

Nation obtains 111 mln. USD from floriculture industry

JIMMA (ENA) - Ethiopia has secured 111 million USD from floriculture sector last fiscal year, the Ministry of Trade and Industry said.

The sector has created jobs for over 30,000 people, 70 per cent of whom are female.

Speaking at a relevant meeting here, Ministry Floriculture Development Advisor Dr. Adhanom Negasi said 81 organizations are engaged in the sector.

Some 94 per cent of the organizations are operating in Oromia State and the rest in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples State with efforts to expand the sector to other states, he said.

Some 32 of the organizations are domestic, 44 foreign, and the remain-



There is a thriving flower industry in Ethiopia (Photo file)

ing joint venture businesses.

The organizations have helped to supply electric, education and

health facilities to the local people.

The nation expects to secure 206 million USD from the sector this fis-

cal year, expanding the total area of land covered with floriculture industry to 1,480 hectares, he said.