

NIMROD WAMBETTE, COFFEE PRODUCER



I am Nimrod Wambette, 53, married with 7 children. I have a Bachelor of Education degree and I am both a school teacher and a part time Arabica coffee farmer. I am a member of the Konokoyi Growers' Cooperative Society, my local cooperative, and of the Gumutindo Coffee Cooperative Enterprise, our larger regional cooperative. I am the son of a peasant farmer who has lived and grown coffee all his life at the foothills of Mt. Elgon in Eastern Uganda. My father, 88, had three small coffee gardens from which he raised school fees for our education.

Gumutindo means undisputed quality of pure washed Arabica coffee of high density and distinctive cup. It is medium roasted to deliver citrus sweet flavour. It goes through an elaborate garden management free of chemicals, selective harvesting, and careful processing before delivery.

Since joining the Fairtrade family, the horizon for us small farmers looks brighter with each harvest. The benefits include a price which is shielded from falling below \$1.21, and a social premium for economic and social projects which benefit all people who live in the coffee growing areas. Examples include community roads, school furniture contribution, mosquito nets and treatment to selected homesteads, footbridge timber across streams between ridges, etc...

Through adherence to Fairtrade generic standards and farming practices which emphasize organic manure and environmental awareness, we are contributing to as solution to climate change in a small way. Democratic practices are also entrenched with accountability on the lips of every member farmer.

The **FAIRTRADE** movement is a movement of trade with **responsibility** and **compassion**. It is the most **humane** way of relating between small producers and coffee consumers. **LONG LIVE FAIRTRADE.**