment to becoming peaceful agents.

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**24 April 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held an Easter holiday lunch program for 230 elders and various community members. He mentioned the holiday needs to be celebrated through the spirit of sharing and considering those in need.

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**27 April 2022**, In an effort to address a variety of challenges raised by Addis Ababa residents regarding city issues, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened the Addis Ababa City Administration cabinet, where a 9 month report was presented. The discussion held afterwards touched on a number of topics, including service delivery, land grabbing, housing administration, and land management. Issues that needed to be resolved were highlighted, and the Prime Minister provided further directions.

**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and the Addis Ababa City Administration cabinet reviewed backyard farming efforts within the Office as part of the Prime Minister's urban farming initiative. The reviewed backyard farming sites, which include fodder and compost production, demonstrate how to conserve water, recycle materials, and overcome space constraints in a way that inspires urban dwellers to forge ahead.

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**27 April 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with former Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and senior government officials visited the Lemi Cement project in North Shoa Zone of the Amhara Region. The site which will produce 10,000 tons per day of cement at full capacity when completed, will be the largest cement factory in Ethiopia. Private sector



development in the prioritized sectors of mining, agriculture, tourism and ICT is expected to boost the economy.

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**30 April 2022**, On the occasion of the upcoming Eid Al Fatir celebration, Prime Minister Abiy hmed together with the President of the Amhara Regional State, Dr. Yilikal Kefale and higher government and ENDF officials visited the National Defense Force Southern, Eastern, 6th and 8th Commands in Weldia town of North Wollo Zone. In his remarks to officers, Prime Minister Abiy encouraged them to continue enhancing preparedness to 1) maximize winning opportunities; 2) build a victorious morale; and 3) reduce risks. He also expressed the importance of cultivating a responsible generation and preparing the field to handover a prosperous Ethiopia.

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## Press Releases and Statements

### *Press Briefing Transcripts*

22 April 2022: <https://bit.ly/3rQLsX5>

### *Statements*

1 April 2022: <https://bit.ly/3F86yWn>

23 April 2022: <https://bit.ly/3yfjet4>

29 April 2022: <https://bit.ly/37a34q0>

1 May 2022: <https://bit.ly/3LJOV3K>

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## Quote of the Month

“A way of thinking that focuses on the next generation. Let us recognize that everything we do stems from a desire for our children to live in a better Ethiopia.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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## Photo of the Month



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