



Introducing: Katanda

- **Processing:** Community Washed
- **Altitude:** 1300 –2000 m.a.s.l.
- **Harvest:** March/April 2022 Fly Crop
- **Variety:** A mixture of old varieties, and more recent introductions, SL14 and SL28
- **Cup profile:** A big, full textured coffee, well balanced with sweet cola acidity

Katanda is an area of scattered communities at the southern end of the Rwenzori Mountains, and just a few miles north of the Equator. The smallholder farmers typically have just 1 or 2 acres of steep land on which to grow food for their families and coffee as their main cash crop and source of income.

The farmers process the ripe cherries using hand operated pulpers to remove the outer fleshy fruit, and to leave the beans surrounded by the parchment. When this has been fully dried the 'Parchment', as it is known, is brought to Agri Evolve's main coffee station where it is assessed by our quality team. Multiple samples are taken and each one analysed for the presence of 'defects' and the moisture content is also measured to ensure good storage. For coffee that makes the grade farmers are paid a top price at the time of delivery. The Parchment is stored carefully before hulling, final grading and bagging ready for export to our customers in the UK and further afield.

Katanda is supplied in 60 Kg Grainpro lined bags

1 - 3 sacks £6.90 per Kg

4 - 9 sacks £6.70 per Kg

10 + sacks £6.50 per Kg

Free Delivery for 6 sacks and above. For smaller volumes a small charge may be added.

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Immaculate is one of Agri Evolve's team of Field Officers providing training and support to over 10,000 smallholder farmers in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains.



Katanda has steep terrain and a poor supply of tapped water. In 2021 the farmers used some of their income from coffee to begin the installation of a clean water supply to supplement the existing system. Agri Evolve have assisted with a grant of £2000 from their ACE2030 fund towards the cost of pipe and storage tanks. A further grant will be made in 2022 to help complete the work.



I visited the site in April 2022 and saw the system where clean water enters the tank directly from a protected spring before being piped by gravity down to the communities lower down the hillside. In much of East Africa it is still considered normal for women and children to spend hours each day fetching water from streams some distance from their houses. Providing clean, pure, spring water to standpipes near to where people live will save time and improve health allowing farmers to spend more of their time on productive income generating work rather than carrying water.



Katanda is also an area with few trees, and so through our ACE2030 programme we are encouraging farmers to grow and plant trees. We are establishing community tree nurseries which will produce young plants of native species.

When planted, they grow quickly and as they mature they will help prevent soil erosion, and provide firewood which is still the main source of fuel for cooking. They also improve the quality of coffee through the effect of providing shade. Fruit trees will help improve diet and provide additional sources of income.

The logo for ACE 2030, featuring a stylized green hand holding a plant, followed by the text "ACE" and "2030" in a large, green, sans-serif font.

The logo for Agriculture Community Environment, featuring the text "Agriculture", "Community", and "Environment" stacked vertically in a green, sans-serif font, with a small green plant icon above the word "Environment".