KAWACOM

Driving sustainable sesame seed value chains through climate-smart agriculture.

Uganda
Founded: 1996
Sector: Agri-food
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While global demand for sustainably produced sesame is increasing, current sesame production and post-harvest handling practices in Uganda do not meet international food standards and certification requirements.

Kawacom is a subsidiary of ECOM Agro Industrial Corporation and ranks among the top five coffee exporters in Uganda. Kawacom works to organize farmers into groups (in line with **EU Organic Regulations**), support them to establish drought-tolerant sesame seed multiplication centers, and train them in organic certification compliance. Kawacom's operations are supported by an **extensive infrastructure network**, including buying centers, post-harvest handling equipment, and distribution systems.

18,000+ smallholder farmers
supported (49% women)

8,000+ lbs of sesame seed
exported, including 2,000+ lbs organic-certified

82,000+ lives impacted

300 permanent staff
700 seasonal workers

$3.6 million USD
Funding to date

$7.5 million USD
2024 Revenue

$890,000 USD
2024 EBTIDA

$5 million USD
Funding needed

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