

# Country Spotlight: Inclusive Identity at Scale: Ethiopia's National ID Journey

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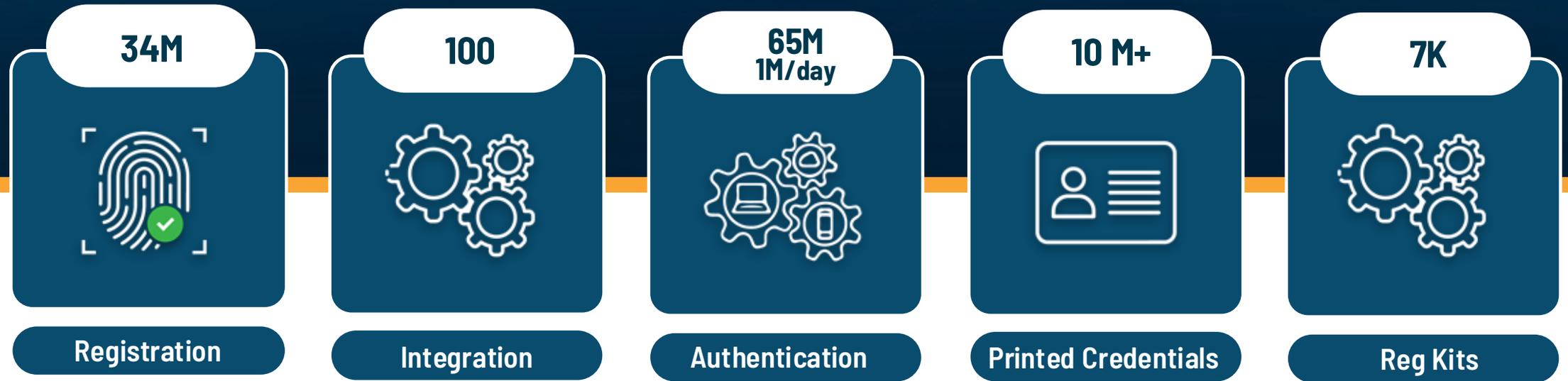


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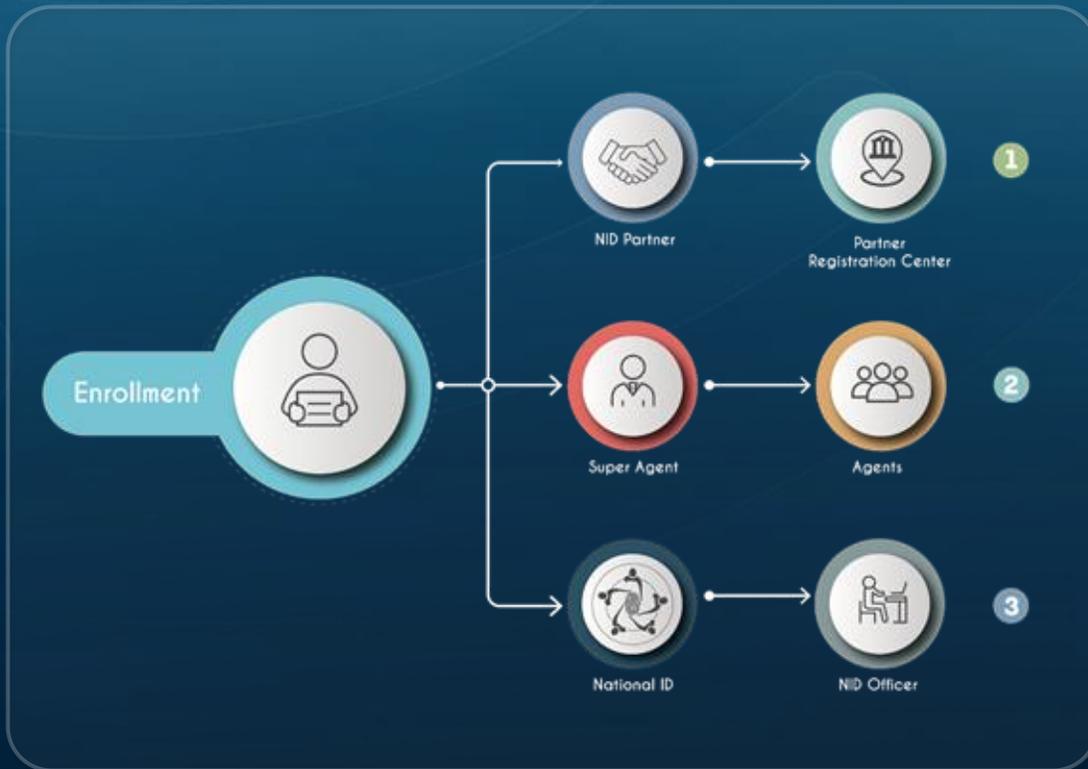
*Identity is the New Collateral!*



