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Smallholder Sustainability  
Upscaling Programme

## ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE LENDING, GOVERNANCE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF ESG PRINCIPLES IN UGANDA



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end  
beneficiaries



Market access and  
product development



Management systems  
improvement

### CONTEXT

Located in the Great Lakes region, Uganda is surrounded by Kenya, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania. In 2024, the GDP per capita was USD 1073 which is equivalent to 10% of the world's average. Its population is estimated to over 50 million and is growing at almost 3% per year. The economy heavily relies on agriculture, which still employs about 70% of the workforce. The agriculture market in Uganda was valued at USD 4.07 billion in 2023 and is projected to reach USD 6.21 billion by 2031, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.20%. Coffee is Uganda's top-earning export crop and is one of the few countries in the world with indigenous coffee, with robusta coffee growing wild around Lake Victoria.

### CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Shuuku SACCO Ltd was founded by its members in 1997 and registered as a financial cooperative in 1998. It was established to provide suitable and affordable financial and associated cooperative development services to the members to enable them to improve their living standards. Shuuku works mainly with coffee farmers who face challenges such as declining productivity due to climate change, limited access to climate-resilient coffee seedlings, and weak market linkages. These factors threaten both the long-term sustainability of coffee farming and the financial stability of the institution and its members.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of the project is to enhance ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices within Shuuku SACCO staff, management team, board members to promote sustainable lending practices in favour of smallholder farmers.

The expected results of the project are:

- Develop a tailored ESG policy and strategy.
- Train 15 management staff and 15 board members on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) and SEPM (Social and Environmental Performance Management).
- Train 48 staff on ESG policy implementation, monitoring, and reporting.

### IMPACT INVESTOR

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### BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Shuuku SACCO Ltd (MFI) –  
Uganda, serving a total of 1,744  
smallholder farmers

### AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN Coffee

### STARTING DATE

September 2025

### DURATION

6 months

### TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 34,100  
Including € 29,694 (87%)  
contribution from SSNUP



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