

An  
**Enterprise Map**  
Of  
**Ethiopia**

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# Motivation

- Lack of adequate and uniform description of the capabilities of existing enterprises
- Need for discussions of enterprise policy to be grounded in a shared, correct understanding of this

# Appropriate Descriptions

- Cost and Timescale of full surveys
- What surveys do not capture
- The body of knowledge in advanced industrial economies
- The limited but specific information that is important to policy analysis
- Towards a design that is fast and inexpensive

# Scope and Coverage

- Profile each of the major industries
- Excludes services and financial sector
- Profile the leading firms in each industry (History, origins, current capabilities, etc.)
- Identify clusters of mid-size firms and their activities
- Problems and challenges

# Overview and Motivation

- 78% of exports from a few primary industries (Coffee, Oilseeds, Chat, etc.)
- 14 firms account for over half of this
- 22% from secondary (inc. agribusiness)
- (Cut flowers, Leather, Meat products, Clothing/Textiles, etc.)
- 19 firms account for over half of this

Primary						Secondary
Coffee 26%	Oilseeds 24%	Live animals 4%	Chat 10%	Pulses 6%	Gold 7%	23%

Flower 39%	Leather 22%	Meat and Meat Products 9%	Textile 4%	Sugar 4%	Others 22%
Red Fox	Ethiopia Tannery	Modjo Export	Ayka Addis	Ethiopian Sugar Development Agency	
AQ Roses					
Ziway Roses	Dire Industries	Luna Export	Woinu		
Linssen Roses					
Herburg Roses	Sheba Tannery	Elfora	Almeda		
STAR Group ENYI					
Others	Others	Others	Others		

Figure 1

# Structure

- Profile 50 'Leading Firms' distributed across these key industries
- Industry profile includes brief profiles of a few representative mid-size firms in each sub-market

# Example

- Steel, Engineering and Assembly
- Sub-markets include:
  - A : Galvanized coil/sheet, Corrugated sheet, Re-bars etc.
  - B: Engineering products, Car/Truck bodies, etc.
  - C: Hand Tools and other final products

# Focus

- Basic information on size, product range, ownership, etc
- First focus : where capabilities came from
- Second focus : Supply chains...inputs , origin by category ; sales, what and to whom.

# Rationale

- What can be locally sourced ?
- What can be locally sold ?
- Development of enterprises and development of domestic supply chains
- Development of enterprises within international supply chains
- Two faces of supply chains

# The big picture : Where capabilities come from...

- Home grown successes (Bharat Forge)
- From Trading to Manufacturing ( Steel Wire in Zambia)
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# The First Theme

- Origins of Capabilities of Leading Firms
- Three main categories
- (a) Trading to Manufacturing
- (b) Public sector origin
- (c) Foreign firms

<b>Local Traders (23)</b>	Public Sector (11)
	<b>Foreign Origin (9)</b>
	Small Local Firm (3)
Local Managers (2)	Other (2)

## Origins of 50 Leading Companies

# Trading to Manufacturing

- Of 50 Leading firms, 23 had their origin here,
- While 2 more were founded by Ethiopian managers who left their company to found a new firm

# Trading to Manufacturing: Examples

- Ayele Dejene Gugsu, Nigatwa Gezahegn (Modjo)
- Yohannes Sisay ,Isayas Teklu (Yesu)
- Alem Mengistu (Organic Export Abattoir)
- Said Kassie, founder of SECA
- Crown, GC and Woinu companies
- Ahadu conglomerate (Wendemneh family)

# 'Growth of Firms ' Stories

- Only three of these leading firms emerged from the small firm sector
- Is this surprising ? Special to Ethiopia?
- Lessons from elsewhere;
- Trader to exporter: Mohan Group...where do you source wire rod?
- A story from the US : When DO small firms grow?

# Profitability and Finance

- Some import substitution ventures can be extremely profitable...
- The slow takeup of such opportunities reflects, in part, problems of raising medium term finance...
- And this in turn biases investments in favour of trading rather than manufacturing

# Finance for Startups

- Two views:
- (a) licence one or more foreign banks
- (b) the present initiative .....
- Loan officers...lessons from Azerbaijan

# Expanding existing capabilities

- Supply and demand in sugar
- New private sector firms in Cement
- Apparent matches: high imports, existing capabilities (Soaps and detergents, Plastics, etc.)

