Eritrea at a glance

POVERTY and SOCIAL

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2000
- Population, mid-year (millions): 4.1
- GNI (Atlas method, US$ billions): 0.72

Average annual growth, 1994-00
- Population (%): 2.7
- Labor force (%): 2.7

Most recent estimate (latest year available, 1994-00)
- Poverty (% of population below national poverty line): ...
- Urban population (% of total population): 19
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 51
- Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births): 61
- Child malnutrition (% of children under 5): 44
- Access to an improved water source (% of population): 7
- Illiteracy (% of population age 15+): 53
- Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population): 59
- Male: 58
- Female: 48

KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS

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(average annual growth)
- GDP: 3.2
- GDP per capita: 0.4
- Exports of goods and services: -7.0

STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY

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(average annual growth)
- Agriculture: ..
- Industry: ..
- Manufacturing: ..
- Services: ..
- Private consumption: ..
- General government consumption: ..
- Gross domestic investment: ..
- Exports of goods and services: 10.7

Note: 2000 data are preliminary estimates.
* The diamonds show four key indicators in the country (in bold) compared with its income-group average. If data are missing, the diamond will be incomplete.
### Prices and Government Finance

#### Domestic Prices (% change)
- Consumer prices: 9.0 in 1990, 19.9 in 2000
- Implicit GDP deflator: 8.2 in 1990, 17.7 in 2000

#### Government Finance (% of GDP, includes current grants)
- Current revenue: 39.9 in 1990, 4.1 in 2000
- Current budget balance: -15.0 in 1990, -34.3 in 2000
- Overall surplus/deficit: -78.1 in 1990, -67.6 in 2000

### Trade

#### (US$ millions)
- Total exports (fob)
  - 1980: n.a.
  - 1990: 20
  - 1999: 35

- Total imports (cif)
  - 1980: 495
  - 1990: 471
  - 1999: 89
  - 1999: 117

- Export price index (1995=100)
  - 1980: n.a.
  - 1990: n.a.

- Import price index (1995=100)
  - 1980: n.a.
  - 1990: n.a.

### Balance of Payments

#### (US$ millions)
- Exports of goods and services: 66 in 1990, 138 in 1999
- Imports of goods and services: 597 in 1990, 523 in 1999
- Net income: 6 in 1990
- Net current transfers: 322 in 1990, 289 in 1999
- Current account balance: -205 in 1990, -107 in 1999
- Financing items (net): 225 in 1990, 128 in 1999
- Changes in net reserves: -20 in 1990, -22 in 1999

### External Debt and Resource Flows

#### (US$ millions)
- Total debt outstanding and disbursed: 242 in 1990, 300 in 1999
- Total debt service: 4 in 1990, 3 in 1999
- Official creditors: 0 in 1990, 0 in 1999
- Private creditors: 0 in 1990, 0 in 1999
- Foreign direct investment: 0 in 1990, 0 in 1999
- Portfolio equity: 0 in 1990, 0 in 1999
- World Bank program
  - Commitments: 0 in 1990, 170 in 1999
  - Disbursements: 20 in 1990, 32 in 1999
  - Principal repayments: 0 in 1990, 0 in 1999
  - Net flows: 20 in 1990, 32 in 1999
  - Interest payments: 0 in 1990, 0 in 1999
  - Net transfers: 19 in 1990, 31 in 1999

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