Uganda Coffee Development Authority

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the eighth report for the coffee year 2016/17. A total of 408,454-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 47.57 million were exported in May 2017 at an average weighted price of US $ 1.94 US cents, 7 cents lower than the previous month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,000/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.4,900/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 6,150/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 6,500/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (June 2016 to May 2017) totalled 4.02 million bags worth $467 million comprising Robusta 3.03 million bags worth $329 million and Arabica 0.99 million bags worth $138 million.*
- *86.41% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 36 who performed during the month compared to 81.09% in April 2017.*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US cents 130.39 per lb. in April 2017 to US cents 125.40 per lb. in May 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

Coffee exports in May 2017 amounted to 408,454 60-kilo bags worth US $ 47.57 million comprising 324,640 bags ($ 36.13 million) of Robusta and 83,814 bags ($11.44 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*).

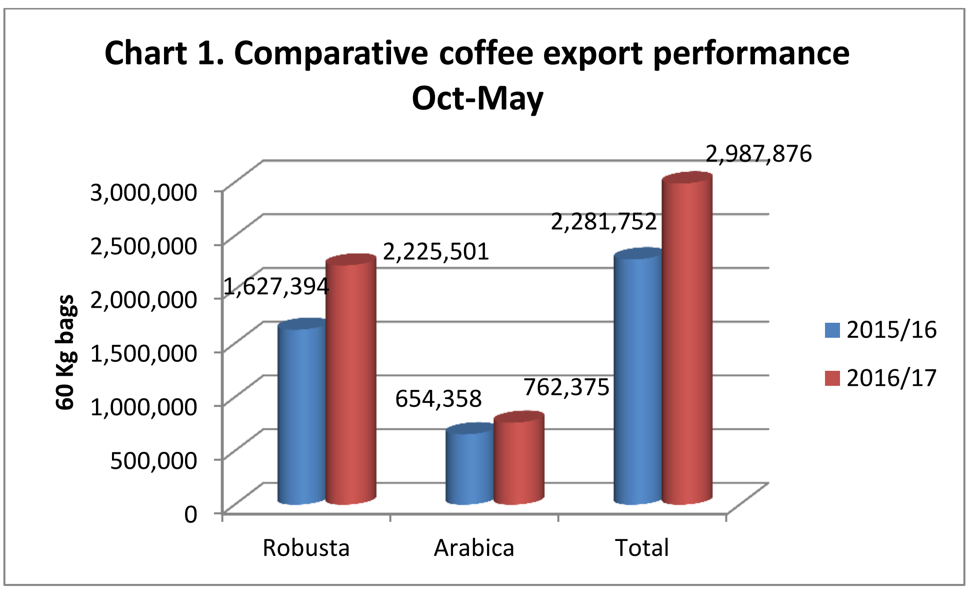
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