# Origins of Capabilities: Part II

- About one quarter of the '50 leading firms' have foreign origins
- What is happening to FDI today ?
- Projected employment in current new ventures is 26,000....more than the total employment in these 50 leading firms

	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b><i>FDI flow</i></b> (millions of US \$)	265	545	222	93
<b><i>FDI flow</i></b> <b><i>Gross Fixed Capital Formation</i></b>	6.8%	20.8%	7.2%	2.3%
<b><i>FDI stock</i></b> <b><i>GDP</i></b>	12.0%	12.0%	21.5%	14.3%

Table 1: FDI flows, and FDI stock for Ethiopia, selected years  
Source: UNCTAD, World Investment Report 2009



# High Dispersion

- 14 industries
- 37 countries
  
- But four countries and six industries dominate

# Four Countries, Six industries

- China(Clothing/textiles, Building materials, Plastics, Metals/Engineering)
- India(FoodProcessing/Plastics)
- Italy(Clothing/Textiles,Leather,and Metals/Engineering)
- Saudi Arabia(FoodProcessing, Clothing/Textiles)

Nationality/Sector	Algerian/Saudi Arabian	American	American/Cayman Islands	American/Channels	American/Italian	Austrian	Austrian/Sudanese	British	British/German/Ferret	British/Indian	British/Kenyan	British/Sudanese	British/Ugandan	Bulgarian	Canadian	Canadian/Kenyan	Chinese	Chinese/Pakistani	Cypriot	Cyprus/Slovakia	Djibouti	Dutch	Dutch/Kenyan	Egyptian	French	German	Ghanaian	Greek/Italian	Indian	Indonesian	Indonesian	Iranian	Iraqi	Israeli	Italian	Italian/Norwegian	Jamaican	Japanese	Kenyan	Kenyan/Indian	Kenyan/Mauritius	Kenyan/Pakistani	Kenyan/Sri Lankan	Pakistani	Saudi Arabian	Slovakia	South African	South Korean	Sudanese	Swedish	Turkish	Turkish/Sudanese	UAE	Ukrainian	Ukrainian	Emilian	Industry Total	
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Table 3: Projected Employment in FDI Projects by Industry and Country

# Policies for FDI

- Two extremes...
- (a) permissive
- (b) supportive
- The Irish experience with autonomous agencies

# Specific Industry Themes

- Cement and Sugar : Government to Private sector links
- Plastics: missed opportunities?
- Sub-standard imports (plastics,metals)
- Leather : Re-capturing lost ground?

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## Most of Manufacturing Employment in SME Sector:

- 43,300 small scale firms, total employment **139,000**.
  - About 1 million cottage/handicraft enterprises (don't use electricity), **1.3 million** people. (Data for 2002)
  - 800,000 urban informal sector non-farm firms (mfg, trade, services), **1 million** persons engaged.
- ❖ Compare to 134,000 workers in formal mfg firms.

## The research question:

- Can the small and medium scale enterprise (SME) sector be a source of **sustained growth** in the private sector & Ethiopia?

## The answer:

- In its current form - no.
  - The type of products produced are basic, better suited for large-scale production.
  - The value-added generated is low.
  - A small firm is unlikely to grow to become large.
- Of course, the SME still has an important role to play, providing subsistence for unskilled workers.

## Ethiopia's Investment Climate

- Survey data on managers' perceptions indicate that the investment climate in Ethiopia **improved** a lot between 2001 & 2007 (World Bank, 2009).
- Share of firms complaining about the IC is **lower** for Ethiopia than the low-income international averages.
- On 'ease of doing business', Ethiopia ranks quite **high** amongst low-income countries

