UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the third report for the coffee year 2017/18. A total of 386,217 60-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 42.72 million were exported in December 2017 at an average weighted price of US $1.84/kilo, 2 cents lower than US$ 1.86/kilo last month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,000/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.4,850/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 5,750/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 5,650/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (January 2017 to December 2017) totalled 4.77 million bags worth $554 million comprising Robusta 3.74 million bags worth $415 million and Arabica 1.03 million bags worth $139 million.*
- *77.09% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 38 who performed during the month compared to 77.43% in November 2017.*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 117.26 per lb. in November 2017 to US cents 114.00 per lb. in December 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

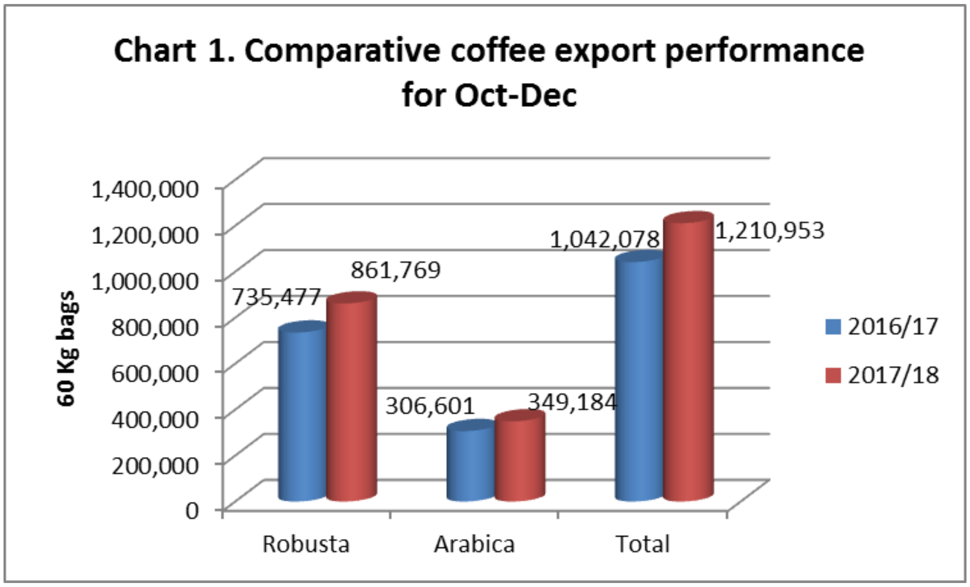
Coffee exports in December 2017 amounted to 386,217 60-kilo bags worth US $ 42.72 million comprising 291,314 bags ($ 30.01 million) of Robusta and 94,903 bags ($12.71 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*). This was a decrease of 9.18% and 17.07% in quantity and value respectively compared to last year.

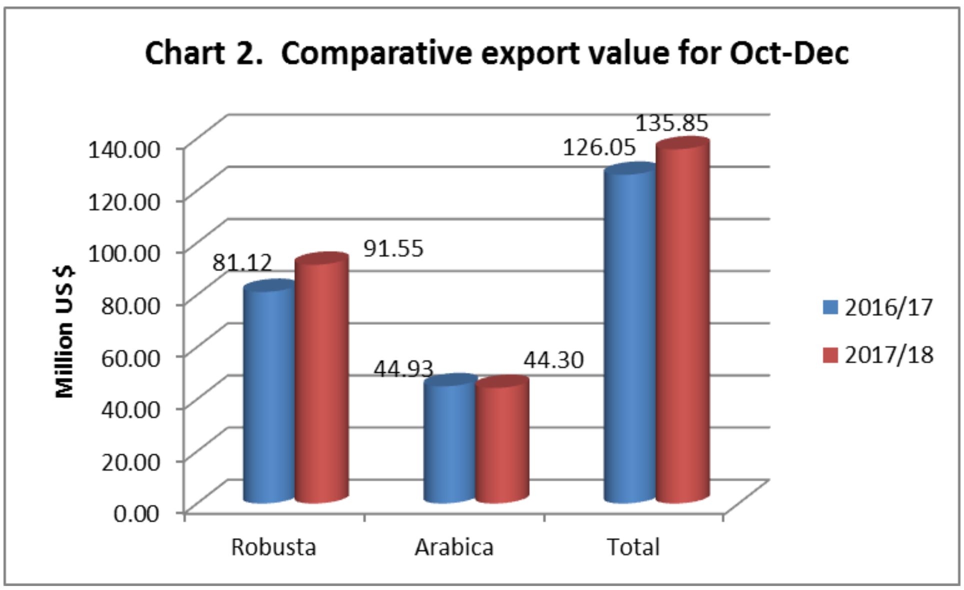
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

