

COOPERATIVE AGRICOLE MAENDELEO

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The Maendeleo Agricultural Cooperative was officially established in 2022 in Katana, located in the South Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Its social mission is to promote the socio-economic interests of all its members through the production and sale of specialty coffee.

The cooperative seeks to transform the coffee sector into a sustainable source of income for its members by focusing on quality, local value addition, and access to specialty markets, while strictly adhering to environmental standards.

To this end, the cooperative undertakes the following activities:

- Facilitating access to healthy coffee seeds for its members
- Raising awareness of the basic principles of agriculture and specialty coffee marketing
- Sharing agricultural techniques specific to mountain-grown coffee
- Training coffee-growing members to build their capacity in the effective use of appropriate equipment for arabica coffee cultivation

Despite being newly formed, Maendeleo Agricultural Cooperative quickly secured two major partners who provide pre-financing for cherry purchases in the field and purchase all parchment coffee produced by the cooperative: Production volumes in past years are as follows:

- 1. 2022: 15,257.6 kg of parchment coffee
- 2. 2023: 28,754.5 kg of parchment coffee
- 3. 2024: 42,623.7 kg of parchment coffee
- 4. **2025**: 10,356.3 kg of parchment coffee

Once the security and financial situation stabilizes, the cooperative's goal is to produce 60,000 kg of parchment coffee in 2026, which would represent approximately 48,000 kg of green coffee.

