Part of our mission is to:

- **Document the oral history** of the city of Addis-Abeba and its neighborhood
- **Empower and Engage** people to collect and develop Historical content and dedicate it to the public domain.
- **Disseminate** this content effectively and globally, free of charge.

You are free to:

- **Read** what other contributors have provided
- **Contribute To** our site.

**Under the following conditions:**

- **Responsibility** — You take responsibility for your edits (since we host your content).
- **Civility** — You support a civil environment and do not harass other users.
- **Lawful Behavior** — You do not violate copyright or other laws.
- **No Harm** — You do not harm our technology infrastructure.
- **Terms of Use and Policies** — You adhere to the below Terms of Use and to the applicable community policies when you visit our sites or participate in our communities.

**With the understanding that:**

- **You share Freely Your Contributions** — Your contributions are dedicated to the public domain.
- **No Professional Advice** — the content of your text and visuals is for informational purposes only and does not constitute professional advice.

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**Our Terms of Use**

*Our commitment, is to create a place in which every citizen becomes the writer of their own history.*

Welcome to አፈታሪክ Afetarik!

The አፈታሪክ Afetarik is a website whose **mission** is to document the Oral history of the city of Addis-Abeba and empower and engage the people of the city in writing their own history.

We welcome you as a reader, author, or contributor of አፈታሪክ Afetarik.

Before you participate, however, we ask that you please read and agree to the following Terms of Use (“Terms of Use”).
Overview

These Terms of Use tell you about our public services at አፋትሪክ Afetarik, our relationship to you as a user, and the rights and responsibilities that guide us both. We want you to know that we host historical contents, all of which is contributed and made possible by users like yourself. Generally, we do not contribute, monitor, or delete content (with the rare exception of policies like these Terms of Use. This means).

The community - the network of users who are constantly building and using the site - are the principal means through which the goals of the mission are achieved. You are welcome to join as a contributor or author, but you should follow the policies that governs it. Because we are dedicated to making content freely accessible to the public, we generally require that all content you contribute is available under the public domain. Please be aware that you are legally responsible for all of your contributions, and re-use of አፋትሪክ Afetarik content under the laws of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the United States of America and other applicable laws (which may include the laws where you live or where you view or edit content). This means it is important that you use caution when posting content. In light of this responsibility, we have some rules about what you cannot post, most of which is either for your own protection or for the protection of other users like yourself. Please keep in mind that the content we host is for general informational purposes only. We also include other important notices and disclaimers, so please read these Terms of Use in their entirety.

Terms

- **We do not take an editorial role:** Because in አፋትሪክ Afetarik, all of the content that we host is provided by users like yourself, we do not take an editorial role. We do not take any responsibility for this content. Similarly, we do not endorse any opinions expressed via our services, and we do not represent or guarantee the truthfulness, accuracy, or reliability of any submitted community content. Instead, we simply provide access to the content that your fellow users have contributed.

- **You are responsible for your own actions:** You are legally responsible for your contributions on አፋትሪክ Afetarik, so for your own protection you should exercise caution and avoid contributing any content that may result in criminal or civil liability under any applicable laws. For clarity, applicable law includes at least the laws of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the United States of America and we warn contributors that authorities may seek to apply other country laws to you, including local laws where you live or where you view or write content. WMF generally cannot offer any protection, guarantee, immunity or indemnification.

- **You may find some material objectionable or erroneous:** Because we provide a wide array of content that is produced or gathered by fellow users, you may encounter material that you find offensive, misleading, mislabeled, or otherwise objectionable. We therefore ask that you report to us.
አፈታሪክ Afetarik only exist because of the community of users like you who collaborate together to write, share visuals based on the history of Addis-Abeba. We happily welcome your participation in this community. We encourage you to be civil and polite in your contribution and to act in good faith, and to make contributions aimed at furthering the mission of አፈታሪክ Afetarik.

Certain activities, whether legal or illegal, may be harmful to other users and violate our rules, and some activities may also subject you to liability. Therefore, for your own protection and for that of other users, you may not engage in such activities on our sites. These activities include:

Harassing and Abusing Others
- Engaging in harassment, threats, stalking, spamming, or vandalism

Violating the Privacy of Others
- Infringing the privacy rights of others under the laws of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the United States of America or other applicable laws (which may include the laws where you live or where you view or edit content);
- Soliciting personally identifiable information for purposes of harassment, exploitation, violation of privacy, or any promotional or commercial purpose not explicitly approved by the አፈታሪክ Afetarik.

Engaging in False Statements, Impersonation, or Fraud
- Intentionally or knowingly posting content that constitutes libel or defamation;
- With the intent to deceive, posting content that is false or inaccurate;
- Attempting to impersonate another user or individual, misrepresenting your affiliation with any individual or entity, or using the story teller name of another user with the intent to deceive; and Engaging in fraud.

