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Website: <u>www.aics.gov.it</u> | <u>www.nairobi.aics.gov.it</u>



The project

ARABIKA stands for "Action Re-Launch Agriculture and Branding Internationalization of Kenyan Coffee in and out Of Africa" and is a project born out of the collaboration of the Governments of Kenya and Italy. It is funded by The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and realized by CEFA, AVSI Foundation and E4Impact Foundation. Its interventions target the whole coffee supply chain by focusing on: the organizational and management aspects of the producer cooperatives, A marketing component with a specific aim of improving the quality of the final product. The aim is to improve access to more lucrative markets, both locally and globally.

The project is in line with the strategies of the national government and counties on the development of the coffee value chain. The counties within the project scope are: Bungoma, Nyeri, Machakos, Murang'a, Kiambu, Meru and Embu.

Within these 7 counties, 21 cooperatives are represented by 30,000 farmers who have benefitted from the training and branding activities of the project. The project duration is 3 years: 2021 to march 2025.

Website: http://www.arabika.org



The ARABIKA project implementing consortium

CEFA Onlus is the implementing lead of the ARABIKA project. It is an international NGO founded in 1972, operating in Kenya since 1990; it aims at achieving food self-sufficiency, promoting social and economic development, meeting the basic needs of the local population, combining support to agricultural production with social and cultural actions.

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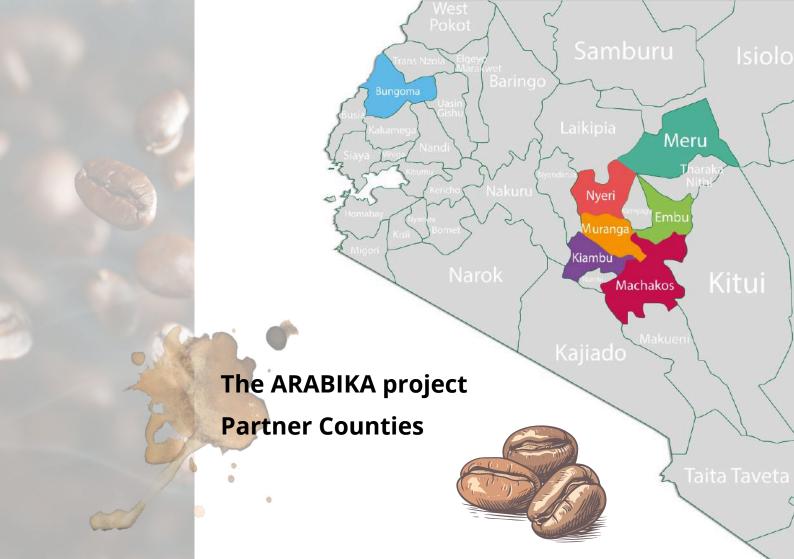
E4Impact Foundation is the implementing partner of the ARABIKA project. Promoted by the Università Cattolica and a group of leading Italian companies, E4Impact has a deep knowledge of African entrepreneurial ecosystems, gained thanks to its MBA courses in 20 African Countries, its 7 offices on the continent and its Entrepreneurship Centre in Kenya.

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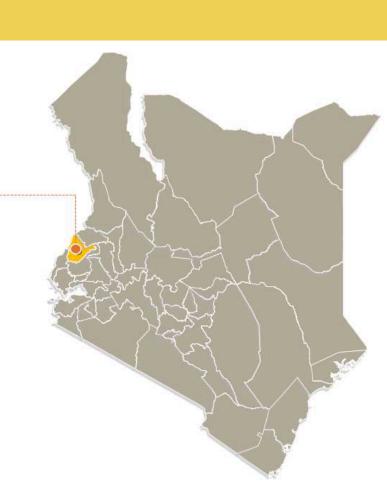


BUNGOMA

Bungoma

- Chesiro FCS Ltd
- Khachonge FCS Ltd
- Menu FCS Ltd







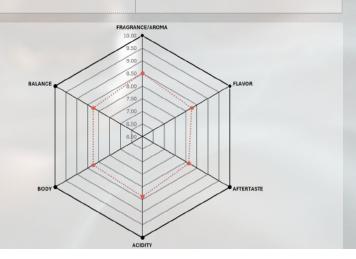
The cooperative is situated on the slopes of Mt. Elgon and neighbors Cheptais Forest. It is a community-owned factory that processes coffee cherries and sales on behalf of its farmers. It counts 3001 members consisting of 936 women, 2065 men and 471 youths.

The cooperative was established in 1998 and started operations as a subsidiary and was fully registered as a cooperative in 2011.

The factory was established in 1998 as a way of bringing coffee services closer to coffee farmers in the highlands of Cheptais Forest as previously farmers were taking their coffee cherries to neighboring factories.

Its mission is to operate as a member-owned and member-controlled institution offering high quality services/production to its clients.

Variety: Arabica (SL 34, Ruiru 11)	Grade*: AA
Altitude (amsl): 1850 - 2125 mts.	Harversting: Hand picked
Process type: wet fully washed	Drying: Sun dried on raised African beds
Notes*: berry, blackcurrant, flo	oral, cane sugar, hazelnut, fruity
Total Score*: 88/100	Cupping evaluation*: Specialty



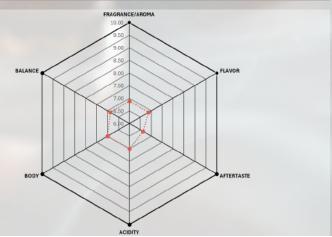


The society was established in 1957, and is located in Bungoma County, Kabuchai Sub-County, Nalondo Division.

