

Coffee Empowering Communities

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Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$62,000

Project Timeline



1 YEAR



POPULATION

45.7 million

POVERTY

21.4% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 63 yrs

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations Uganda 159 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



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 five seasons of coffee planting, production and export, and having supported an expansion of their infrastructure to further grow capacity, we are turning our focus to providing intensive training for the 1500+ farmers and their families, together with some infrastructure to further expand the project. 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.

Why support this:

Our partners have worked in community development in this area for over a decade and are empowering farmers to move from a hand-out model to an empowerment mindset. The benefit to the local community is huge with farmers receiving a good wage for their coffee beans and a bonus during the "hungry season". The coffee project has great momentum and continues to consolidate and expand. Sales of world-class coffee around the world (UK, USA, Australia, South Korea) and in Uganda are growing. With 10,000 people benefitting, it shows that empowerment of local people is priceless!

Objectives Include:



Stumping and pruning training to increase yields



Provide tools, shade and coffee trees to farmers



Site upgrades to increase capacity



Expanded transport for field work efficiency

Expected 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