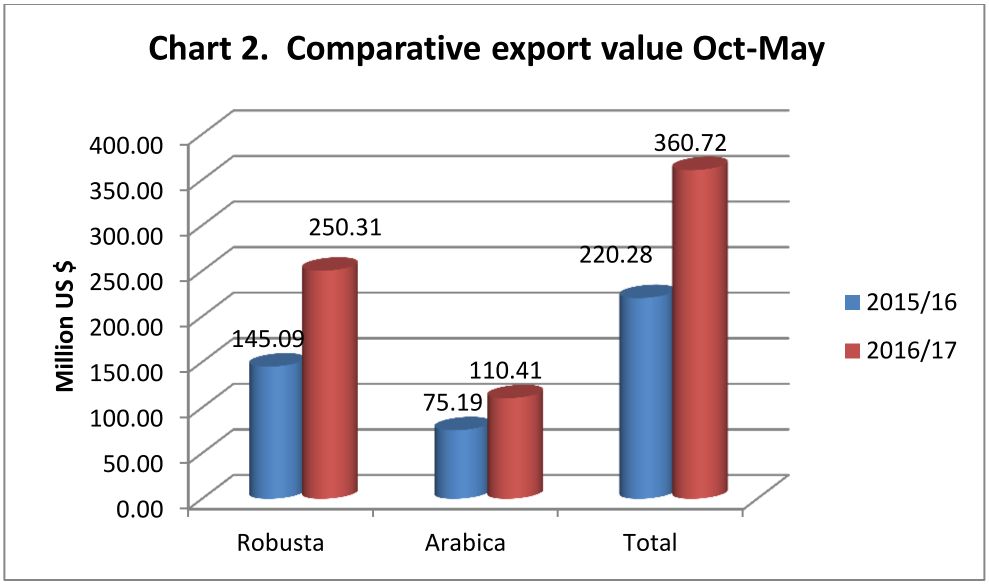
Coffee Year	2016/17		2015/16		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**2,987,876**	**360,720,060**	**2,281,752**	**220,284,723**	**30.95**	**63.75**
Total Robusta	**2,225,501**	**250,314,569**	**1,627,394**	**145,093,291**	**36.75**	**72.52**
Total Arabica	**762,375**	**110,405,491**	**654,358**	**75,191,432**	**19.56**	**46.83**
May	**408,454**	**47,571,639**	**285,945**	**27,619,592**	**42.84**	**72.24**
• Robusta	324,640	36,132,372	207,393	18,504,259	**56.53**	**95.27**
• Arabica	83,814	11,439,266	78,553	9,115,334	**6.70**	**25.49**
April	**326,232**	**39,362,589**	**326,793**	**31,120,627**	**0.17**	**26.48**
• Robusta	243,167	28,001,340	222,748	19,307,760	**9.17**	**45.03**
• Arabica	83,065	11,361,248	104,045	11,812,867	**20.16**	**3.82**
March	**409,916**	**50,443,414**	**247,798**	**23,074,015**	**65.42**	**118.62**
• Robusta	316,314	36,539,693	166,153	13,679,794	90.38	167.11
• Arabica	93,602	13,903,721	81,645	9,376,222	14.65	48.29
February	**396,523**	**48,306,210**	**271,941**	**25,121,054**	**45.81**	**92.29**
• Robusta	301,116	34,545,200	204,921	17,598,345	46.97	96.30
• Arabica	95,407	13,761,010	67,020	7,522,709	42.36	82.93
January	**404,673**	**48,981,950**	**334,727**	**32,125,478**	**20.90**	**52.47**
• Robusta	304,787	33,973,480	257,330	22,889,563	18.44	48.42
• Arabica	99,886	15,008,470	77,397	9,235,915	29.06	62.50

December	**425,241**	**51,515,317**	342,429	33,307,635	**24.18**	**54.67**
• Robusta	328,164	36,036,618	263,214	23,957,649	24.68	50.42
• Arabica	97,077	15,478,699	79,215	9,349,986	22.55	65.55
November	**407,693**	**50,345,770**	248,921	25,048,473	**63.78**	**100.99**
• Robusta	278,245	31,508,240	157,358	14,836,751	76.82	112.37
• Arabica	129,448	18,837,530	91,563	10,211,723	41.38	84.47
October	**209,144**	**24,193,173**	**223,198**	**22,867,849**	**-6.30**	**5.80**
• Robusta	129,068	13,577,626	148,278	14,301,171	-12.96	-5.06
• Arabica	80,076	10,615,548	74,920	8,566,678	6.88	23.92

Compared to the same month last year, both Robusta and Arabica exports increased by 56.53% and 6.70% respectively. Similarly, Robusta and Arabica exports increased by 95.27% and 25.49% respectively compared to May 2016. Coffee exports for 12 months (June 2016-May 2017) totalled 4.02 million bags valued at $ 467 million compared to 3.63 million bags worth US $ 360 million in the corresponding period the previous year, an increase of 10.74% and 29.72% in quantity and value respectively.

