

The company

Uganda Aromatics was initiated in 2015 in Tororo. The idea is to develop a business while improving the economic, environmental and social aspects in the area.

Uganda Aromatics first started by renting a piece of land to develop a nursery with the right variety of grass. A nucleus farm was created for distributing the planting material to the farmers willing to participate in the project.

The company was first certified Organic with Ecocert. An Internal Control System was set up, managed by Uganda Aromatics to certify all the farmers.

The fair trade certification followed in 2018 according to the Fair For Life standards.

A Fair trade fund committee was elected with a representative of each category of actor of the project: The farmers, the employees and the local community.

Crops and products

The company is committed in growing and processing lemongrass, citronella and palmarosa grass in order to obtain organic and fair trade essential oils for the European market.

2023

PUBLIC SUMMARY

Uganda Aromatics is located in Tororo in Uganda, an eastern African country, called the Pearl of Africa because of its biodiversity of wildlife, water bodies and unique mountains and forests.

In Uganda, agriculture is the main economic activity for food crops and cash crops and Tororo region is a disadvantaged area without reliable cash crops.



Uganda
aromatics



- 34 out growers reached
- More than 132 acres of aromatic crops planted.
- 12 workers directly employed in plantation and distillation.
- 28 workers indirectly employed in the fields.
- 2, 7 tons of essential oils produced.

Fair trade premium

The Fair trade committee decided to use the Fair trade fund for sinking a borehole and supply water tanks. This water project improved access and the use and improved water source in the community and farmers by about 70%.

It reduced time for fetching water by women and farmers. Communities fetch water from the nearby source as farmer harvested rain water from roofs into the tanks supplied.

The project also provided clean drinking water leading to significant improvement in pupils' school attendance.



Due to the slowed business and the significant reduction in global demand for essential oil arising from the impact of Covid 19 and wars in the west, Uganda Aromatics surrendered FFL certification in the second half of 2023 because Fair trade standards and requirements couldn't be fulfilled timely.

Organic Aromatic herb activity:

Uganda Aromatics is trying to develop a new reference of organic aromatic herb ; Tea tree, making cultivation and distillation tests.

