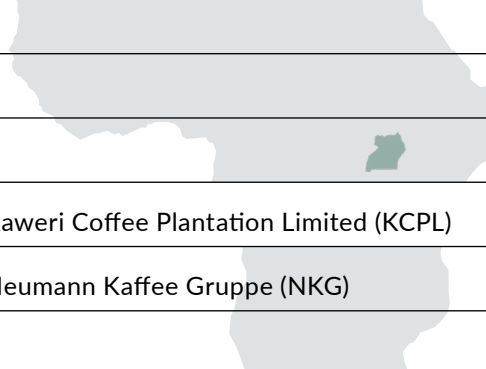




PROJECT FACT SHEET

Kaweri Youth Development Project (KYDP)

PROJECT OVERVIEW



REGION	Mubende District, Uganda
BENEFICIARIES	602 unemployed, school dropout youth
PROJECT DURATION	09/2021 – 08/2024
IMPLEMENTED BY	Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS) and Kaweri Coffee Plantation Limited (KCPL)
FINANCED BY	Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS) and Neumann Kaffee Gruppe (NKG)
PARTNERS	Kindern eine Chance

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Uganda has the youngest age structure in the world with 77% of its population under the age of 30 years (UBOS). While this population structure has the potential to be a tremendous asset for the country, 80% of the unemployed population are youth (UBOS). The country faces significant challenges in meeting the needs of the youth including the school dropouts who are predominant in rural areas. The school dropout youth have a negative attitude towards agriculture as a proper job coupled with limited knowledge and skills to engage in gainful agricultural activities. As a result, many of the youths opt to migrate to urban areas pursuing petty, risky, and unfulfilling income generating activities while leaving behind the aging population in farming.

To contribute to solutions to these challenges, the Kaweri Youth Development Project (KYDP) was initiated in 2015 with the overall objective of improving livelihoods in rural Uganda. Its specific objective is to empower school dropout youth with agricultural and entrepreneurial skills for business development and for increased employability, promote gender equality and provide equal opportunities for both young women and young men.

Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS) in partnership with Kaweri Coffee Plantation Limited implement youth training programs focusing on production practices for major crops cultivated in the area, including coffee and various seasonal crops such as maize, beans, and vegetables using the farmer field school methodology. Other training areas include personal visioning, planning and decision making, business skills, farm and marketing records, financial literacy through Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA), sanitation and hygiene, gender awareness and family relations responsibilities.

To achieve the project's objectives, youth attend training sessions for two days a week and the remaining days are utilized to apply the acquired knowledge and skills at their respective homes with support from project staff. The overall training program adopted the agri-business approach to farming, providing the youth with essential skills in agricultural practices and life skills, thus enabling them to pursue employment opportunities in private farms or establish their own farm businesses. After completion of one year in the program covering two consecutive planting seasons, the youth are assessed for graduation.

RESULTS AUGUST 2023

Since 2015, Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS) in partnership with Kaweri Coffee Plantation Limited, has been implementing the Kaweri Youth Development Project empowering 602 (144 female and 458 male) youth between the ages of 15 and 25 years from villages surrounding the coffee plantation.

Youth gain knowledge on good agronomic practices

- 83% of participating youth demonstrate a solid understanding of good agronomic practices for the various crops covered in the curriculum.

Youth are self-employed, or wage employed in agriculture

- 87% of participating youth are engaged in agricultural production (22% as self-employed and 65% employed in peoples' farms).

Youth become role models in their communities

- 82% of the youth are providing support to their peers in crop production within their communities.

Positive outlook of parents/guardians towards youth

- 94% of the youth gained access to land for production from their parents or relatives indicating a gradual generational shift in agriculture.

Engagement in growing diverse crops

- 42% of youth are engaged in the production of both coffee and other food crops, while 58% focus on seasonal food crops such as maize and beans.

Youth involvement in diversified income generating activities

- 49% of the participating youth are involved in livestock/poultry production while 31% earn from hair dressing and boda-boda businesses.

Visioning, planning, and decision making

- 82% of the youth are able to develop personal vision and action plans for joint decision making with their parents or guardians.



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