Charts 1 and 2 give comparative export performance by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first 8 months (October- May) of 2016/17 and 2015/16 and cumulatively. Chart 1 shows an increase in exports for both Robusta and Arabica over last year. The Arabica exports' performance is attributed to its biennial cycle of production while Robusta increase is on account of newly planted coffee which has started yielding. Chart 2 also shows an increase in value for the 2 coffee types on account of high export volumes.





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 May 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 1.94 per kilo, 7 cents lower than what was realized last month. Robusta exports accounted for 79.48% of total exports compared to 74.54% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US $ 1.85 per kilo, 7 cent lower than US$ 1.92 per kilo realized last month. Organic Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.32 per kilo, fetching a premium of 31 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 2.01 per kilo. This was followed by Washed Robusta sold at US$ 2.23 per kilo, a 22 cents premium over Screen 18. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US $ 2.27 per Kilo, US cent 1 down from US$ 2.28 per kilo realized last month. The highest price was for Sipi Falls although it was minimal quantities and was sold at US $ 5.18 per kilo, US $ 2.6 higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by Mt. Elgon A+ at a unit price of US$ 3.70.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in May 2017

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**408,454**		**47,571,639**		**1.94**
ROBUSTA	**324,640**	**100.00**	**36,132,372**	**100.00**	**1.85**
ORG ROBUSTA	1,093	0.34	152,372.43	0.42	2.32
WASHED ROBUSTA	334	0.10	44,621.99	0.12	2.23
SCR.18	24,077	7.42	2,909,307.44	8.05	2.01
SCREEN 17	13,569	4.18	1,613,234.13	4.46	1.98
SCREEN 15	181,396	55.88	21,116,020.25	58.44	1.94
SCREEN 14	1,358	0.42	157,241.77	0.44	1.93
SCREEN 12	55,949	17.23	6,182,567.54	17.11	1.84
BHP 1199	21,215	6.53	1,826,708.41	5.06	1.44
OTHERS	25,649	7.90	2,130,298.37	5.90	1.38
ARABICA	**83,814**	**100.00**	**11,439,267**	**100.0**	**2.27**
ORGANIC BUGISU	1,413	1.69	236,053.80	2.06	2.78
ORGANIC OKORO	360	0.43	62,619.46	0.55	2.90
ORGANIC DRUGAR	960	1.15	160,318.51	1.40	2.78
SIPI FALLS	30	0.04	9,325.46	0.08	5.18
MT.ELGON A+	4	0.00	888.00	0.01	3.70
MT.ELGON A	4,800	5.73	645,771.43	5.65	2.24
BUGISU AA	4,560	5.44	705,308.86	6.17	2.58
BUGISU A	4,960	5.92	702,235.29	6.14	2.36
BUGISU AB	2,710	3.23	453,944.78	3.97	2.79
BUGISU C/PB	325	0.39	45,360.75	0.40	2.33
MIXED ARABICA	1,740	2.08	179,524.99	1.57	1.72
WUGAR	12,940	15.44	1,856,043.92	16.23	2.39
DRUGAR	47,552	56.74	6,238,325.58	54.53	2.19
OTHERS	1,460	1.74	143,545.92	1.25	1.64