# Current Status in Numbers



# Registration Ecosystem



Current 34M

2024

2026

2028

10M

70M

90M



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# Fayda Credentials



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**Fayda ID Card**

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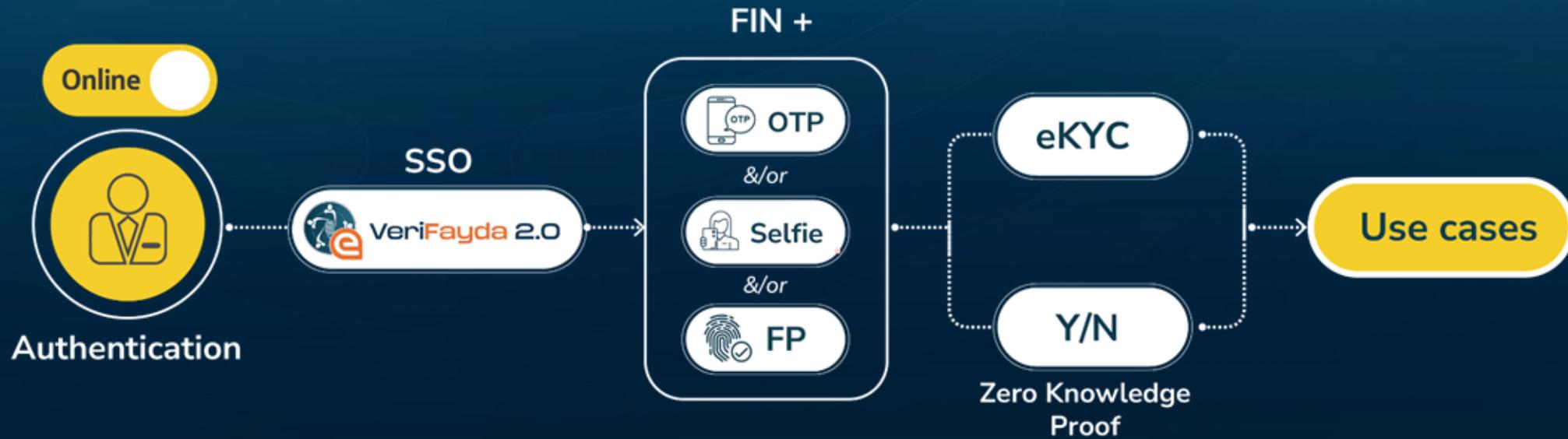
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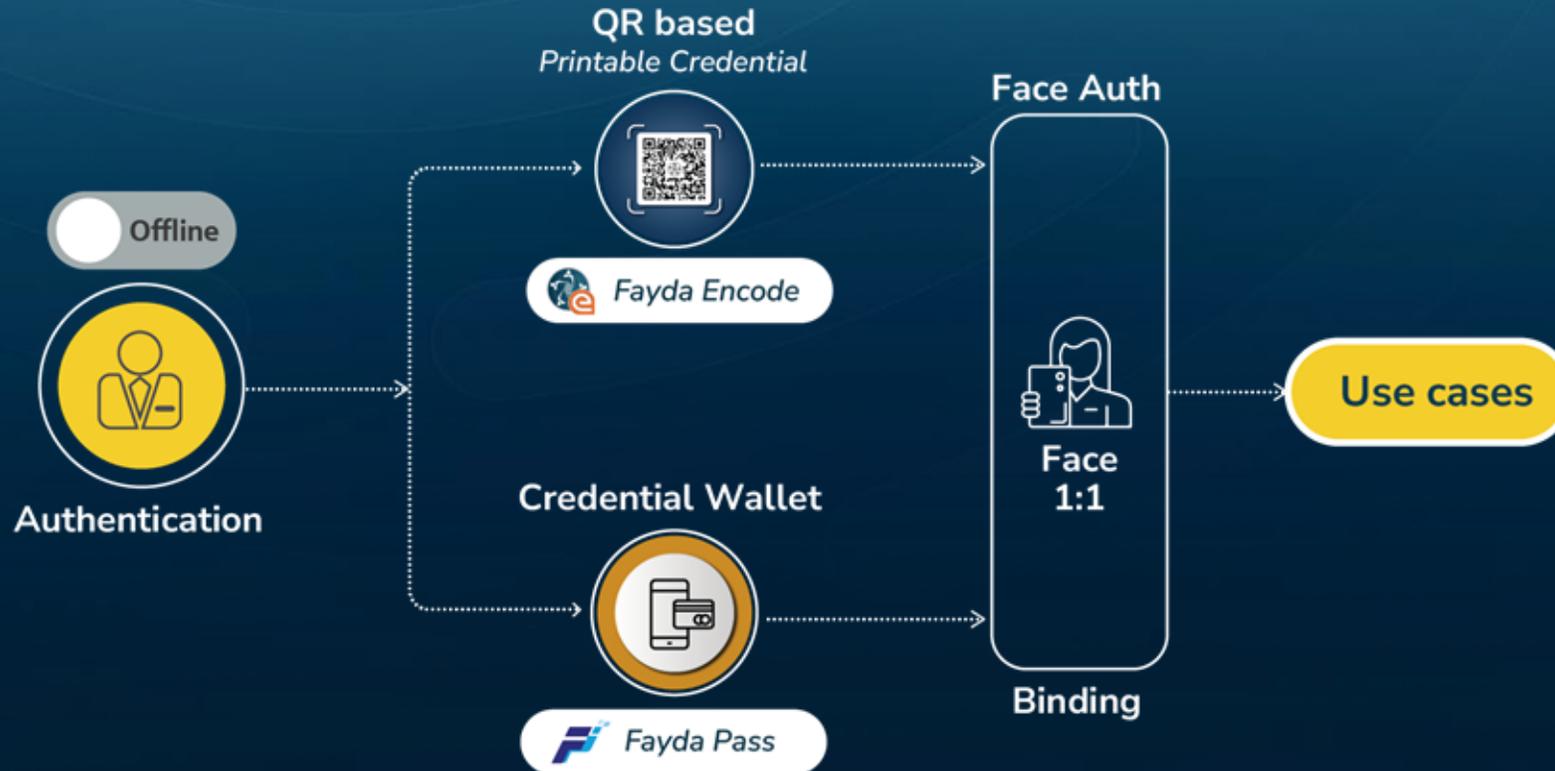


