



**COALITION OF 100+ ORGANIZATIONS COMMENDS BIDEN ADMINISTRATION  
DECISION TO PROTECT 30K ETHIOPIANS IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH  
TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS**

*TPS provides work permits and protection from deportation*

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Today, the Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition ([TPS-DED AAC](#)) commends the Biden administration for its [decision to designate](#) Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Ethiopia for 18 months. TPS will provide an urgently needed measure of stability and security for an estimated 30,000 people in response to the escalating [humanitarian crisis](#) and [violence](#) unfolding in Ethiopia. Advocates and community members of the coalition have called for TPS for Ethiopia and an international humanitarian response [since August 2021](#). We urge the administration to follow this announcement with a swift release of the Federal Register Notice and immediate cessation of deportations to Ethiopia to ensure protection. Further, the TPS-DED AAC also calls for Special Student Relief to be granted to the over 2,000 Ethiopian students in the country who are impacted by the crisis back home.

**Dr. Tsehaye Teferra, President and CEO of the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) stated:** “We welcome President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas’s decision to grant Temporary Protected Status for Ethiopia. This important action will offer relief to Ethiopians in the United States who faced possible return to a country experiencing one of the most devastating wars and humanitarian crises in the world today. We look forward to working with the Administration on additional protections for Ethiopian refugees displaced by the war, including refugee resettlement, and more equitable treatment for Black and African refugees and immigrants in general.”

**Lora Adams, Campaign Coordinator of the TPS-DED AAC stated:** “The protections afforded by TPS to Ethiopians living in the United States provide a much-needed temporary safety net. While these protections have been long needed, we are glad for this 18-month designation and urge the administration to ensure a swift implementation of these protections for Ethiopians in the United States. The work is not over, as thousands of TPS applicants from all designated countries continue to wait in an extensive backlog for their applications to be processed. We must ensure that once a country is designated for protection, its people in the United States actually receive that protection.”

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*The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.*