

PRODUCER PROFILE

Name: Homa Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative

Product: Coffee

Country: Ethiopia

FLO ID: 29729

Fairtrade Certified Since: 2022

Number of Certified Members: 1,996

Type of Organisation: Small Producer Organisation (SPO)

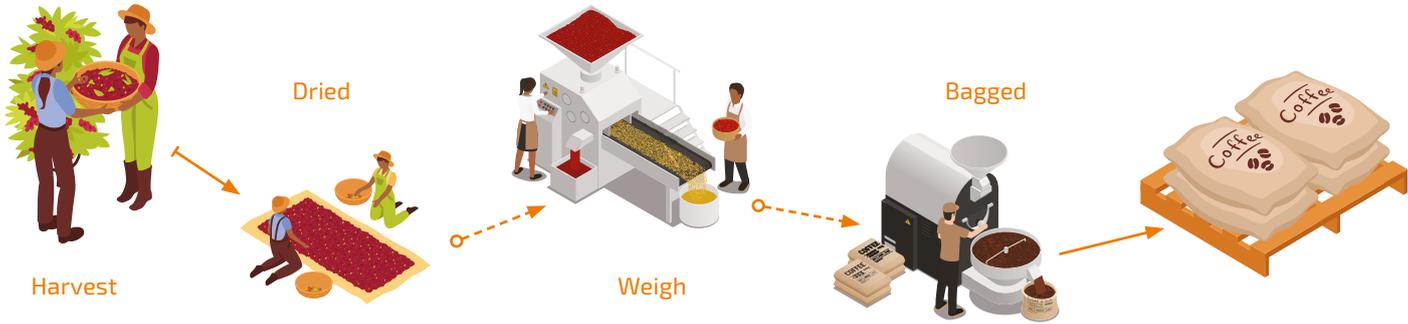


Introduction

Homa Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative (HMPFC) is a smallholder organic garden coffee cooperative established in November 2003 by 212 farmers (16 females and 196 males) and has grown to 1996 members. The members are operating on 1,712 hectare of coffee land in Abaya District of West Guji Zone, Oromia Region-Ethiopia, and are producing 805 MT per year.

The Coop aims to achieve its objectives by collecting high-quality Yirgacheffe and Guji organic garden coffee from its members, processing it, and supplying it to the market. The coffee is of single-origin and is traceable. The Coop has wet and dry coffee processing machines as well as warehouses that enable it to manage the quality of its coffee as desired.

Coffee Growing & Processing



The organic garden coffee of the Coop is characterized by an intense flavor known as flora, fine acidity and rich body attributed to the climate, type of coffee, processing and handling methods.

HMPFC supplies 60% of its coffee as washed and the remaining 40% sun-dried.

Farmers harvest only fully ripen cherries and deliver to the Coop where their coffees are weighed and payments are effected both with registration of record file and issuance of receipts.

Coffee Profile



Altitude:
1770 - 2200



Total area under production:
1,712 ha



Growing Practice:
100% Organic



Smallholders:
1.7 ha on average



Harvest Period:
September- December



Processing Type:
Fully washed/ Sun-dried



Other Certifications:
FT, Organic
(NOP, EU and JAS),
and SPP

Benefits of Fairtrade

Using Fairtrade premiums, Homa Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative has constructed additional 8 door classrooms in 4 Kebeles (local area) which serve 25,968 community members. A health post has been built in one village which serves 6,880 community members. A 5km road constructed which serves 5,689 community members. One grain-mill factory has been installed that serves the community. The infrastructures in place are serving all community members- members and non-members of the Coop. A G+3 mixed-use building was constructed in Gango'a Town to diversify the income of the Coop.

Quality and Productivity

HMPFC is dedicated in enhancing the quality of the coffee by implementing agronomic practices and quality control measures while it is working to increase productivity by planting selective species from research results as well as substantially reducing pre- and post-harvest losses.

Environment

HMPFC is producing coffee in an environmentally friendly manner and socially acceptable methods. As such it does not use any agro-chemicals, grow coffees under shade trees and implement conservation measures (soil and water conservation, flora and fauna protection and conservation). Biodiversity protection and conservation is an activity at the central theme of the Coop.

The Coop uses Fairtrade premium fund to develop infrastructure such as seedling nurseries to distribute coffee and shade trees that contribute to increase coffee production and productivity.

Training

The Coop has scheduled annual training plan each year to enhance the capacity of its members that ultimately contribute to increased productivity of the crops and enhancement of the quality of the coffee. The training focuses on pre- and post-harvest processing and handling of coffee as well as environmental protection with budget mainly sourced from the premium of Fairtrade.







Challenges

- Illegal traders and middlemen work in the area.
- This part of Ethiopia is particularly underdeveloped and in need of significant infrastructure development.
- Climate change

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