



Coffee Innovation Fund – Rwanda

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

Coffee and Patchouli intercropping and rejuvenation for increased coffee production and quality.

Seventy two percent (72%) of Rwanda's population is engaged in the agricultural sector. However, given the low average land holding and poor agricultural practices yields are still relatively low. The coffee sector is not exempt from these challenges and in fact the government and key stakeholders have invested in the promotion of improved farming technologies. Even so, the reach of extension services is still minimal and therefore improvements are still marginal.

Income generation for smallholder farmers.

Impexcor Limited's objective is to increase income for smallholder farmers by 80% by promoting good agricultural practices.

Patchouli intercropping and coffee tree rejuvenation

The project will provide technical assistance with a focus on encouraging intercropping of patchouli in coffee farms. This approach will result in savings on mulching materials and earn farmers an additional income from the sale of the patchouli leaves. The project will ensure that 100% of the income generated from patchouli sales is passed on to farmers and encourage them to reinvest at least 40% of this income in the maintenance of their coffee plantations.

Smallholder farmers will also learn how to properly manage their coffee farms, with an emphasis on the importance of pruning old trees and renovating very old trees. This knowledge in the long run will result in higher yields from their coffee trees which will also increase their coffee incomes.



Project overview

Term: 2021-2022
Region: Rwanda
Partner: IMPEXCOR LTD
Volume: EUR 39,000 (supported by the fund)
EUR 83,000 (total volume)

Goals

- ❖ 5000 farmers trained on good agricultural practices
- ❖ Increase in quantity and quality of coffee for 70% of project beneficiaries
- ❖ 70% of project participants will increase income generated from coffee by 70% and gain additional income from patchouli by 10%

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