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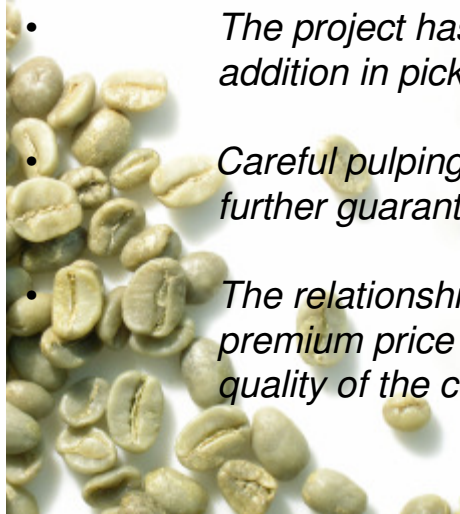
'Kyagalanyi / Main Traders Limited Mount Elgon Washed Arabica Project'



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- *The Mount Elgon Washed Arabica Project started in 2007 as a joint venture between Kyagalanyi and Main Traders Limited.*
- *The project has established a partnership with 5,000 registered participating small holder farmers located in the Districts of Sironko, Bududa, Manafwa, Mbale and Kapchorwa. These farmers are members of producer organisations found near the washing stations of Gibuzale, Kapchorwa, Busano, Busulani and Manafwa.*
- *Increased yields of high quality washed arabica coffee is being attributed to interventions by the project.*
- *Good agricultural practices have been adopted by farmers (e.g. integrated pest management, pruning, stumping, tipping, soil and water conservation etc.) leading to better crop welfare and improved farm productivity.*
- *The project has also sensitised farmers on the merits of proper pre-harvest practices and the value addition in picking only ripe cherries.*
- *Careful pulping of ripe cherries either at eco washing stations or by using hand pulpers is encouraged further guaranteeing the yield and quality of the coffee.*
- *The relationship between yield, quality and price is self evident with farmers not only receiving a premium price up front but also highly significant second or bonus payments based on the absolute quality of the coffee produced.*



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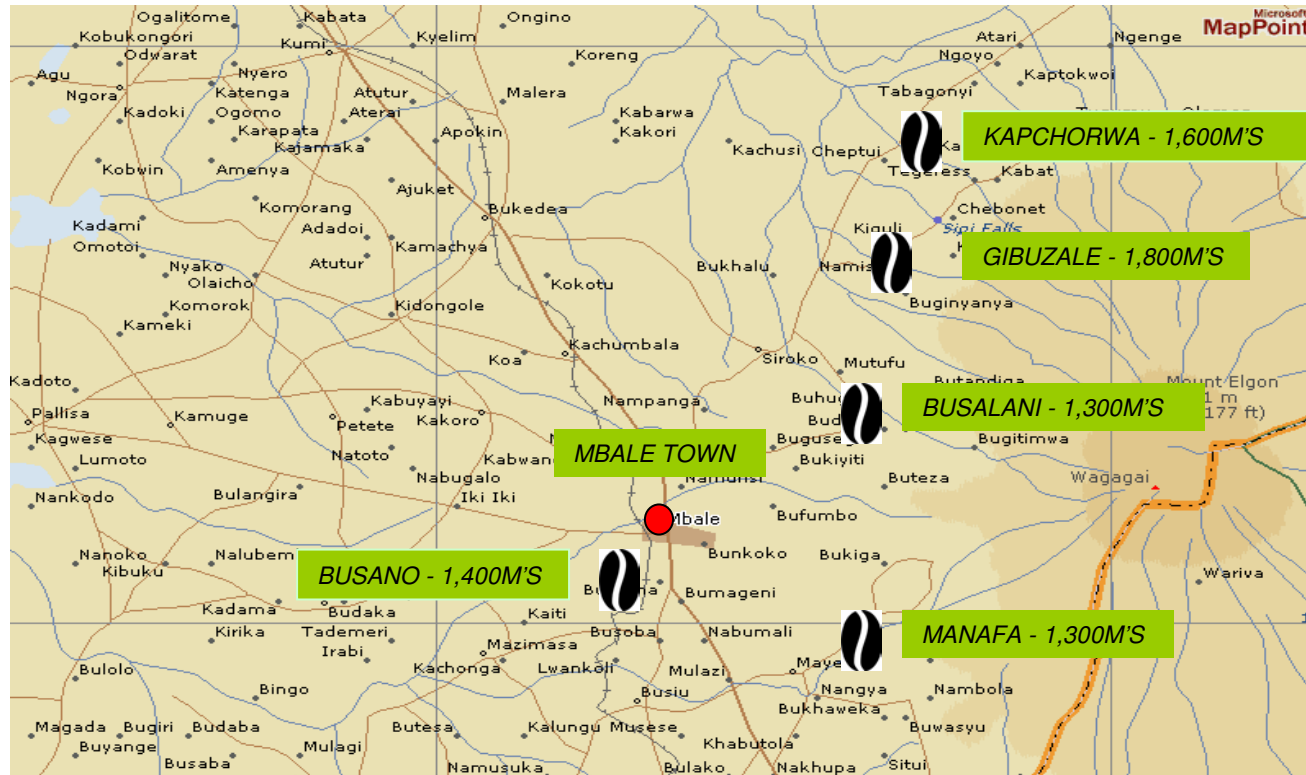


Testimonial

- *“I received my share of family land from my father totaling $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre just enough for growing food for my family to survive and nothing else. This practice of giving land to the boys that have come of age by their fathers has led to increased land fragmentation in our District. In 1997 I started buying red cherries of coffee within my village, hand pulping it for eventual sale to Kyagalanyi. I have managed to build a permanent house and I can afford to pay for a quality education for my children from the projects and the bonus paid by Kyagalanyi / Main Traders Limited. I have also invested in buying more land, and I now own 9 acres of land on which I have planted a coffee plantation, seasonal crops of maize, beans and timber. I still plan to buy more land and expand my coffee plantation,”* **says Michael Tabos, a resident of Chesoyen village, Munarya Parish, Chema Sub County in Kapchorwa District.**



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Mustafa Nsubuga General Manager KCL/MTL & Kafuko Fred Project Supervisor Mt Elgon Washed Arabica Project at extreme right conducting on-farm training at Lusola at Siroko District

