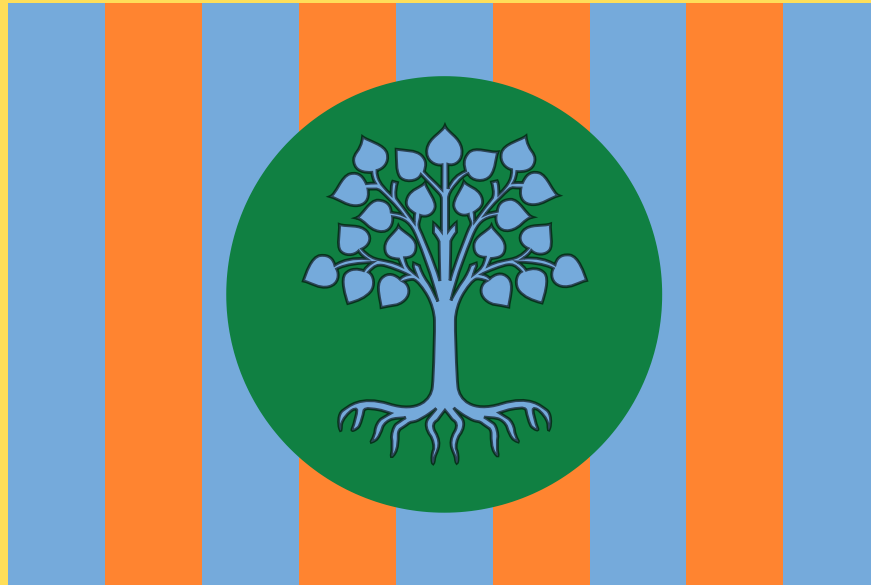
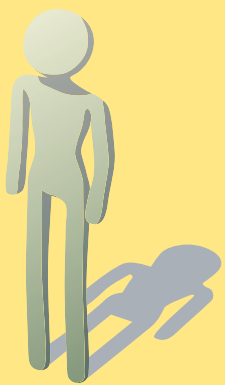


DARWAN



COUNTRY PROFILE



LIFE EXPECTANCY

Average life expectancy for a male in Darwan is 65; 70 for a woman. **Infant mortality rate** is 11.7 deaths/1,000 live births. (The average infant mortality rate in Tegara (the continent to which the country of Darwan belongs) is 9 per 1000 live births.



HEALTHCARE

There is basic healthcare advice and treatment for all citizens of Darwan. This includes free access to a GP and emergency hospital care. Medicines and other drugs (all of which the Darwanian government purchases from other countries) must be paid for by individuals. There is no **state funding** of vaccinations, the elderly or mental health services.



EDUCATION

Nursery education is not state funded. Primary school begins at the age of 5 and is state funded. Senior school is also state funded and is compulsory until the age of 14. 15% of citizens aged 15-18 continue to study. This is not state funded. The government offers loans to those that go on to university. Fees must be paid. The interest rate is low. Approximately 75% of 18 year olds attend university. Ethnic minorities and females are under-represented in education at the ages of 15-21. Only a university degree grants access to a bank account. English is the only language allowed in schools and universities.



ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Elections are called by the President. They must happen every 7 years. There is a three term limit for Presidents. The current President, Mr Asif has served as President for 9 years to date. Darwan uses **First Past the Post** as its **electoral system**. Voter turnout is usually around 32%.



MEDIA

There is one state funded news channel available via the free TV service. Newspaper readership is low in Darwan. Most people find out about the world via social media. Political parties can pay to advertise on social media and access the **analytical data** of its users. Wifi is free in Darwan. Smart phone ownership is around 85% of the population. Smart phones are available without a bank account or address. There are no TV licenses and TV ownership is **subsidised** by the government.



CLIMATE

Darwan experiences cold winters with plenty of snow, and warm, dry summers,



GEOGRAPHY

Low, flat or rolling plains and low hills. The land is also dotted with many lakes—more than 10,000—and the highest point in the country is 3,686 feet above sea level.