

Brief overview of Gofa Zone

With approximately one million inhabitants, the Gofa Zone is in the Southwestern fringes of Ethiopia bordering Gamo Zone on the East & Southeast, Dawuro on the North, Konta Special Woreda on the Northwest, Basketo Special Woreda on the Southwest, and South Omo Zone on the Southern side. Gofa is composed of seven woredas including Demba Gofa, Gezie Gofa, Zala, Melo Koza, Melo Gada, Uba Debre Tsehay, Oyda, as well as two town

administrations including Sawla (Zonal Capital) and Bulki. The Zone is endowed with diverse agro-ecological climate and topography ranging from the chains of “Woyla” and “Alba Zoma” escapements with elevation near 4000m to the Omo River Valley with only 700m above the Sea level. Gofa has a vast arable land and a few perennial rivers including Maze, Ergino, Zenti, and Omo the latter being the fourth largest in Ethiopia with four hydro plants constructed along its banks

generating half of the current electricity supply to the country. Its diverse and favorable ecosystem offers ample opportunity for farming of staples, cash crops, spices and animal ranching.