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of May 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Ugacof (U) Ltd led with a market share of 20.44% compared to a market share of 13.78% last month. It was followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd with a market share of 15.35% compared to 17.01% last month, followed by Kawacom (U) Ltd- 11.32% (6.48%), Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd -11.26% (12.61%); Olam (U) Ltd. -8.05% (8.31%); Export Trading Co.Ltd.-6.13% (6.88%); Kampala Domestic Store – 5.00% (2.19%); Ibero (U) Ltd-3.46% (4.84%); Great Lakes Coffee Ltd -2.80% (3.13%); and LD Commodities (U) Ltd- 1.68% (2.44%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 86.41% compared to 81.09% last month reflecting increased concentration at this level. Out of 36 exporters who performed, 21 compared to 17 last month exported Robusta Coffee only while 9 exported Arabica coffee only. Ugacof (U) Ltd. had the highest Robusta exports followed by Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led in Arabica exports followed by Kawacom (U) Ltd. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in April 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in May 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN APRIL	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
			324,640	**83,814**	**408,454**	**100.00**	
1	Ugacof Ltd	2	79,500	3,990	83,490	20.44	20.44
2	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	1	43,632	19,074	62,706	15.35	35.79
3	Kawacom (U) Ltd	6	33,083	13,138	46,221	11.32	47.11
4	Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd	3	45,264	720	45,984	11.26	58.37
5	Olam (U) Ltd	4	29,364	3,520	32,884	8.05	66.42
6	Export Trading	5	21,560	3,470	25,030	6.13	72.55
7	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	12	20,424		20,424	5.00	77.55
8	Ibero (U) Ltd	7	14,134		14,134	3.46	81.01
9	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	10		11,420	11,420	2.80	83.80
10	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	11	5,114	5,520	10,634	2.60	86.41
11	Savannah Commodities Ltd	16	7,020	350	7,370	1.80	88.21
12	Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd	9	2,754	4,120	6,874	1.68	89.89
13	Bakhson Trading Co. Ltd	13	6,248		6,248	1.53	91.42
14	Besmark Coffee Co Ltd	8	570	5,530	6,100	1.49	92.92
15	Touton (U) Ltd	14	668	5,250	5,918	1.45	94.36
16	Coffee World Ltd	17	2,232	2,040	4,272	1.05	95.41
17	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	15	3,430		3,430	0.84	96.25
18	Ankole Coffee Processors Ltd	23	2,800		2,800	0.69	96.94
19	Ankole Coffee Producers	32	2,100		2,100	0.51	97.45
20	Mbale Importers & Exporters Ltd	34		1,980	1,980	0.48	97.93
21	Banyankole Kweterana	20	1,020		1,020	0.25	98.18
22	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	25		1,000	1,000	0.24	98.43
23	Risala (U) Ltd	24	960		960	0.24	98.66
24	Cisco Petroleum (U) Ltd	-		700	700	0.17	98.84
25	Bulamu Coffee Buyers Ltd	-	685		685	0.17	99.00
26	Nitubasa Export Ltd	30		668	668	0.16	99.17
27	Turads	33		660	660	0.16	99.33
28	Bukonzo Joint Cooperative Ltd	28		640	640	0.16	99.49
29	Kamba Petroleum Coffee (U) Ltd	29	360		360	0.09	99.57
30	Kibinge Coffee Farmers Coop Ltd	36	360		360	0.09	99.66
31	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	18	360		360	0.09	99.75
32	Kaweri Coffee Plantation Ltd	-	334		334	0.08	99.83
33	Powerstorm (U) Ltd	31	334		334	0.08	99.91
34	Ishaka Quality Commodities Ltd	-	330		330	0.08	99.99
35	Bio Nile (U) Ltd	-		20	20	0.00	100.00
36	Bros Coffee (U) Ltd	32		4	4	0.00	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 1,800-2,200 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,800-5,000/= for FAQ; Sh. 6,000-6,300/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 6,000-

6,500/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,000 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 4,900 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 6,150 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 6,250/= for Drugar.

GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports for April 2017 were 9.54 million bags bringing the cumulative total for the first seven months of coffee year 2016/17 to 69.51 million bags, 3.1% higher than the same period of 2015/16 coffee year.

The 2016/17 Global production is still estimated at 151.62 million bags, an increase of 0.1% from last year while consumption is estimated at 155.1 million bags, which is a slight decrease of 0.4%.

