

4.4. Population, Gender, Peace, Conflict and Development

Although the reality of aspirations for development, peace, and equality are features of human history, the forms and nature of these vary from context to context. As located in developing world and, especially, in the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia is exposed to geopolitically, climatologically, historically and socioeconomically generated and cumulated challenges. Ethiopian and Horn of African communities desperately want economic, infrastructural and technological developments and in general, need a free world from poverty, hunger, conflict, unemployment and any form of oppression or conflicts arising from cultural-politics. Nevertheless, the Horn of Africa in particular and Africa at large is experiencing not only the traditional conflicts over inter-/intra-ethnic contests, nation conflicts, and conflicts over resources (land, water, minerals, etc.), but also even more complex forms of human trafficking, economic-political migrations, trans-border crimes, terrorism, and global climate change (GCC) generated conflicts. The following are key points under this sub-theme.

- Peace, conflict and development;
- Migration and human trafficking;
- Violent crimes, trans-border crimes and cross-border terrorism;
- Unemployment and corruption;
- Culture-/gender-based inequality;
- Economical or skill empowerment of the disadvantaged women, girls and/or physically impaired women and men.