

It built a hydroelectric power station in Kiniezire and provides electricity to 65 households surrounding the cooperative's headquarters in Kiniezire She is building a hospital called Muungano Medical Clinic so that members and the community can easily access effective health services. It is currently implementing two projects in consortium:

- 1. Gender Equity in Health and Empowerment of Women Coffee Growers in the South Kivu Province with RWH.
- 2. Territorial Action for Sustainable Development in Kivu (ATEDD) with other organizations (RIEH, CADRE, Matendo Foundation and CEREIAD)

3. Agro ecologycoffee production expansion.













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Overview

The Muungano Agricultural Cooperative (CAM) was created on 07/25/2009 based on two observations:

- The producers took enormous risks by crossing the Lake at night to sell their coffee in Rwanda where the prices of coffee were more interesting than what the street vendors came to offer in our region. This risk of crossing the lake led to drownings and deaths.

- Local coffee farmers worked in isolation, each on their own, without any organization and/or coordination with a negative impact on the quality of the coffee produced (all-purpose coffee). In addition, the absence of a structure bringing together coffee producers reduced cohesion between them regarding price setting, leaving buyers free to impose a derisory price according to their mood.

Goals:

- Promote the integral development of coffee planters on the socio-economic and technical-cultural level of coffee,
- Reviving and promoting the value and importance of coffee culture;
- Promote and make profitable coffee culture;
- Sourcing and providing agricultural inputs and ensuring good training in management, processing and conservation techniques;
- Produce and improve the quantity and quality of coffee corresponding to marketing standards using the appropriate technique;
- Relaunching the socio-economic life of the peasant at the grassroots level;
- Promote development and love of work

Primary objective of the organization

- 1. Increase members' income through the joint sale of coffee;
- 2. Improve the quality and quantity of coffee and be competitive in the market;
- 3. Increase the capacity to purchase and sell coffee among producer members;
- 4. Promote coffee through participation in national and international fairs to develop marketing strategies and increase commercialization;
- 5. Gradually acquire the financial autonomy of the Cooperative.

Union is strength, coffee is life

- It is around these principles that the mountains of eastern Congo are experiencing a coffee renaissance. The members of the Muungano Agricultural Cooperative have increased from 666 members (542 Men and 124 Women) to
- 4247 members (1758 Women and 2489 Men) today. We believe that by working together at the Muungano Agricultural Cooperative and investing in our coffee, we will create better prospects for our families because coffee gives us money to eat, it helps to buy medicine, build our houses, to send our children to school and create jobs.
- The members of the cooperative are grouped in
- 16 sectors (Kiniezire, Buchiro, Ruhunde, Mwanati, Vomo, Nyabirehe, Kanenge, Kalungu, Chebumba, Nyakalende, Mahuge, Nyangoma, Kabalekasha, Buyaga, Nyondo and Karango).



Taking care of our land means protecting our future. Our coffee is sustainably grown in mountainous regions, shaded by trees and banana trees. We work the land naturally using compost and homemade mulch. Our coffee surrounds our villages, so we take care of the health of the land and not use chemicals. Please note that we have been selling specialty arabica coffee certified fair trade since 2014 and

certified organic at the end of 2016.. Buyers:

Atlas Coffee Importers, OFT, KEYNOTE COFFEE LTD, TWIN AFRICA, VOLCAFE, ZENSHO, SUPREMO, WORKFIELD/MOZZO, TERRACORE,

Banks :

- EQUITY BCDC
- ROOT CAPITAL

- SIDI