Coffee Year	2017/18		2016/17		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**1,210,953**	**135,847,817**	**1,042,078**	**126,054,260**	**16.21**	**7.77**
Total Robusta	**861,769**	**91,549,525**	**735,477**	**81,122,484**	**17.17**	**12.85**
Total Arabica	**349,184**	**44,298,292**	**306,601**	**44,931,776**	13.89	-1.41
December	**386,217**	**42,719,520**	**425,241**	**51,515,317**	**-9.18**	**-17.07**
• Robusta	291,314	30,008,351	328,164	36,036,618	-11.23	-16.73
• Arabica	94,903	12,711,169	97,077	15,478,699	-2.24	-17.88
November	**443,100**	**49,387,020**	**407,693**	**50,345,770**	**8.68**	**-1.90**
• Robusta	310,759	33,117,191	**278,245**	**31,508,240**	11.69	5.11
• Arabica	132,341	16,269,829	129,448	18,837,530	2.23	-13.63
October	**381,636**	**43,741,276**	**209,144**	**24,193,173**	**82.48**	**80.80**
• Robusta	259,696	28,423,983	129,068	13,577,626	101.21	109.34
• Arabica	121,940	15,317,294	80,076	10,615,548	52.28	44.29

Compared to the same month last year, both Robusta exports decreased by 11.23% while Arabica exports decreased by 2.24% In terms of value, both Robusta and Arabica decreased by 16.73% and 17.88% respectively. Coffee exports for 12 months (January 2017-December 2017) totalled 4.77 million bags worth US$ 554 compared to 3.56 million bags worth $ 371 million in the previous year (January 2016-December 2016).This was an increase of 33.99% and 49.33% in quantity and value respectively.

Charts 1 and 2 give the comparative performance of exports by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first three months (October-December) of 2017/18 and 2016/17. Chart 1 shows an increase of export volume for both Robusta and Arabica over last year while chart 2 shows an increase in value for Robusta exports while it decreased slightly for Arabica exports





2.0 EXPORTS BY TYPE AND GRADE

Table 2 shows coffee exports by type, grade and average realized price for each coffee grade during the month of December 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 1.84 per kilo, 2 cents down from US$ 1.86 per kilo the previous month. Robusta exports accounted for 75.43% of total exports compared to 71.13% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US$ 1.72 per kilo compared to US$ 1.78 per kilo the previous month reflecting a decrease of US cents 6. Washed Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.05 per kilo, fetching a premium of 19 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 1.86 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US$ 2.23 per kilo, US Cents 18 higher than US Cents 2.05 in November 2017. The highest price was for

Sustainable Arabica Sips Falls sold at US $ 3.37 per kilo each. It was followed by Bugisu A+ at a unit price of US$ 3.31 per kilo.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in December 2017 i*n 60-kilo bags; US $, US $/kg*

