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Smallholder Safety Net
Upscaling Programme

INCREASING THE FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE OF UGANDAN COFFEE FARMERS



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services



Non-financial services



Market building



Internal management

CONTEXT

Uganda is a landlocked country of the Great Lakes region lying between Kenya, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania. In 2023, the GDP per capita was USD 1,014 and its population estimated to almost 49 million is growing at almost 3% a year. The economy heavily relies on agriculture, which employs about 70% of the workforce. In Uganda, which is the 2nd largest exporter of coffee in Africa, coffee is an important cash crop that supports over 3.5 million families at all levels of the value chain especially for income security and contributes to between 20 - 30% of foreign exchange earnings.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Mount Elgon Agroforestry Coffee Cooperative Enterprise (MEACCE) is a farmer-owned cooperative representing 3,832 smallholder coffee farmers in Eastern Uganda. The cooperative's mission is to enhance the livelihoods of its members by promoting sustainable coffee farming while ensuring environmental protection and food security. MEACCE is committed to fair trade and organic certification, which enables its members to receive premium pricing for their coffee exports, primarily to Europe.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The project aims to increase the food security and resilience of smallholder coffee farmers in Eastern Uganda by improving preservation and value-addition techniques for food crops, strengthening financial literacy, and promoting agroforestry.

The expected results of the project are:

- Train 1,200 smallholder farmers on food crop preservation and value addition as well as financial literacy and resource management.
- Train 1,200 smallholder farmers on agroforestry techniques for coffee plantations.
- Establish 4 tree seedling nurseries.

IMPACT INVESTOR



BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Mount Elgon Agroforestry Coffee Cooperative Enterprise (MEACCE) (cooperative) - Uganda

TARGET

1,200 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Coffee, Matooke, Beans

STARTING DATE

June 2025

DURATION

12 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 56,897
Including € 45,191 (79%)
contribution from SSNUP



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