Committing Infringement
- Infringing copyrights, trademarks, patents, or other proprietary rights under applicable law.

Misusing Our Services for Other Illegal Purposes
- Posting or trafficking in obscene material that is unlawful under applicable law; and
- Using the services in a manner that is inconsistent with applicable law.

Engaging in Disruptive and Illegal Misuse of Facilities
- Posting or distributing content that contains any viruses, malware, worms, Trojan horses, malicious code, or other device that could harm our technical infrastructure or system or that of our users;
- Engaging in automated uses of the site that are abusive or disruptive of the services and have not been approved by አፈታሪክ Afetarik;
- Disrupting the services by placing an undue burden or the networks or servers connected with አፈታሪክ Afetari's website;
- Disrupting the services by inundating አፋትርክ Afetarik’s websites with communications or other traffic that suggests no serious intent to use the Project website for its stated purpose;
- Knowingly accessing, tampering with, or using any of our non-public areas in our computer systems without authorization; and
- Probing, scanning, or testing the vulnerability of any of our technical systems or networks unless all the following conditions are met:
  - such actions do not unduly abuse or disrupt our technical systems or networks;
  - such actions are not for personal gain (except for credit for your work);
  - you report any vulnerabilities to አፋትርክ Afetarik developers and
  - you do not undertake such actions with malicious or destructive intent.

**Trademarks**

Although you have considerable freedoms for contribution of the content on አፋትርክ Afetarik, it is important that, at አፋትርክ Afetarik, we protect our trademark rights so that we can protect our users from fraudulent impersonators. Because of this, we ask that you please respect our trademarks. Any use of our trade name, trademark, service mark, logo, or domain name must be following these Terms of Use.

The community has the primary role in creating and enforcing policies applying to አፋትርክ Afetarik contribution.

- Investigate your use of the service (a) to determine whether a violation of these Terms of Use, or other applicable law or policy has occurred, or (b) to comply with any applicable law, legal process, or appropriate governmental request;
- Detect, prevent, or otherwise address fraud, security, or technical issues or respond to user support requests;
- Refuse, disable, or restrict access to the contribution of any user who violates these Terms of Use;
- Ban a user from contributing or access for actions violating these Terms of Use, including repeat copyright infringement by reporting to አፋትርክ Afetarik.
- Take legal action against users who violate these Terms of Use (including reports to law enforcement authorities); and

In the interests of our users and አፋትርክ Afetarik, in the extreme circumstance that any individual has had access blocked under this provision, he or she is prohibited from using another name or seeking access to አፋትርክ Afetarik. Unless we provide explicit permission. Without limiting the authority of the community, አፋትርክ Afetarik, itself will ban a user from contributing or access solely because of good faith criticism that does not result in actions otherwise violating these Terms of Use or community policies.

Because it may be necessary to modify these Terms of Use from time to time, we will provide notice of such modifications and the opportunity to comment via አፋትርክ Afetarik’s websites. However, we ask that you please periodically review the most up-to-date version of these Terms of Use. Your continued use of our services after the new Terms of Use become official following the notice and review period constitutes an acceptance of these Terms of Use on your part. For the protection of አፋትርክ Afetarik and other users like yourself, if you do not agree with our Terms of Use, you cannot use our services.
Other Terms

These Terms of Use do not create an employment, agency, partnership, or joint venture relationship between you and ከፍታሪክ Afetarik.

If you have not signed a separate agreement with us, these Terms of Use are the entire agreement between you and us. If there is any conflict between these Terms of Use and a signed written agreement between you and us, the signed agreement will control.

You agree that we may provide you with notices, including those regarding changes to the Terms of Use, by email, regular mail, or postings on ከፍታሪክ Afetarik's websites.

If in any circumstance, we do not apply or enforce any provision of these Terms of Use, it is not a waiver of that provision.

You understand that, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by us, you have no expectation of compensation for any activity, contribution, or idea that you provide to us, the community, or ከፍታሪክ Afetarik.

These Terms of Use were written in English (U.S.). While we hope that translations of these Terms of Use are accurate, in the event of any differences in meaning between the original English version and a translation, the original English version takes precedence.

If any provision or part of a provision of these Terms of Use is found unlawful, void, or unenforceable, that provision or part of the provision is deemed severable from these Terms of Use and will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible, and all other provisions of these Terms of Use will remain in full force and effect.

Thank You!
We appreciate your taking the time to read these Terms of Use, and we are very happy to have you contributing to ከፍታሪክ Afetarik and using our services. Through your contributions, you are helping to document your cities history

These Terms of Use went into effect on December, 2018.