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**386,217**	**100.00**	**42,719,520**	**100.00**	**1.84**
ROBUSTA	**291,314**		**30,008,351**		**1.72**
ORGANIC ROBUSTA	640	0.22	77,884	0.26	2.03
WASHED ROBUSTA	334	0.11	41,088	0.14	2.05
SCREEN 18	29,824	10.24	3,324,226	11.08	1.86
SCREEN 17	20,528	7.05	2,387,630	7.96	1.94
SCREEN 15	149,927	51.47	16,064,245	53.53	1.79
SCREEN 14	2,084	0.72	213,102	0.71	1.70
SCREEN 12	55,389	19.01	5,470,402	18.23	1.65
BHP 1199	20,790	7.14	1,440,505	4.80	1.15
Other Robustas	11,798	4.05	989,269	3.30	1.40
ARABICA	**94,903**	**100.00**	**12,711,169**	**100.00**	**2.23**
ORGANIC BUGISU	64	0.07	11,052	0.09	2.88
ORGANIC OKORO	350	0.37	56,713	0.45	2.70
SIPI FALLS	4,965	5.23	1,002,974	7.89	3.37
MT.ELGON A+	3,520	3.71	659,653	5.19	3.12
MT.ELGON A	2,850	3.00	390,320	3.07	2.28
ORGANIC DRUGAR	1,340	1.41	233,143	1.83	2.90
BUGISU A+	1,280	1.35	254,300	2.00	3.31
BUGISU AA	10,166	10.71	1,484,208	11.68	2.43
BUGISU A	3,976	4.19	526,927	4.15	2.21
BUGISU B	42	0.04	5,944	0.05	2.36
BUGISU AB	5,134	5.41	769,714	6.06	2.50
BUGISU PB	23	0.02	3,286	0.03	2.38
BUGISU C/PB	300	0.32	51,588	0.41	2.87
WUGAR	9,045	9.53	1,210,847	9.53	2.23
DRUGAR	48,108	50.69	5,792,909	45.57	2.01
Other Arabicas	3,740	3.94	257,592	2.03	1.15

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of December 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Ugacof (U) Ltd led with a market share of 18.04% compared to 17.80% last month, followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd- 14.65% (14.57%); Ideal Quality Commodities (U) Ltd-10.54% (10.30%); Ibero (U) Ltd- 7.91% (4.42%); Olam (U) Ltd-7.48% (7.83%); Touton Uganda. Ltd-5.08% (4.79%); Besmark Coffee Company Ltd-3.89% (4.52%); Kawacom (U) Ltd- 3.84% (2.09%); Great Lakes Coffee Company Ltd-2.85% (3.37%) and Coffee World Ltd- 3.84% (4.45%) The first 10 exporters held a market share of 77.09% compared to 77.43% in November 2017. Out of the 41 exporters who performed, 12 exported Robusta Coffee only while 10 exported Arabica coffee only. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in November 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in December 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN NOVEMBER	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**291,314**	**94,903**	**386,217**	**100.00**	
1	Ugacof (U) Ltd	1	69,692		69,692	18.04	18.04
2	Kyagalanyi Coffee Factory Ltd	2	25,538	31,044	56,582	14.65	32.70
3	Ideal Quality Commodities Ltd	3	38,790	1,920	40,710	10.54	43.24
4	Ibero (U) Ltd	8	30,544		30,544	7.91	51.14
5	Olam Uganda Ltd	4	23,377	5,506	28,883	7.48	58.62
6	Touton Uganda Limited	6	7,278	12,345	19,623	5.08	63.70
7	Besmark Coffee Company Limited	7	11,028	4,008	15,036	3.89	67.60
8	Kawacom (U) Ltd	14	4,107	10,723	14,830	3.84	71.44
9	Great Lakes Coffee Company Ltd	11		10,990	10,990	2.85	74.28
10	Coffee World Ltd	9	6,906	3,940	10,846	2.81	77.09
11	Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd	12	8,770	1,340	10,110	2.62	79.71
12	Export Trading Company (U) Ltd	5	9,990		9,990	2.59	82.29
13	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	13	9,620	350	9,970	2.58	84.88
14	Qualicoff (U) Limited	16	6,110		6,110	1.58	86.46
15	Ankole Coffee Processors Ltd	19	5,250	700	5,950	1.54	88.00
16	Bakhsons Trading Co. (U) Ltd	21	5,428	460	5,888	1.52	89.52
17	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	15	5,222		5,222	1.35	90.88
18	Bulamu Coffee Buyers, Proc.& Exports Ltd	-	4,830	320	5,150	1.33	92.21
19	Tata Uganda Limited	-	4,500		4,500	1.17	93.37
20	Mbale Importers & Exporters Ltd	23		3,260	3,260	0.84	94.22
21	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	10	1,074	1,408	2,482	0.64	94.86
22	Savannah Commodities Ltd	17	2,080	311	2,391	0.62	95.48
23	Ankole Coffee Producers Coop Union Ltd	24	2,360		2,360	0.61	96.09
24	Ishaka Quality Commodities Ltd	18	2,080	85	2,165	0.56	96.65
25	Omega Oils (U) Ltd	27	1,050	350	1,400	0.36	97.01
26	Risala (U) Ltd	30	1,050	350	1,400	0.36	97.38
27	Nucafe	31	1,337	9	1,346	0.35	97.72
28	Bugisu Coop Union Ltd	-		1,294	1,294	0.34	98.06
29	Karaz Coffee Factory	29	1,030		1,030	0.27	98.33
30	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	22		960	960	0.25	98.58
31	Bukonzo Joint Co-Operative Union Ltd	35		960	960	0.25	98.82
32	Nsangi Coffee Farmers Association	-	680		680	0.18	99.00
33	Banyankole Kweterana Coop Union Ltd	28		640	640	0.17	99.17

