

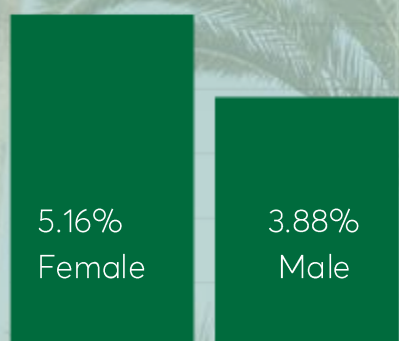
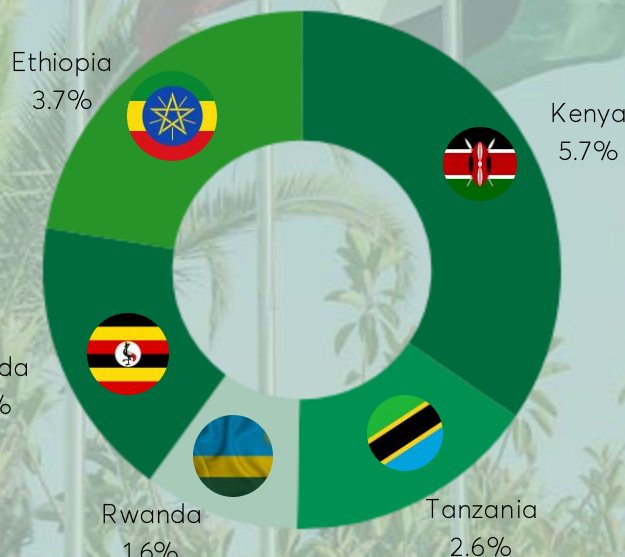
# Unemployment in East Africa

Eastern Africa's unemployment rate is 4.7%, one of the lowest in Africa, with a higher rate for women at 5.4% compared to 4% for men. Projections for 2023 show male unemployment at 3.9% and female at 5.2%, with an overall decline in the unemployment rate from the previous year.

- GDP: \$163.4 billion

- Population: 502, 536,609, equivalent of 6.1% of the total world population

Unemployment Rate in East African countries



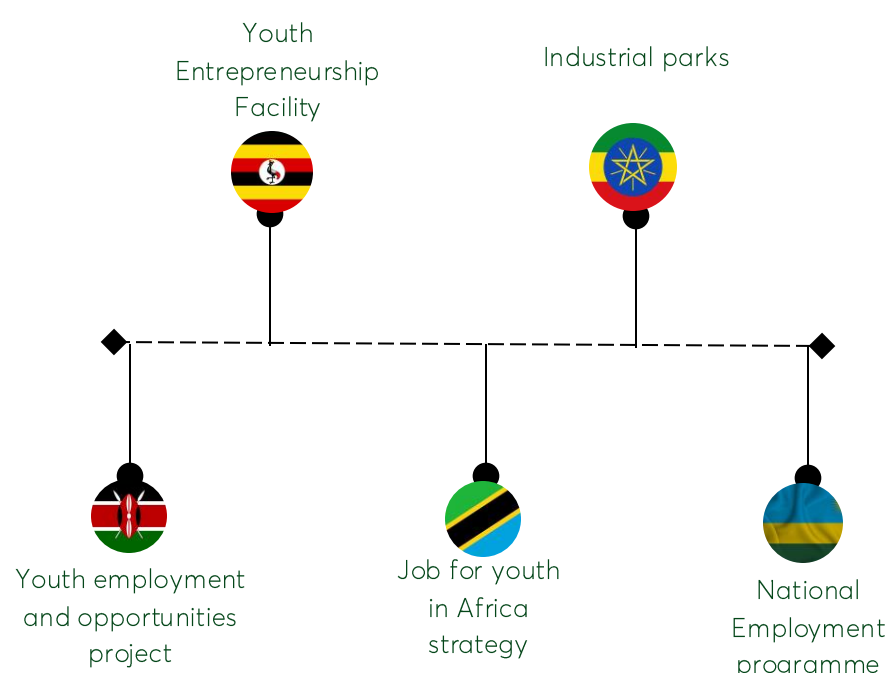
Unemployment rate by gender in Africa 2023



## Employment Sector

Across East Africa, countries are adopting multifaceted approaches to tackle unemployment, particularly among youth. These initiatives have had some success in reducing unemployment in East Africa. However, unemployment remains a challenge in the region

- 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.



## Age Distribution of the Employed



Median Age: 29years



15-24years  
40%



65 and above  
4%



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