Countries in the portfolio

• Universe of possible countries: 75 Countdown to 2015 countries, narrowed by Oversight Group to 63 low and lower-middle income countries (one of which – North Korea – is not a World Bank Group member)

• Four countries identified as initial set of “frontrunners” that participated fully in Business Plan development process: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania

• Second wave of countries announced at launch of the GFF in Addis Ababa in July
Approach to selection of second wave countries

- **Challenge:**
  - GFF Trust Fund does not have enough resources to reach all eligible countries
  - Process of selecting countries cannot be purely subjective but also cannot be purely formulaic → challenge is finding the right balance

- **Multi-step approach:**
  1. Use of objective measures to identify a “long list” (25-30) of priority countries that have significant opportunities (ability to mobilize domestic resources, use IDA/IBRD for health, and achieve results)
  2. Assessment of list against priority countries of key stakeholders/initiatives, and other key considerations (e.g., regional balance, income levels)
  3. Consultation to gauge level of interest on the part of countries
  4. Discussion on short list (10-15 countries) with wider set of partners
  5. Final approval by the financiers of the GFF Trust Fund