



## **ACE 2030**

### **Agriculture Community Environment**

**Agriculture, Community and Environment** are inextricably linked. Agri Evolve is an organisation focused on working with farmers to help increase yields and income, but we recognise the importance of community and the environment. Our ACE 2030 programme defines how we will focus on community and environmental work, but with strong cross cutting links to the agricultural work we already do. As our motto says;

‘Farming for a better future’

We have brought together a new team to focus specifically on community and environmental issues, and with the strongest of links to our existing work. We will use our position within the worldwide coffee community to access support and funding to help us achieve our aims

### **Agriculture**

- Our over-riding aim is to see a steady increase of ‘Living Income’ for farmers in the Rwenzoris. To enable farmers to earn an income that will ensure that they can provide for the needs of their families; a good education for children and proper medical care whenever it is needed.
- By continuing to increase the quality of coffee produced, we will raise the profile of Rwenzori Arabica Coffee which will be reflected in a sustained increase in the recognised value of all Rwenzori coffee, and for all farmers.
- We aim to be able to deal with every coffee farmer throughout the region, if they so choose, through our network of Coffee Stations, Buying Centres and Demonstration Gardens
- Throughout this decade we will move into additional agricultural produce, to provide opportunities for farmers growing other crops.
- We will develop and promote systems that enhance sustainability and resilience especially for food crops grown in this region. This could include irrigation, post-harvest storage, improved varieties.

## **Community**

We will support community projects and initiatives using profit from our operations as a business both in Uganda and the UK. We will add 40p for every Kg of coffee sold in the UK to the ACE2030 Community Fund for community and environmental projects.

Our focus will be on the following;

- Clean water for local communities, from capped springs and boreholes as appropriate.
- Gender Equality and Education programmes. To encourage strong families with shared responsibilities and opportunities for all.
- Youth Teams. To enable young people to establish their own businesses and to encourage entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector.

We will also support smaller local community initiatives as appropriate.

## **Environment**

Starting with the farmers we work with we will challenge and encourage them to be more conscious of environmental issues and to farm in a way to reduce environmental damage, and to protect the local environment for future generations. We will support and deliver projects in the following areas;

- Tree planting. To reduce climate change, to reverse de-forestation, to reduce soil erosion. Starting with tree nurseries, and working with local farmers, we aim to produce and plant 5,000,000 trees over the next 10 years.
- Energy Efficient Stoves. We will arrange the making and use of 10,000 energy efficient stoves to reduce the consumption of firewood.
- Climate data and Weather Forecasting. We will collect local weather data to contribute to the monitoring of climate change. We will investigate and promote the use of more accurate weather forecasting for the benefit of local farmers.
- Flood mitigation. To help local communities plan and prevent the worst effects of flooding, through effective planting of trees and other plants.
- Environmental Footprint. As a Company we will identify and measure our own Environmental Footprint and establish policies to improve waste management and to reduce any negative environmental impact on our local and regional communities.

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting**

Our ACE2030 Programme will be monitored and evaluated by senior members of our teams and by members of our local community. The results will be published annually.