

## Cappuccino Anyone?



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$75,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

SEPT 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 are continuing to support expansion of infrastructure to build capacity and providing intensive training for the 2000+ vulnerable coffee farmers and their families. Our partners will invest 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.

### Impact for September 22 - February 22



#### A new processing station in Muyanda

commenced in August and was completed in September, including two new engine pulping machines. The end result is a fantastic facility with capacity to handle 15 tons of fresh coffee cherry per day! A great leap forward.

#### The new facility is environmentally sustainable

through use of rainwater harvesting to minimise water use, proper treatment of waste water and coffee by-products and solar power for lighting and pumps. A mixture of shade, fruit and coffee trees were planted around the site.



#### Site upgrades at Wanale Station



to install rain-water harvesting techniques for washing coffee and to improve the existing waste-water and organic waste management. Having environmentally friendly systems on all sites sets a good example to the industry and is part of being a good neighbour.

#### A successful coffee season!

2000 farmers are now engaged in the cooperative and 150 local people were employed. Farmers were paid coffee prices 85% higher than in the inaugural season 7 years ago! 15,000 people have been helped indirectly.



- A new buyer from Taiwan has expanded the international customer base, a great encouragement that paying fair prices at all stages of coffee production is possible in the global coffee market.
- Activities in the next 6 months (off-season) will focus on farmer support and training, including improving gardens - subsistence and coffee - and providing tools and organic fertiliser.



### John's Story

Our partners also run a youth empowerment project and this season they joined forces to give three at-risk youth coffee internship opportunities. John is one of those participants and he has been a delight to have on board. He has worked alongside the Muyanda team, helping with various tasks such as coffee processing and drying. The site manager, Ronald, invested time in mentoring and training John and the whole team was so impressed with John's attitude and work ethic. So much so, he was employed for post-season work and they hope he will be there next season too!



Thank you for making a difference