

## Cappuccino Anyone?



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$75,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

SEP 22

AUG 23



### Overview

Entrust has supported the establishment of a coffee cooperative since 2016-7 amongst the very poor and remote villages of Mt Elgon, in eastern Uganda. Building on the success of six seasons of coffee planting, production and export, we continued to support expansion of infrastructure to build capacity and provided intensive training for 1,970 vulnerable coffee farmers and their families. Our partners have invested in stumping, pruning and intercropping training, more coffee and shade trees, tools and organic fertiliser training, with the aim of increasing farmers' coffee yields and quality and improving productivity and land cultivation practices. The project has indirectly benefited 15,000!

### Objectives

### Impact



Stumping and pruning training

Two-day training sessions at each of the six sites focussed on improved cultivation, treatment and picking practices, as requested by farmers. Most heartening of all is seeing farmers put the training into practice and plan for the long-term.



Harvest volumes and market growth

Harvest volumes were on par with the previous year, which had seen a 100% increase. The consolidation was pleasing after intensive efforts last year. Taiwan was added as a new market, the Korean market expanded and the Australian set to grow.



New processing station in Muyanda

The new station is complete including two pulping machines, floating tanks, fermentation tanks, washing channels, waste water management and cherry waste system, rain water harvesting and solar lighting.



Site upgrades to Wanale station

A new rainwater harvesting system, including tanks, gutters, taps, has been installed at Wanale station, and waste water management and cherry waste systems have been upgraded, brining it into line with uniform standards.



### Life change

- Farmers gain new skills and a strong support network
- A good yield and fair price improve the financial situation of farmers, allowing them to buy more food during the “hungry season”
- Income means children are sent to school, living conditions improve and access to health care means healthier families
- The local community learn it is possible to operate business in a fair and transparent manner and still be profitable



## Justine's Story

Justine (seated front, left) is a lead coffee farmer in the remote mountainous Bukhanakwa community where she was born and raised. Each year she is one of the first to deliver coffee to the station, and is usually there with a load at the end of the season too. Last season she delivered more than 6 tons of coffee – an incredible achievement! The proceeds of her coffee sales allow all six of her children to attend school. Justine is a big fan of the hungry season bonus scheme, which she says helps families through the most difficult time of the year when there is so little on the table but still so many bills to pay. Coffee is changing the lives of so many.

Support for coffee farmers includes buying their coffee cherries directly at a good price (cash on delivery), paying a hungry season bonus based on the kilograms delivered and providing agricultural training in the off-season.



## Ronald's Story

Ronald joined the staff 2 1/2 years ago and has fast become a prize employee! His attention to detail and his skill levels led to his promotion to head roaster in charge of roastery operations. He is husband to Naomi, who leads our partner's tailoring project, and is the proud father of two young boys. Ronald's growing enthusiasm for coffee and suitability to the role in which he is thriving, is wonderful to see. He is looking forward to moving to the new roastery space at the new office building recently completed. Ronald is keen to add barista skills to his repertoire so more of his friends can enjoy the best of Ugandan coffee! In addition, 150 seasonal workers gained employment during the coffee season.