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 130.39 per lb. in April 2017 to US cents 125.40 per lb. in May 2017. It ranged from US cents 122.23 to 128.66 per lb. The prices continued to fall as a result high inventories in consuming countries which have been due to strong exports in the first seven months of the 2016/17 coffee year.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 illustrates the destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of May 2017. Exports to EU countries totaled 202,363 bags with a market share of 49.54% compared with 183,881 bags (56.37%) exported last month. EU was followed by Sudan with 88,290 bags (21.62%) compared to 55,250 bags (16.94%) the previous month. Algeria imported 22,290 bags (5.46%) compared to 10,475 (3.21%); India-21,836 (5.35%) compared to 11,480 bags (3.52%); Tunisia 20,310 bags -4.97% compared to 3,520 bags (1.08%) in April 2017. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 152,433 bags, a market share of 37.32%. *The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.*

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in May 2017

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN APRIL	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**324,640**	**83,814**	**408,454**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	151,278	51,085	202,363	49.54	49.54
2	Sudan	2	88,290		88,290	21.62	71.16
3	Algeria	6	19,690	2,600	22,290	5.46	76.62
4	India	5	21,131	705	21,836	5.35	81.96
5	Tunisia	11	12,900	7,410	20,310	4.97	86.93
6	Morocco	4	17,034	654	17,688	4.33	91.27
7	U.S.A	3		14,728	14,728	3.61	94.87
8	Japan	10	5,900	340	6,240	1.53	96.40
9	South Africa	14	2,595	940	3,535	0.87	97.26
10	Russia	15	2,260	1,020	3,280	0.80	98.07
11	Canada	13	640	1,920	2,560	0.63	98.69
13	China	8	1,280	35	1,315	0.32	99.02
14	Turkey	23	350	600	950	0.23	99.25
15	Korea	22	300	600	900	0.22	99.47
17	Taiwan	-	300	300	600	0.15	99.62
18	Australia	-	87	233	320	0.08	99.69
19	Israel	20	320		320	0.08	99.77
20	Kenya	18		320	320	0.08	99.85

21	Singapore	9		320	320	0.08	99.93
22	Switzerland	7	285		285	0.07	100.00
23	Kuwait	-		4	4	0.00	100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Buyers of Uganda coffee in May 2017 are shown in table 5. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 71.77% compared to 69.72% last month. Sucafina led with a market share of 17.21% compared to 13.67% last month. This was followed by Altasheel -13.80% (11.26); Volcafe – 8.90% (8.86%); Gebre Westhoff -6.25% (2.15%); Aldwami -6.00% (2.68%); Ecom Agro Industrial – 5.15% (5.43%); Olam International – 4.48% (10.71%); Bernhard Rothfos-3.46% (4.84); Office De Commerce- 3.29%; and Icona Cafe – 3.23% (2.53%). The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to last month reflect fair competition for Uganda coffee among different buyers. Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month -April 2017.*

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in May 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN APRIL	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**324,640**	**83,814**	**408,454**	100.00	
1	Sucafina S.A	1	65,995	4,310	70,305	17.21	17.21
2	Altasheel	2	56,350		56,350	13.80	31.01
3	Volcafe	4	31,512	4,854	36,366	8.90	39.91
4	Gebr Westhoff	13	1,750	23,760	25,510	6.25	46.16
5	Aldwami	10	24,500		24,500	6.00	52.16
6	Ecom Agro Industrial	5	8,233	12,783	21,016	5.15	57.30
7	Olam International	3	17,354	960	18,314	4.48	61.78
8	Bernhard Rothfos	7	14,134		14,134	3.46	65.24
9	Office-De-Commerce	-	10,896	2,560	13,456	3.29	68.54
10	Icona Café	11	12,178	1,000	13,178	3.23	71.77
11	Strauss Commodities	12	5,880	5,400	11,280	2.76	74.53
12	Touton	8	4,643	6,490	11,133	2.73	77.25
13	Indus Coffee	15	10,265		10,265	2.51	79.77
14	Coex Coffee	9	9,414	668	10,082	2.47	82.23
15	Elmathahib	18	6,650		6,650	1.63	83.86
16	Bean Overseas	-	6,193		6,193	1.52	85.38
17	Luigi Lavazza	22	5,344		5,344	1.31	86.69
18	Briz Coffee	23	2,160	2,400	4,560	1.12	87.80
19	Tata Coffee	28	3,770		3,770	0.92	88.73
20	Nkg Bero Italia	-	3,672		3,672	0.90	89.63

