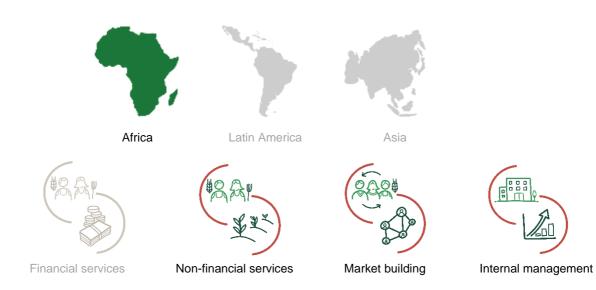


## STRENGHTENING COFFEE COOPERATIVES AND FACILITATE ACCESS TO MARKET IN CONGO



## CONTEXT

With 80 million hectares of arable land, 4 million hectares of irrigated land, and many rivers with important fishery resources, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has the potential to become a global agricultural power. However, even though the agricultural sector employs over 60% of Congolese and contributes around 20% of the country's GDP, it has not yet been able to ensure food security and generate sufficient revenues and sustainable employment for the country.

## **CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATIONS**

Coopérative de Producteurs Novateurs de Café du Kivu (CPNCK) and MUUNGANO are two coffee cooperatives that are in line with SIDI's objective to finance and support local cooperatives with strong roots in the local area, democratic management and 100% local leadership. The cooperatives are of modest size with 2,000 to 4,000 members per cooperative and interesting development potential, such as a strong social and environmental impact, significant redistribution of premiums to the community, 2nd coffee payment, agroecology projects, to mention a few.

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT**

The project aims to support the coffee sector in the African Great Lakes region via peer-to-peer exchange by strengthening the management of two coffee cooperatives, facilitating access to markets and financing, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices among smallholder households.

The expected results for the 2 cooperatives involved in the project are:

- Attract and finance 5% more members.
- Buy 10% more coffee cherries from their members.
- Train 3,000 coffee producers in agroecological practices.



BENEFICIARY ORGANISATIONS CPNCK and MUUNGANO (cooperatives) – DR Congo

**TARGET** 3,000 smallholder households

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN Coffee

STARTING DATE November 2023

DURATION 24 months

**TOTAL TA BUDGET** € 204,991 Including € 143 494 (70%)

