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Despite being one of the richest countries in Africa, Ethiopia is a country struggling in the health of their people and its economy. Most deaths, are because of all the health hazards, most being water related diseases. A lot of it is because of the lack of wells, and clean water. Also, the small amount of children getting a good education, that leads to a poor life. I would like to go to Ethiopia to help people get clean water and to help them have more successful careers....

Only 42% of people have access to clean water. That means more than half of the population can't have water that is safe for them or their family. Kali Shebi, a college student, was born and rose in Ethiopia, she said, "Each morning, my grandmother would go collect water from the stream. Then she would go boil it to purify it". Kali's grandmother was lucky that she lived next to a stream, most people send their children to collect water. It can even take up to 6 hours to go there and back, causing no time for a good education.

Ethiopia would be a great opportunity to see how people live differently than us.