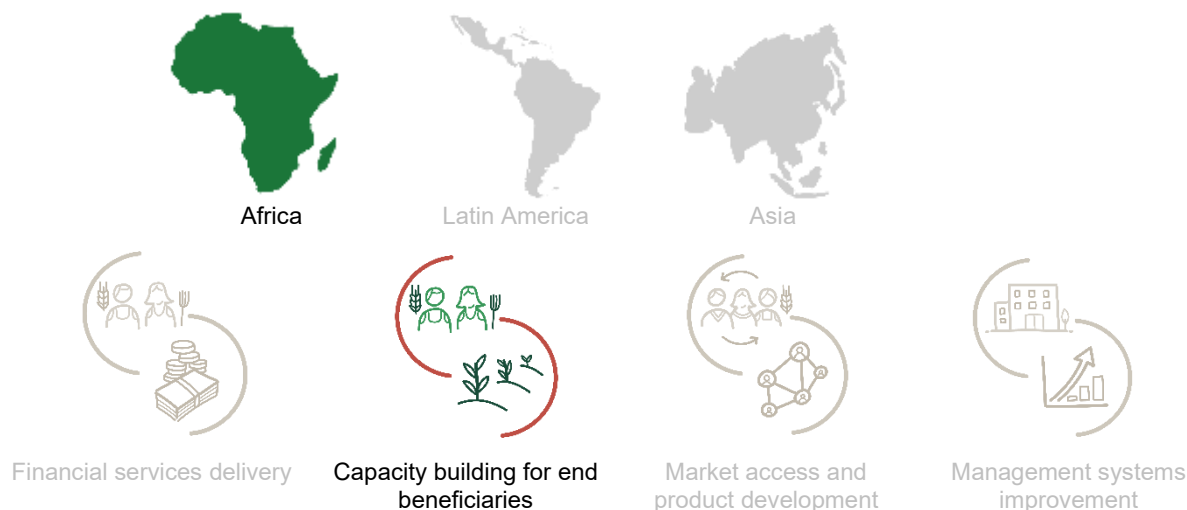




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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

PROMOTING CLIMATE-SMART FARMING PRACTICES IN THE COFFEE VALUE CHAIN IN UGANDA



CONTEXT

Located in the Great Lakes region, Uganda is surrounded by Kenya, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania. In 2025, the GDP per capita was USD 1,206 which is below 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%. Leading African tea producer and growing powerhouse for high-quality cocoa beans. Uganda is Africa's second-largest coffee producer and exporter. The country primarily exports Robusta coffee, alongside Arabica varieties grown in higher altitudes. Coffee is central to the rural economy and provides income for around 1.7 million households, most producers being smallholder farmers cultivating less than 0.5 hectares.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Banyankole Coffee Services (BCS) is a secondary coffee cooperative founded in 2015 that collaborates with around 1600 smallholder farmers in the Western region of Uganda. The cooperative works with coffee farmers who are increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, and pest. These pressures threaten both the productivity and quality of coffee, which is their main source of income for many smallholder farmers. BCS reports average yields of 1,350kg per acre, well below their target of 2,250kg in optimal conditions.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective is to improve productivity, strengthen resilience and promote environmental sustainability of coffee farmers through an integrated approach.

The expected results of the project are:

- Train 300 smallholder farmers in climate-smart techniques including mulching, cover cropping, shade management and composting.
- Establish three demonstration plots to showcase best practices and resilient coffee varieties.
- Develop community-based early warning weather systems managed by the community.

PRIORITY TOPICS

- Environment and climate change
- Food security and improved nutrition
- Gender equality
- Fair agrifood systems

IMPACT INVESTOR

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BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Banyankole Coffee Services
(cooperative) – Uganda

TARGET

300 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Coffee

STARTING DATE

August 2026

DURATION

18 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€40,249
Including €31,688 (79%)
contribution from SSNUP



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