# Manufacturing: Enormous differences in VAD per worker across firms of differing size

**Table 5: Micro, Small and Medium Sized Manufacturing Enterprises 2007/08**

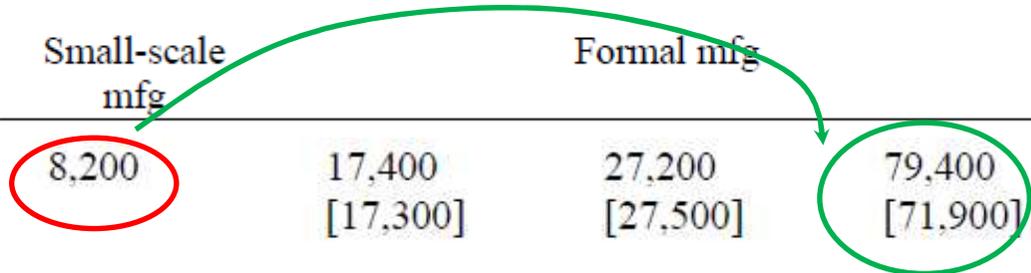
Size range (number of workers)	Less than 10	10-19	20-49	50+
Survey	Small-scale mfg		Formal mfg	
Number of persons engaged	138,951	10,690 [10,616]	14,757 [14,306]	108,226 [63,715]
Number of establishments	43,338	846 [841]	519 [505]	565 [420]
Total value-added	1.14 billion	186.1 million [184.1]	401.1 million [393.4]	8.59 billion [4.58bn]
Total value of capital installed	1.01 billion	244.5 million [244.0]	702.6 million [693.1]	7.58 billion [4.8 billion]
Value-added per person engaged	8,200	17,400 [17,300]	27,200 [27,500]	79,400 [71,900]
Average wage, all paid employees	3,144	3,590	5,750 birr	11,700
Average wage, production workers		2,856	3,640	6,716

Note: All financial figures are in birr, current values.

Source: CSA (2009, 2010)

## Size distribution heavily skewed towards low-VAD firms

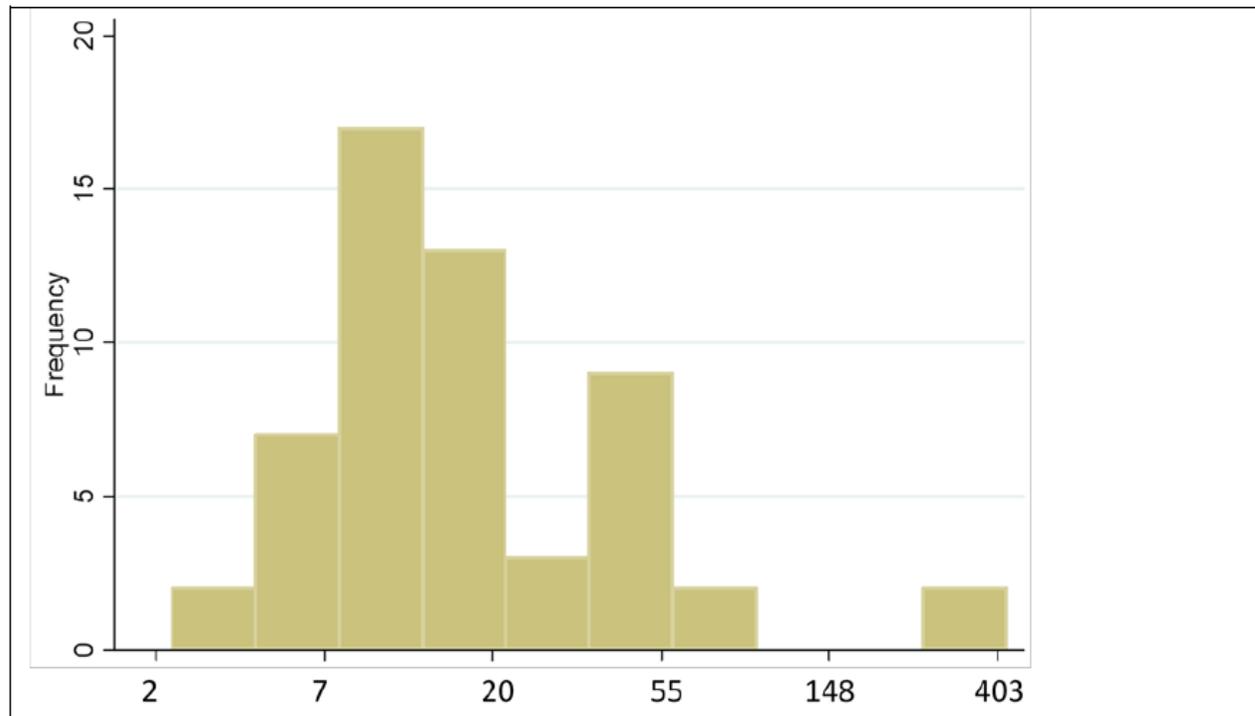
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Imagine the gains a **structural shift** might bring about.