34	Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Coop Soc Ltd	20	640		640	0.17	99.33
35	Turads Trading (U) Ltd	-		640	640	0.17	99.50
36	The Edge Trading (U) Ltd	-		350	350	0.09	99.59
37	Discovery Trading Ltd	25	334		334	0.09	99.67
38	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	32	334		334	0.09	99.76
39	Mountain Harvest Smc Ltd			320	320	0.08	99.84
40	United Organic Coffee Growers Limited			320	320	0.08	99.93
41	Sena Indo Uganda Limited		285		285	0.07	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh.1,700 -2,300 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,500-5,200/= for FAQ; Sh. 5,600-6,000/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 5,300-6,000/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,000 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 4,850 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 5,750 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 5,650/= for Drugar.

5.0 GLOBAL SITUATION

Coffee exports for November 2017 were 9.02 million bags, which were 9.16% lower than last year. Total exports for the first two months of coffee year 2017/18 were 17.62 million bags ,11.3% lower than the same period last year.

The 2017/18 global production is provisionally estimated at 158.78 million bags, an increase of 0.7% from last year. Arabica production is estimated to reduce by 1.1% to 97.32 million bags while Robusta is projected to increase by 3.7 % to 61.46 million bags. Africa's production is expected to increase by 4.7% from last year. Global consumption is projected to increase by 1.6% at 157.60 million bags,

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 117.26 per lb. in November 2017 to US cents 114.00 per lb. in December 2017. It ranged from US cents 117.30 to 110.48 per lb

6.0 COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

The destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of December 2017 are illustrated in Table 4. Exports to EU countries amounted to 242,373 bags lower than 268,047 bags exported in the previous month. This represented a 62.76% of total exports. EU was followed by Sudan with 51,118 bags (13.24%) compared to 56,880 bags (12.84%) the previous month. India imported 24,300 bags (6.29%) compared to 17,740 bags (4.00%) Algeria 18,412 bags (4.77%) compared to 15,472 bags (3.49%) and USA 17,312 bags(4.48%) compared to 2,310 bags (0.52%) in November 2017. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 113,941 bags, a market share of 25.71% compared to 83,383 bags the previous month. The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in December 2017.

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN NOVEMBER	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**291,314**	**94,903**	**386,217**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	173,805	68,568	242,373	62.76	62.76
2	Sudan	2	50,468	650	51,118	13.24	75.99
3	India	5	23,350	950	24,300	6.29	82.28
4	Algeria	6	18,412		18,412	4.77	87.05
5	USA	14	4,004	13,308	17,312	4.48	91.53
6	Morocco	7	4,550	2,240	6,790	1.76	93.29
7	Israel	16	3,840		3,840	0.99	94.29
8	Madagascar	3	3,200		3,200	0.83	95.11
9	Russia	121	2,294	640	2,934	0.76	95.87
10	UK	4	360	1,914	2,274	0.59	96.46
11	South Africa	9	1,610	320	1,930	0.50	96.96
12	China	11	1,680		1,680	0.43	97.40
13	Canada	8		1,600	1,600	0.41	97.81
14	Australia	20	544	736	1,280	0.33	98.14
15	Taiwan	22		1,270	1,270	0.33	98.47
16	Switzerland	10	988	88	1,076	0.28	98.75
17	Cape Verde	-	960		960	0.25	99.00
18	Egypt	-	649	9	658	0.17	99.17
19	Ukraine	17	300	350	650	0.17	99.34
20	Iran	18		640	640	0.17	99.50
21	Saudi Arabia	-		620	620	0.16	99.66
22	Turkey	21		340	340	0.09	99.75
23	Hong Kong	-		320	320	0.08	99.83
24	Japan	19	300		300	0.08	99.91
25	Kenya	-		300	300	0.08	99.99
26	UAE	-		40	40	0.01	100.00