21	Koninklinke	-	3,600		3,600	0.88	90.51
22	Mitsubishi	-		3,520	3,520	0.86	91.37
23	Bercher Coffee	6	654	1,600	2,254	0.55	91.92
24	Tropicore	26	550	1,360	1,910	0.47	92.39
25	Supremo	-		1,770	1,770	0.43	92.82
26	ETC Trading	-	1,720		1,720	0.42	93.24
27	Meo Fichaox	-	1,620		1,620	0.40	93.64
28	Others		15,603	10,379	25,982	6.36	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

- The weather was generally wet during the first three weeks of the month while the last week of the month was hot and dry.
- The rains favored good establishment of newly planted coffee as well as supporting of good berry size development of coffee at bearing stage.
- However, the increased rains delayed the season for harvest especially for the Greater Masaka Sub-Region.
- The rains greatly contributed to the deterioration of the harvested coffee in some districts.

Western Region

- Kyenjojo, Mubende and Hoima region had normal rains in the first two weeks of May that enabled the establishment of the coffee seedlings. Kyegegwa and Kamwenge districts had rain in the last week that was below normal but ceased towards the end of month. This enabled the number of seedlings planted to continue establishing.
- Bundibugyo, Ntoroko hills, Mityana, Kasese and parts of Kabarole region had relatively well distributed below normal rains in the first two weeks of the month. This has enabled planted coffee seedlings to establish.

Northern Region

- During the month the region experienced normal rains that enabled coffee planting and development of coffee berries to maturity.
- Advocacy for adopting simple irrigation technologies continued in the region in order to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Eastern Region

- During the month normal rains were received and were evenly distributed to enable continued farm activities of planting coffee and food crops in the region.
- All the Busoga sub region received normal rains up to the last week of the month. Mt. Elgon zone, Bukwo and Kween received above normal rains that threatened to cause landslides.
- Coffee trees that were badly hit by drought have fully recovered from the stress caused by the previous drought. However, the effect of the prolonged and harsh dry weather in the

previous months will have a negative impact on the coffee quality of the fly crop which had started to be harvested.

South Western Region

- The month May was characterized by activities involving monitoring the distribution of coffee seedlings in most of the districts for the 1st half and collecting and verifying returns in the 2nd half.
- Kiruhura district and most parts of Ntungamo district especially Central Division did not distribute or receive any seedlings for planting on account of lack of rain during the planting period.

6.2: Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- A total of 4,386 kg elite seed was received during the month, making a cumulative total **66,607 MT** of seed distributed to nursery operators.
- 33,619 CWDr clones were allocated to various nursery operators, making a cumulative total of **68,839** Coffee Wilt Disease Resistant clones for the Coffee Year.

6.3: Coffee Planting

- Allocation of seedlings for March – May 2017 planting ended in the third week and seedling distribution and planting was completed in the last week of May and in some districts the rains were above normal up to the last week of May.
- During the month, distribution and planting of the seedlings was being conducted by collaborative teams comprising UCDA, OWC (Operation Wealth Creation), LGs (Local Governments) Officials and nursery operators and by the last week of the month, 102,401,992 coffee seedlings had been distributed for planting across the country.

Status of District seedlings availability, Demand and Allocation.

DISTRICT	NURSERIES	AVAILABLE SEEDLINGS	DISTRICT DEMAND		ALLOCATED	ALREADY PLANTED
			ROBUSTA	ARABICA		
EASTERN	400	25,699,500	28,217,000	12,399,000	25,330,000	**20,233,912**
SOUTH WESTERN	320	23,045,000	12,500,000	1,250,000	13,650,000	**14,185,407**
CENTRAL	632	52,413,000	37,394,116	-	35,042,716	**35,334,609**
NORTHERN	167	6,810,607	6,421,298	3,057,404	5,630,323	**1,423,869**
WESTERN	539	40,490,800	24,461,799	6,762,396	29,872,157	**31,224,195**
TOTAL	**2,079**	**150,318,907**	**110,373,571**	**21,906,404**	109,525,196	**102,401,992**

