

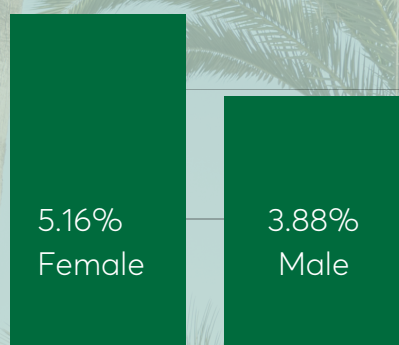
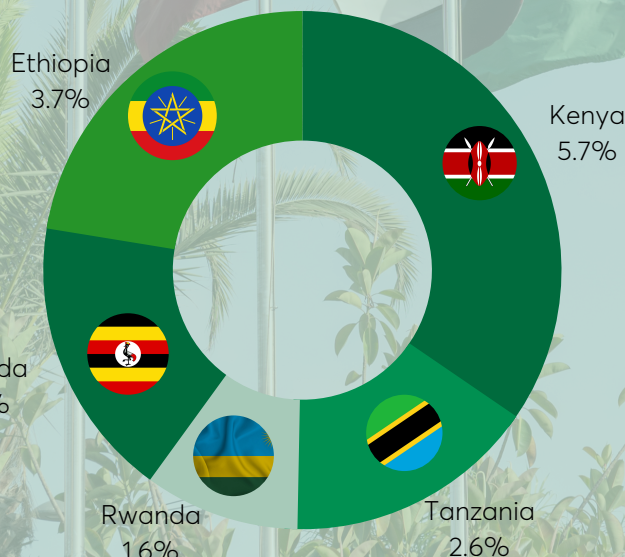
Unemployment in East Africa

In 2022, the unemployment rate in Eastern Africa was higher among women, at 5.4%, than among men, at 4%. Furthermore, the projection for 2023 showed a similar trend. Male unemployment would be 3.9%, compared to a female rate of 5.2%. The overall unemployment rate will decline in 2023 from the previous year.

Statistics

- GDP: \$163.4 billion
- Population: 478,532,648

Unemployment Rate in East African countries



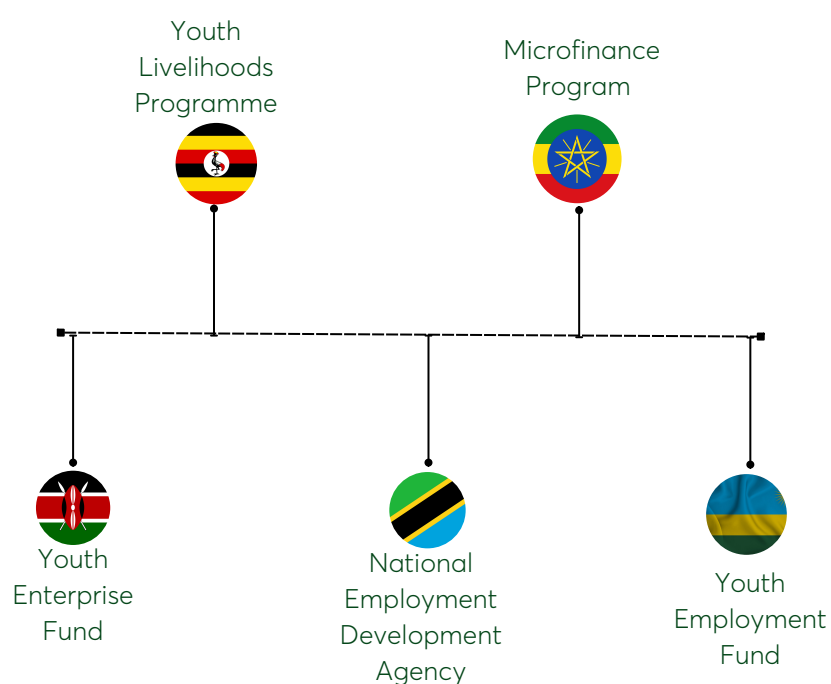
Unemployment rate by gender in Africa 2023



Employment Sector

- 65.4%** Agriculture is the largest employer in East Africa, accounting for 65.4% of total employment in the region
- 11.7%** The manufacturing and industrial sectors account for 11.7% of total employment in East Africa.
- 22.9%** The services sector accounts for 22.9% of total employment in East Africa.
- 83.6%** of non-agricultural employment in the region is in the informal sector.

The East African governments have taken a number of initiatives to curb unemployment. These initiatives have had some success in reducing unemployment in East Africa. However, unemployment remains a challenge in the region



Age Distribution of the Employed



Median Age: 29years



15-24years
35%



65 and above
4%



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