7.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Table 5 shows the buyers of Uganda coffee in December 2017. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 66.68 % lower than 65.30% of total exports the previous month. Sucafina led with a market share of 16.38% compared to 16.35% in November 2017. This was followed by Olam International-9.47% (7.80%); Bernhard Rothfos – 7.91% (4.42%); Altasheel -7.16% (6.69%); Volcafe – 7.08% (8.17%) Touton Geneve -5.20% (8.39 %) Aldwami Co.-4.08% (3.40%) ,Gollucke Rothfos- 3.89% , Ecom Agro Industrial-3.33% (1.61%)and Strauss Commodities- 2.18% (0.94%) The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to the previous month reflect competition for Uganda coffee among different buyers. Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month -November 2017.*

TABLE 5 : Buyers of Uganda Coffee in December 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN NOVEMBER	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	**Individual**	**Cumulative**
	Total		**291,314**	**94,903**	**386,217**	**100.00**	
1	Sucafina S.A	1	63,254		63,254	16.38	16.38
2	Olam International	4	29,385	7,196	36,581	9.47	25.85
3	Bernhard Rothfos	7	30,544		30,544	7.91	33.76
4	Al-Tasheel	5	27,650		27,650	7.16	40.92
5	Volcafe	3	21,239	6,093	27,332	7.08	47.99
6	Touton Geneva S.A	2	6,413	13,685	20,098	5.20	53.20
7	Aldwami Co.	8	15,750		15,750	4.08	57.28
8	Gollucke Rothfoss	-		15,030	15,030	3.89	61.17
9	Ecom Agro Industrial	14	2,137	10,723	12,860	3.33	64.50
10	Strauss Commodities	23	3,015	5,400	8,415	2.18	66.68
11	Icona Café	20	6,164	1,280	7,444	1.93	68.60
12	Tata Coffee	25	5,370	1,770	7,140	1.85	70.45
13	Louis Dreyfus	26	7,014		7,014	1.82	72.27
14	Falcon Coffees	12		6,720	6,720	1.74	74.01
15	Coex Coffee International	11	6,238		6,238	1.62	75.62
16	Indus Coffee	-	6,000		6,000	1.55	77.18
17	Koninklijke	-	5,760		5,760	1.49	78.67
18	Vayhan Coffee	18	5,440		5,440	1.41	80.08
19	Hamburg Coffee	27	4,640		4,640	1.20	81.28
20	Elmathahib	16	4,200		4,200	1.09	82.37
21	Commodity Supplies	9		4,008	4,008	1.04	83.40
22	Intergrano	-	1,658	2,300	3,958	1.02	84.43
23	Guzman Global	24	3,038	330	3,368	0.87	85.30
24	Cofco Americas	-	2,672		2,672	0.69	85.99
25	Mitsubishi	19		2,560	2,560	0.66	86.65
26	Pacorini Silocaf	-	2,520		2,520	0.65	87.31
27	Avid Nordquist	-		2,480	2,480	0.64	87.95
28	Tropicore	29	668	1,590	2,258	0.58	88.53

29	Bercher Coffee	22	960	1,280	2,240	0.58	89.11
30	Others		63,254		63,254	16.38	16.38

8.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

8.1: The Weather Situation

Central Region

Although some isolated and sparsely distributed merger rains were received in some areas, the month of December was characterized by a generally harsh weather situation in the Central Region;

Buikwe and Buvuma: The two districts of Buikwe and Buvuma had no rainfall during the month of December 2017. It was totally dry but due to heavy rainfall received in November 2017, there was enough moisture in the soil and crops remained healthy. However the dry weather made easy for proper drying of harvested crops like coffee, maize and beans among others.