**eFayda  
(A4/A5)**

# Modalities for Authentication (Online)



# Modalities for Authentication (Offline)





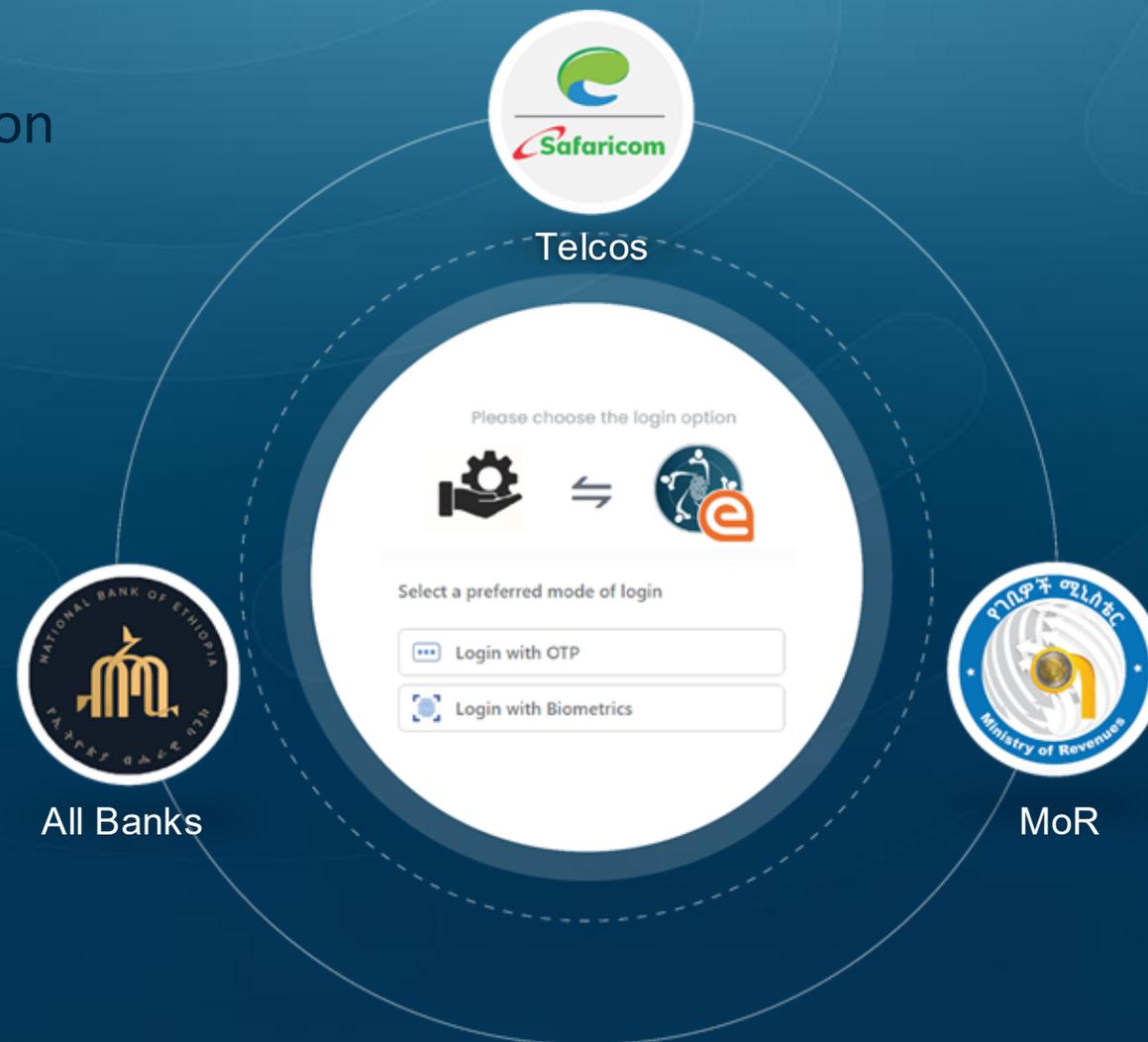
## VeriFayda (eSignet) Harmonization

**Banks:** NBE mandated new and existing bank accounts to be harmonized in phases (remote harmonization)

**Tele :** SIM cards, microfinance loans mobile banking and mobile wallets (Telebirr and M-Pesa).

**Ministry of Revenue (MoR) :** Over 5M Fayda–TIN harmonized for existing TINs

- Fayda has been made mandatory for NEW TINs nationally



# Service Dependency Across Sectors



## AA Civil Registration and Vital Events Agency

- Fayda is being requested to be delivered for all the vital events, i.e, birth, marriage, death, etc



## Document Registration and Verification & Land Administration Office

- Fayda is mandatory for notary & title-deed services for all contract signatures and business cases
- Fayda is mandatory for transfer, sales and renewal of title-deeds (Property Ownership Certificates)



## ICS

- Discussions on System Integration are ongoing
  - Fayda prerequisite for new passports and renewals



## Mesob

- Fayda based digital one-stop shop for e-government services



## Education

- Student registration
- Exit exam and grade 12 registration nationally



## Others

- EDR (Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway) - eticketing and customer onboarding and eKYC
- Diaspora Registration in Dubai

## Impact - Financial Inclusion and Farmer Support



- Provides a gateway to the formal financial system by enabling opening of bank accounts using Fayda (eg. Ms.Aberash pictured)
- Integrates with NARLAIS and Ministry of Agriculture /ATI Open Agri Net systems to link land, farmer, and livestock data, creating trusted and verifiable farmer profiles
- Enables farmers to access and purchase essential agricultural inputs, supporting productivity and strengthening livelihoods
- Supports access to Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) and bank loans that were previously out of reach for many farmers

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## Impact - Refugees & Returnees / IDPs

- Fayda cleans returnee, and resident databases to improve accuracy
- Legal identity for displaced populations lacking formal documentation
- Enables freedom of movement by removing ID-related access and checkpoint barriers
- Unlocks access to essential services, including SIM registration and social support programs (PSNP/uPSNP)
- Participation in formal economic activities, including livelihoods and asset ownership, social wellbeing within host communities



Verifiable credentials Digital payments  
(G2P, P2P, P2M)

e-government services

Access control to digital spaces

Single sign-on (SSO)



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# Thank You!



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