



Coffee Innovation Fund – Kenya

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

Soil Fertility & Coffee Quality Improvement through sustainable advisory services

Fertilizer prices have increased significantly in the last decade. It is reported that 70% of smallholder farmers have abandoned or detrimentally diminished the use of chemical inputs. Further, weak extension service outreach and the limited use of soil testing services has compromised smallholder farmers' ability to optimize the use of fertilizers and soil amendments in the management their coffee farms

Coffee Grower Peer Groups to provide key services to small holder farmers

KESCOGA - BACA seeks to leverage Coffee Grower Peer Groups to anchor mobile Soil Testing Services and Coffee Cupping services to provide small holders with soil improvement recommendations and improved agricultural practices.

In addition local service providers are recruited to provide advisory services in soil fertility management and integrated pest management activities.

A model to foster greater farm investments

The project seeks to sensitize target farmers on the importance and relevance of soil fertility management and coffee sensory analysis in relation to improved yield and quality.

In addition, the establishment of Coffee Growers Peer Groups will secure regular engagement among farmers on the issues of soil fertility management and cup quality, fostering greater and more regular investments on coffee farms.



Project overview

Term: April 2022 - March 2023

Region: Kenya

Partner: KESCOGA - BACA

Volume: 50.000 Euros

Goals

- ❖ Access to Soil Advisory Services secured for 500 farmers
- ❖ Access to Coffee Remediation Services secured for 500 farmers
- ❖ 10 Coffee Quality Advisory & Demonstration events conducted in 10 cooperatives locations

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