Lyantonde/Lwengo: Prolonged drought spells posed a threat to coffee production in the sub region. Some farmers have had a drastic decrease in coffee yields due to drought. Way Forward: Field demos to showcase on field remedies for water retention will be organized using simple irrigation methods applied by some farmers who are already doing simple irrigation.

Mpigi/Wakiso: The rains continued to slow down in the first two weeks of the month and no rains in the last two weeks.

Lwengo/Lyantonde: There were fair rains in the month of December though less than the rains in November. However, lack of rains in Kyazanga Sub County (Lwengo district) and Lyantonde District led to drying up of seedlings that had just been planted.

Rakai-Kyotera: The month of December experienced occasional showers mixed with very intense and hot days but all in all the sub-region remained cool.

Luweero-Nakaseke-Nakasongola: - The weather continued to be worryingly hot in December and some coffee farmers started losing some of the seedlings planted in September/November 2017. However two down pours of rain were received by Katikamu South Constituency in Luweero District in the last week of December.

Western Region

The month was generally dry with very scanty and unevenly distributed rainfall received in some parts of the region during the first half of the month.
In the areas of Kabarole and Bundibugyo, the month was characterized by hot weather conditions which are likely to cause high mortality of coffee seedlings in nurseries as well as the September-November 2017 coffee plantings.
Majority of the water points that were believed to be permanent had started drying by end of the month in most districts.

Northern Region

The month was dry and no rains were received across the region despite cloud cover being experienced in some districts.
High temperatures were experienced in most districts, ranging from 30 to 38 degrees centigrade.

UCDA continued to advise farmers to mulch their plantations to ensure retention of moisture and increase survival rates of the recently planted coffee seedlings.
The dry spell is expected to continue up to end of March 2018 when the first season rains will be received.

Eastern Region

The month of December received no rain un like November and October. This facilitated coffee ripening. Also, the just planted seedlings have had good conditions for establishment. Some seasonal roads, however, were rendered unusable. Mt. Elgon region registered minimal rainfall than what was registered in the previous months. However, the rains across the three districts of Sebei were moderate and erratic thus unfavorable for agricultural activities which led to withering of coffee and other food crops in some parts of the sub-region.

South Western Region

South western region received no rains throughout the month of December apart from the areas of Kanungu, Kabale and Rukungiri districts that received minimal rains which enabled good establishment of the newly planted coffee.
The harvesting of Arabica coffee in Rukungiri and Kanungu districts is coming to an end as the drying and processing continues.

8.2 Coffee Planting

By the end of December a total of 131,019,698 coffee seedlings was reported planted in 102 coffee growing districts compared to 157,063,064 coffee seedlings that was available in the nurseries.
Farmer sensitization, mobilization, and training of farmers continued in collaboration with OWC, LGs Officials and nursery operators encouraging farmers to provide shade for the newly planted coffee in all regions.

8.3. Coffee seedlings planted in the five coffee regions.

REGION	DISTRICTS	NURSERIES	NO. SEEDLINGS
SOUTH WESTERN	16	458	13,093,637
WESTERN	19	387	44,401,262
EASTERN	22	632	14,418,257
NORTHERN(WESTNILE)	25	36	759,560
CENTRAL	20	576	58,657,192
TOTAL	**102**	**2,089**	**131,329,908**

8.4: Management of Disease and Pest Out breaks.

Black Coffee Twig Borer (BCTB) and Red blister disease continued to be a problem in both districts of Wakiso and Mpigi in Masulita, Namayumba and Muduuma subcounties.
Tailed Caterpillars that had attacked coffee in some parts of Kayunga District and Nakisunga Sub-County in Mukono District were reported to have been contained using chemicals.

Pest and disease incidences:

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borer	low	• Stem borers were reported in areas with aging trees but isolated mostly in sebei Districts of kapchorwa.
2. Coffee Berry borer	low	• Infestations were low in all Arabica coffee areas
3. Black Coffee Twig borer	low	• Black Twig borer Increased incidences were reported in all regions with greater incidence in the eastern districts of Busoga, Central region and Western region.
b) Diseases		
1. Coffee leaf rust	low	• Coffee leaf rust, High levels of infestation reported in Sebei sub-region during the month.
2. Coffee berry disease	high	• Coffee berry disease Very severe in high altitude areas of Kapchorwa and Kween
3. Red blister disease	High	• Reported Mostly to have affected Robusta coffee fields with poor husbandry practices in Buganda region
4. Coffee Wilt Disease	Low	• The disease was not reported in any of the five coffee regions.