6.4: Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borers	low	• Affected mainly old trees which need stumping
2. Coffee Berry Borer	Very low	• Very common on Arabica but affects 60% of Robusta coffee
3. Black Twig Borer	Very low	• Continued Increased incidences have been reported in several districts across all the 5 Regions • Farmers have been advised to spray their coffee with insecticides which have proved to be very effective. Good agricultural practices coupled with phytosanitary practices have also kept the pest under check.
b) Diseases		
1. Coffee Leaf Rust	Very low	• Severity is low. Most of the coffee trees look disease free although there are localized fields showing symptoms of nutrient deficiency especially in the eastern region. • The disease has been reported in Kasese and management strategies are being implemented.
2. Coffee Berry Disease	Very low	• The diseases affects ripening berries of mostly Arabica in all the Arabica coffee growing regions. It's commonly visible in eastern region and ceases as the harvest season ends.
3. Red Blister Disease	High	• A common disease in poorly managed coffee fields of Robusta coffee in all regions. Farmers encouraged to practice good agronomic husbandry practices that enhance soil fertility soil.
4. Coffee Wilt Disease		• Not a disease of economic importance as of now. No serious occurrence has been reported in any of the Robusta coffee growing Districts.

6.5. FARMER REGISTRATION

Coffee farmer's registration pilot in Mukono continued and by end of the month 25,000 households were registered and the number of enumerators had been increased to 45. The exercise in Mukono is expected to end by 15th June 2017.

The farmer registration exercise has been rolled out to Buikwe district whereby 43 enumerators had been trained to be deployed, parish chiefs have been adopted to supervisor the exercise.

6.6. TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

Two mini task forces were conducted in the Eastern region where 152 coffee stores were inspected and licensed generating UGX 13,500,000. Forty eight (48) coffee stores and 15 coffee factories were closed for noncompliance to coffee quality standards.

Coffee Quality Enhancement Activities in greater Masaka

- A task force was carried out in Greater Masaka together with agricultural police and those factories which did not conform to standards were closed. All Coffee factories in greater Masaka were sealed as a preventive measure.
- This act resulted into strikes by coffee processors and traders which were combated.
- Lwengo RDC and MP organized meetings for traders, processors, district officers and UCDA to discuss the way forward to champion coffee activities in the district.

7.0. COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

7.1 Capacity building of industry players through training and skills development to enhance skills of industry players.

UCDA held training for 51(18 women) farmers in Kitagata, Sheema district. The training was about Good Agricultural Practices (GAPS), GPHHP (Good Post Harvest Handling Practices), coffee quality benefits, and group (bulk) marketing.

7.2 Promotion of coffee consumption

Promoted local coffee consumption at the regional UMA show in Mbale and at Kololo at the World Bank and NARO open day. Coffee for tasting was provided to the attendees and information on health benefits of drinking coffee was disseminated.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR JUNE 2017

June exports are projected at 420,000 bags since the fly crop from Central and Eastern regions has started ripening and the main season in Masaka and South-western region has also started.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***Elementary Basic Quality Control training: 26th June – 1st July 2017:*** UCDA will hold training sessions for stake holders on better quality coffee and best practices in the districts of Kalungu, Mbale, Sironko, Mukono, Kayunga and Iganga.
- ***25th Source of the Nile Agricultural and Trade Show: 17th – 23rd July 2017. Jinja Show Grounds.*** UCDA will participate in the Trade show *whose theme is:* "Managing Challenges of Climate Change for Sustainable Agriculture"
- ***World coffee producers' forum: July 10th – 12th 2017. Colombia***. The World Coffee Producers Forum will analyze challenges of the coffee chain in a comprehensive way, with and for all the actors in the coffee world, mainly from the perspective of the coffee growers.
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