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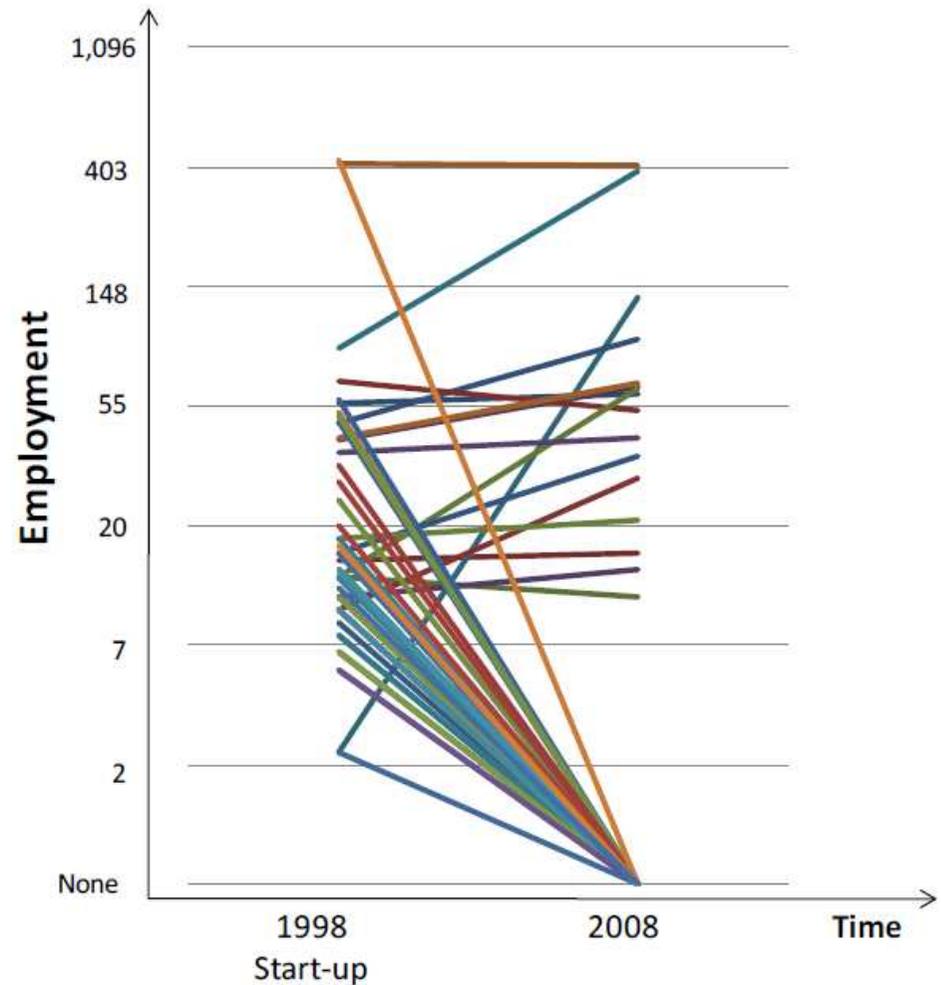
- Analysis of the new entrants in formal manufacturing in 1998.
- There were 55 such new entrants in 1998.
- The size distribution at startup:



# Do small firms grow and become large?

- It happens, but it's very unusual.
- The largest 1998 entrant still the largest firm in 2008.
- 29% survive.
- High exit rates among small firms

Dynamics of new entrants:



# Growth conditional on survival is high:

**Table 6. Summary statistics on the evolution of entrants**

	(1) Status of 1998 entrants in 2008
Still in business	29%
Median employment growth if still in business	41%
Still in business & initial size $\leq$ median for entrants	16%
Still in business & initial size $>$ median for entrants	46%
Median employment growth if still in business & initial size $\leq$ median for entrants	200%
Median employment growth if still in business & initial size $>$ median for entrants	17%
Number of entrants	55

# Predicted employment 10 years after startup

- Regression analysis of growth and survival as dependent on initial size.
- Small firms have higher exit rates; also, conditional on survival, they have high growth rates.
- Net effect on long term employment:



(1) Initial employment	(2) Probability of survival after 10 year	(3) Expected employment after 10 years, conditional on survival	(4) Unconditional expected employment after 10 years	(5) Job ratio
10	0.21	43.8	9.3	0.93
20	0.30	46.0	13.6	0.68
50	0.43	72.0	30.7	0.61
100	0.53	134.9	71.7	0.72
250	0.67	454.4	302.6	1.21

Note: Results are based on the regression results shown in Table 7.

# Tomorrow's large firms won't be found amongst today's small firms

- Large firms start large. Resources:
  - Finance / physical capital
  - Management skills.
    - Ability to run large firm.
    - Ability to act in global network – communication, long distance collaboration, etc.
- Today's small scale entrepreneurs typically don't have those skills.