9.0. COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITES

9.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF MOU WITH UGANDA PRISONS

Training at Lututuru Prisons Farm.

Continued hands on training targeting inmates and prison staff was done in nursery establishment and management, coffee planting, management and postharvest handling.
A total of 200kgs of Polypots were delivered to Lututuru Prisons farm to support the seedling potting exercise which started on 21st November 2017 and expected to end in January 2018.
To date, a total of 400kgs of polypots has been delivered to raise 200,000 seedlings which will be ready for planting in April 2018.

9.2. Coffee planting campaign In Rwenzori Region by State Minister For Agriculture

The state Minister for Agriculture Hon. Christopher Kibanzanga in the company of local leaders continued to mobilize and encourage farmers in the region to engage in commercial farming.
The minister was on a follow up visit on progress on coffee seedlings planted in the region. The minister also officiated the distribution of hospital materials to coffee farming communities health centers at a gala organized by Rwenzori fraternity association. He encouraged the farmers and the youth to plant coffee as an enterprise that would enable them secure their health as a result of increased income from their coffee

9.3 Collaborative engagements

Farmer groups organized by Hon Peace Mutunzi woman MP. For Bunyangabo District under Kanyamukale Catholic Church were sensitized about the importance of collective marketing and formation of a cooperative to improve their marketing.
The Banyakigezi elders living in Kasenda kabarole district have formed an association whose objective is to grow coffee on a large scale. A sensitization meeting was held on 27 December 2017 at Kasenda coffee estate. The MD New vision Mr. Robert Kabushenga was in attendance. UCDA was recommended for its efforts in promoting coffee in the area and also for the technical guidance.

9.4 Technical extension services

The sensitization training was done during routine supervision and quality of coffee is improving.
40 Stores were inspected. 30 in central region and 10 in western. 52 exporters were registered in central region.
3 Mini Taskforces expedited in Kayunga, Mukono and Luweero with greater Mpigi/ greater Masaka and greater Luweero with more concentration in Nakaseke.
Ten sensitization work shops were conducted in the five coffee growing regions and hinged on good post harvest handling practices.

9.5 sensitization of sector players:

Sensitization of players continued through out the month, 500 value chain players were sensitized on good post-harvest handling during the month.
Announcements were also aired out on all the procured radios in all the five coffee growing regions.
Slow adaptation to proper post-harvest handling practices, particularly harvesting and use of Tarpaulins was majorly registered in Busoga
However In Busoga, there was some improvement on harvesting red ripe coffee , a possible outcome of the task force held in September 2017.

9.6 Capacity building of industry players through Training and Skills Development

UCDA trained 39 baristas in making espressos, signature drinks and presentations at the UCDA Lugogo laboratory in preparation for Barista competitions. Preliminaries for the Uganda National Barista Championships were conducted with 22 participants (3 female, 19 male) and 10 qualified for the finals. The championship is aimed at promoting coffee consumption among the youth.

9.7 Domestic Coffee Consumption

UCDA promoted coffee consumption during the blood drive at City square and at the farmers Show in Lukaya,Masaka. Coffee was provided for tasting and information on health benefits of drinking coffee was disseminated.

10.0 OUTLOOK FOR JANUARY 2017

January exports are projected at 400,000 bags. The main harvesting season in Central region and Bugisu region is underway.

11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

14th – 16th February 2018 Kampala Serena Hotel Uganda: 16th African Fine Coffee conference and exhibition

The African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition is Africa's largest coffee trade platform that – brings over 2000 regional and international coffee roasters, traders, producers, professionals and connoisseurs under one roof. The theme of the conference is “ *Sustainable coffee industry for social economic transformation*”

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15th to 20th January 2018. UCDA, Lugogo

In order to increased capacity of stakeholders, UCDA will conduct a Q Arabica training course to train and certify Arabica graders