



Kawacom (U) Ltd, Coffee
*Organic exports from Paidha, Sipi and
Bushenyi districts, Uganda*
1/4/02 to 30/4/05

Executive summary of
Project End Report

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Executive summary

The EPOPA project with Kawacom started in 1998 in Bushenyi. In 2002 the support was expanded to three project areas namely Bushenyi, Sipi and Paidha. The latter two being areas which Kawacom started independently. In this phase, the project encompassed 13,000 farmers.

The objective of the project was to consolidate the three areas, increase farmers' incomes and improve the sustainability of the farming system. 5,000 farmers in Nebbi district; 6,000 farmers in Kapchorwa district; 4,000 farmers in Bushenyi district were targeted as benefactors.

The objective of the project was to develop exports of coffee to the following levels by the third project year; the project achievements are given in the last two columns.

Figures are in tons

Project Area	Target	Organic	Utz Kapeh
Bushenyi	300	589	436
Paidha	200	1167	390
Sipi	500	366	1,131

The following activities were implemented through EPOPA's support:

1. Stepping up Field Officer training
2. Increasing the activities with the farmers
3. Development, diversification of markets
4. Support in certification cost for Nebbi
5. Providing communal pulping stations

Five of the six activities itemised in the extension proposal were completed. In spite of investigations into this, the development of second organic crops in the certified areas did not take off as Kawacom only trades in commodity products and the quantities of the crop would not have been very big. Later value-added products were considered as a better option but no interest was shown by the farmers in these.

The budget for EPOPA support was planned at 4,285,572 SEK; the actual expenses made were 3,903,615 SEK.

The field activities have raised farmer's interest in trees and as they feel the effects of deforestation farmers are starting to plant trees in the area. In some areas they have the added threat of land slides from the surrounding hills. The actions taken by EPOPA in erosion control awareness have resulted in some farmers actively practicing erosion control.

Capacity building was conducted with the project staff and the project continues not only to run but has expanded from 13,000 farmers to 16,000 farmers. There has also been a subsequent expansion in the project staff.

Training of the Field officers has continued after the Epopa support stopped and the Kawacom continues to be active, working with farmers, running demonstration plots and nurseries.

