VLIR-UOS policy for local per diem and local scholarships in Ethiopia (reviewed version, March 2021)

The adapted rates apply as maximum rates to all VLIR-UOS interventions in Ethiopia, and apply as from the date of communication (it is possible to apply them retroactively as from 1 January 2021). It is not an obligation, however, to apply these adapted rates. An individual project or programme can decide to adhere to the previous rates (in birr). The VLIR-UOS local scholarship policy for Ethiopia remains unchanged.

VLIR-UOS per diem policy for Ethiopia

	Federal and Regional capital cities[1]	Zonal cities[2]	Others (woreda towns and kebele villages)
Per diem (also to be used for 1 day field trips) *	15 EUR	11 EUR	8 EUR
Accommodation (upon receipt, max.) **	18 EUR	11 EUR	8 EUR

* A per diem format will be used, and evidence of travel must be provided by mentioning vehicle plate number, or parallel settlement of transport tickets.

** Agreements with preferential prices can be made with hotels in the study area and in Addis Ababa and researchers will be directed to those hotels

[1] Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, Adama, Bahir Dar, Hawassa, Mekelle, Jijiga, Gambela & Harar
[2] Gondar, Dessie, Jimma, Shashamane, Bishoftu (Debre Zeit), Sodo, Arba Minch, Hosaena, Dilla, Nekemte, Debre Birhan, Asella, Debre Markos, Kombolcha, Adigrat, Woldiya, Sebeta, Shire, Ambo, Aksum, Bale Robe, Butajira, Ziway, Adwa, Areka, Yirgalem, Woliso, Welkite, Gode, Meki, Negele Borana, Asosa, Konso, Wukro, Sawla, Modjo, Jinka

VLIR-UOS local scholarship policy for Ethiopia

Local scholarships are not allowed (because the Ethiopian government provides full scholarships to students). However, it is allowed to budget a 'supervision allowance' for the local supervision of sandwich PhD students funded through VLIR-UOS projects, on the condition that it's in the framework of a joint or double degree PhD programme (i.e. the student is also subscribed as PhD student at the doctoral school of the local host institution). Moreover, a local supervision allowance can only be budgeted and reported if the student spends max. 14 months in Belgium (so the number of months spend locally increases, together with importance of local supervision).

Rate: 800EUR per year per supervisor (notwithstanding the number of PhD's he's supervising - alignment with IUC JU regulation)

Lump sums to cover field research costs for (MSc.-)students are not allowed. Cost can be covered through the project on operational costs, but need to be budgeted and the reporting needs to be based on invoices. A specific programme or project can decide to put internally a maximum per student for these operational costs.