

Hawassa Industrial Park — Ethiopia's Flagship Eco-Industrial Textile Cluster

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Ethiopia's government-built Hawassa Industrial Park employed up to 28,000 workers (80%+ women) and generated \$436m in cumulative apparel exports by 2024, but missed its original targets and lost 11,000+ jobs after the 2025 AGOA trade-preference suspension.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

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