

# PRODUCER PROFILE

**Name:** Abahuzamugambi ba kawa/MARABA

**Product:** Coffee

**Country:** Rwanda

**FLO ID:** 2330

**Fairtrade Certified Since:** 2004

**Number of Certified Members:** 1469

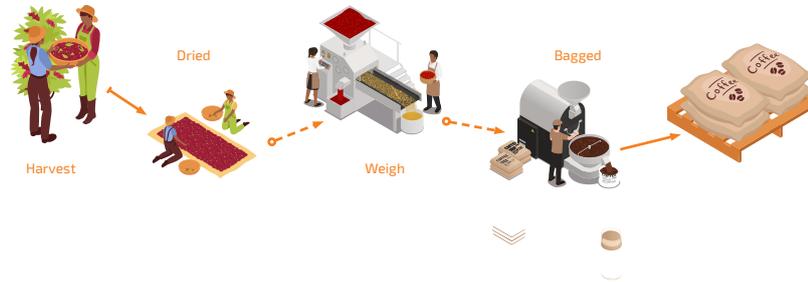


# Introduction

Abahuzamugambi ba kawa/Maraba has been in existence as a cooperative since 2002. The cooperative's primary goal is to work together to combat poverty by producing high-quality coffee that is competitive in both the local and international markets. Based on its rich experience acquired as the first cooperative to process specialty coffee through coffee washing station in Rwanda, Abahuzamugambi ba kawa/Maraba cooperative has trained many people across different corners of Rwanda on modern coffee processing systems.

Abahuzamugambi cooperative owns 4 coffee washing stations in different zones of Huye district in southern province of Rwanda. It also owns 1 dry mill.

# Coffee Growing & Processing



Maraba coffee (Kinyarwanda: Ikawa ya Maraba; French: Café de Maraba) is grown in the Maraba area of southern Rwanda. Maraba's coffee plants are the Bourbon variety of the *Coffea arabica* species and are grown on fertile volcanic soils on high-altitude hills. The fruit is handpicked, mostly during the rainy season between March and May, and brought to a washing station in Maraba, where the coffee beans are extracted and dried. At several stages, the beans are sorted according to quality. The farmers receive credits based on the amount and quality of the beans they provide.

## Maraba coffee uniqueness:

- The cooperative supplies Fairtrade coffee from the member's farms.
- Quality control is ensured from farming to cup.
- The production traceability from the farm to cup.

Taste of coffee: Chocolate, Orange & Vanilla

# Benefits of Fairtrade

- Access to market for our coffee product at a fair price.
- Help our members in obtaining low-interest loans to solve their daily problems and care for their coffee farms through a member's fund established with Fairtrade premium support.
- With premium we have supported animal husbandry to our members so that they can diversify their income.
- Improve the quality and quantity of coffee productivity.
- Eliminate child labour and improve working conditions and welfares of workers through training provisions and some fringe benefits from Fairtrade premium.
- Capacity building and enhancement of knowledge about management of cooperative, members and advocacy.
- Through premium we get, we ensure climate resilience by practicing agroforestry.
- Support of community development projects like providing insurance to vulnerable people, support in building of schools, access to portable water, etc.





# Challenges

- Climate change
- Poor infrastructure
- Market access



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### **Producer Organization**

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