

Coffee Empowering Communities



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$62,000

Project Timeline

\$30,000 TO GO

SEPT 21

SEPT 22

Overview

Entrust has supported the establishment of a coffee cooperative (since 2016-7) amongst poor communities on Mt Elgon, in eastern Uganda. Building on five successful seasons of coffee planting, production and export-supporting infrastructure, we are turning our focus to providing intensive training for the 1500+ farmers and their families, together with some infrastructure. Our partners will invest in stumping and pruning 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.

Impact for Sept 21 - Feb 22



2 **2 motorbikes were purchased for** site managers in Muyanda and Wanale. These have proved enormously helpful for reaching farmers with support and training as well as reporting to central management. They also allow access to remote locations during torrential rain and are a vital part of the work.

Coffee cherries purchased from farmers rose 400k from 160,000 kg in 20/21 to a staggering 400,000 kg this year! Farmers benefitted from increased purchasing at improved prices and more jobs were generated at processing sites.



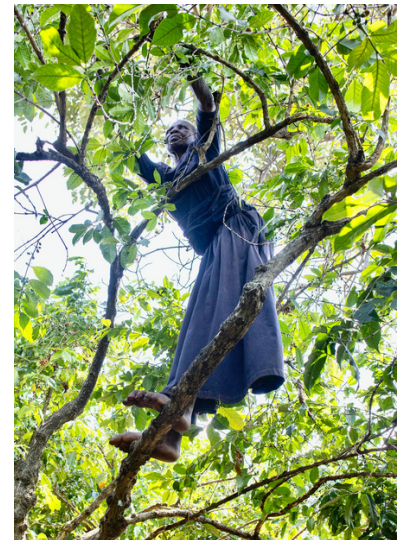
1800 **The next 6 months - the "off" season** will focus on 1800+ farmers increasing their coffee yields through focused training on cultivation and coffee management practices as the average per-tree yield is poor. Together with new shade trees, seedlings and organic fertiliser, farmers should reap the benefits.

Drying capacity was expanded in Muyanda

and other areas to cope with the increase in coffee cherries and to build infrastructure for future crops. This allows the project to scale up and increase its capacity.



- upgrading also to fermentation drums and greenhouse capacity
- **1,887** coffee farmers are taking part with approx **14,500+** family members and seasonal workers benefitting. Amazing!
- coffee is now ready for export with a huge increase in overall volume
- demand for the coffee has grown - a great sign for the future!



Edisa's Story

Edisa is 77 years old, twice widowed and has 8 children. Five grandchildren live with Edisa. She began coffee farming as a widower in 2007. For six seasons she says, "I have been cheated by the coffee companies and middlemen. I decided to swap (to our partners) and my world has changed. I now get a fair price and I feel supported, not like before. I also get a bonus to help me over the hungry season when we all struggle. My life has changed. I sell my coffee and get some money so I can look after my family. It is MUCH better!"

Photo: Edisa up her tree!



Thank you for making a difference