

FACT SHEET



BUNDIKAKEMBA GROWERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD (BGCSL)

COOPERATIVE PROFILE

Our Products

Speciality fermented Cocoa
High quality sundried Cocoa
Agricultural Extension services

Partners

Rwenzori Sustainable Trade
Centre- (Trade partner)
Ollema Fund -
Bundibugyo Local Government
(Audit & Supervisory Services)

Current buyers

ICAM –Chocolate –Uganda
ICAM - SPA -Italy
ESCO –Uganda Ltd

Our Contact details

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Our Certifications

Fairtrade Certified
FLO– ID 31693

Our Vision

A society that influences sustainable social and economic development to its members through agricultural production and value addition.

Our Mission

Engage members of the cooperative in sustainable productive economic activities for a poverty free community

Objectives

- * Equip members with skills in Good Agricultural management Practices
- * Improve the status of members and the community through ethical trade
- * Be a leading exporter of best quality speciality cacao .
- * Source for good markets members produce.
- * Support Bundikakemba Primary in the feeding programme.

Our Story

BGCSL is a dynamic primary agricultural cooperative owned by its cocoa producer members, who are parents to pupils of Bundikakemba Primary School, created with the primary aim of optimising wealth creation for its members *to be able to send their children to school ,stay in school and complete school.*

Since its registration from the former old Bundikakemba Farmers Association in 2014, it has created a strong and well managed organisation that serves as a focal point for its farmers and the wider community. BGCSL has worked hard to build strong and trusting relationships with its members, business partners and stakeholders, working together to the advantage of its people their land.

To date, 300 smallholder farmers have joined BGCSL and farm approximately over 250 Hectare of cocoa as their most important cash crop.

Management structure

BGCSL's Board of Directors consists of 09 members that are democratically elected by its General Assembly the supreme decision making organ of cooperative.

BGCSL always strives to:

- add economic value to the cooperative to the benefit of our members
- deliver excellent customer service to our clients and stakeholders
- act in an ethical fashion towards all interested parties
- create more job opportunities

Our product quality

Our members majorly cultivate *Criollo* and *Trinitario* varieties. BGCSL's cocoa is organic, non-GMO, sustainably harvested and grown by smallholder farmers at a unique altitude range of 1000-1300m absl along the slopes of Mt. Rwenzori, this coupled with our specialised fermentation process gives tasty blended volatile chocolate flavours even before roasting with a PH range of 5.6 to 6.8 and 90-100/100g bean count.