



## Coffee Innovation Fund – Uganda

Supporting innovative and scalable solutions to increase profitability and market access of small-holder coffee farmers

### Innovative farming for sustainable coffee production

Coffee production among members of Kibinge Coffee farmers' Cooperative Society is in the hands of elderly and vulnerable individuals. This is because they own the most critical asset for production: a coffee plantation. However, with the passing of time and old age, the production capacity of the land starts to decline. Elderly farmers struggle to adopt modern technologies and try new farming techniques to secure good yields and high productivity. They would rather continue with traditional coffee farming methods and give up the chance to improve the financial returns of the farm. Upon death, the coffee plantation is either divided among family members or sold.

#### Preserving the integrity of coffee plantations

Succession is a critical step to preserve the physical integrity of the land. Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Cooperative intends to support its members in registering their plantations as business enterprises, specifically as privately held companies. The registration with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau will guarantee a smooth, natural succession of the plantation from the deceased to other family members.

#### Training the future generation of coffee farmers

Coffee farming is no easy business. The family members who inherit plantations will need to acquire new skills and expertise to succeed. The cooperative will engage the new coffee owners in key capacity building opportunities ranging from organic compost production, smart post-harvest processing methods, financial management and record keeping. This initiative will guarantee continuity of coffee production and generate a sustainable income for future generations.



### Project overview

Term: 2022-2023  
Region: Uganda  
Partner: Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Society  
Volume: 49.530 Euros (Supported by the fund)  
99.060 (Total Volume)

### Goals

- ❖ Preserve the integrity of coffee plantations among members of the cooperative.
- ❖ Register coffee plantations as privately held companies.
- ❖ Deliver capacity building and training to coffee plantations owners to increase yield and productivity.

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