The coffee farms are located on the slopes of Mt Elgon, at an average altitude of 1.800 meters above the sea level.

Overall, the society counts a total of 2235 active farmers. On average they harvest approximately 600,000kg of cherry per annum.

Variety: Arabica (Batian, Ruiru11)	Grade*: AA	
Altitude (amsl): 1750 - 1950 mts.	Harversting: Hand picked	
Process type: wet fully washed	Drying: Sun dried on raised African beds	
Notes*: citrus, rubbery, earthy, caramel		
Total Score*: 78.25/100	Cupping evaluation*: Premium	
FRAGRANCE/AROMA 10.00 9.50		
BALANCE 8.00 FLAVOR		

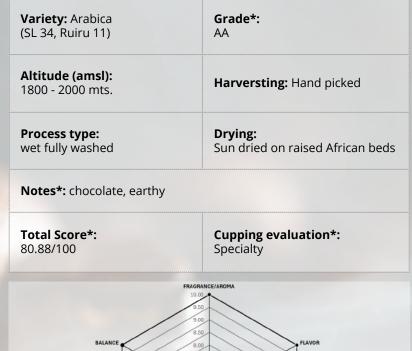


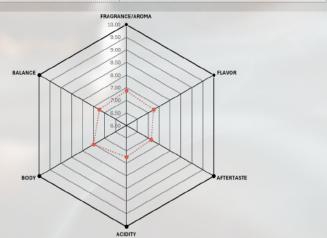


The cooperative is situated in Sirisia subcounty, Namwela Location, Menu village near Namwela market. It was officially registered 1958, and, as of today, counts on a membership of 3000 active smallholder farmers, covering a total surface of 602808 Ha under coffee.

Its area of operation covers: Masaba, kaptanai, changeywo, Namwela, Malinda, Menu and Namutokholo areas. In 2022/2023 season, cherry production amouned to 1171490 Kgs.

The cooperative was formed to promote the economic and social welfare of its members, through collection, storage and sales of coffee, maize and beans on behalf of members.





EMBU

Embu

- Central Ngandori FCS Ltd
- New Kirimiri FCS Ltd
- New Kyeni FCS Ltd







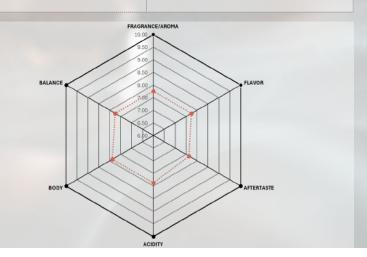
Central Ngandori FCS Ltd

Located in the Manyatta sub-County the cooperative was established in 1964. As of today it counts 2300 active members.

Coffee fields are owed by smallholder farmers who solely depend on coffee and tea as cash crops to earn living, and spans over 14300 Ha on the slopes of Mt. Kenya, in rich red volcanic soils enriched with potassium.

The cooperative has three factories: : Mwiria, Kiini and Karuriri, producing an average oif 400000 Kg of coffee per year.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28, SL 34) AA Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1300 - 1900 mts. Process type: Drving: wet fully washed Sun dried on raised African beds Notes*: caramel, chocolate, floral Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 84.38/100 Specialty





New Kirimiri FCS Ltd

Located in the Embu East, Ruyenjes Sub-County in Ndure Village, it was estalished in 2002, and as of today it counts a total membership of 800 active farmers.

The cooperative was established in 2002 and has one factory only. The area under coffee is 250 acres, with approximately 134,000 coffee stems, producing 200,000kgs of coffee cherry per annum.

The core objective of society is to receive, coffee berries rom members, and process into parchment, the organize transport of the same to the millers and marketing agent.

Variety: Arabica
(Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28, SL 34)

Altitude (amsl):
1500 mts.

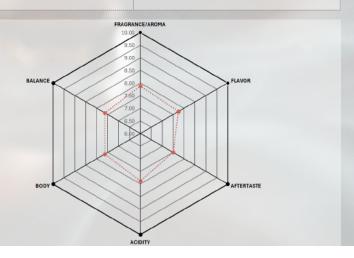
Harversting: Hand picked

Drying:
Sun dried on raised African beds

Notes*: berry, chocolate, caramel, sugar cane, floral

Total Score*: 84/100

Cupping evaluation*:
Specialty





Located in the Runyenjes Sub County, it was established in 1978 after a split from the greater Kyeni FCS (called old Kyeni). The cooperative consists of 1520 active member affiliated to four factories, with an average yearly production of 350,000 kg of cherries per year.

The cooperative is in a good climatic region, rich with volcanic soil from the slopes of Mt. Kenya, in an altitude of 1500 m above sea level. New Kyeni coffee has medium acidity, giving it complex and intense flavour and a unique aroma.

Currently majority of New Kyeni coffee is being maintained by women and youths as elderly men are increasingly dividing their coffee farms and offering coffee trees to their wives' and children to continue the coffee farming tradition.

Variety: Arabica
(Batian, Ruiru 11, SL)

Altitude (amsl):
1500 mts.

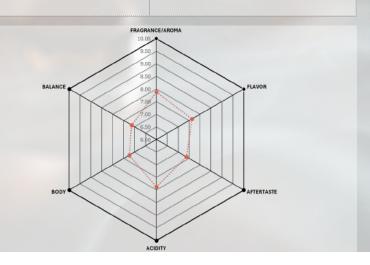
Process type:
wet fully washed

Drying:
Sun dried on raised African beds

Notes*: chocolate, sugar cane

Total Score*:

Cupping evaluation*:



Specialty

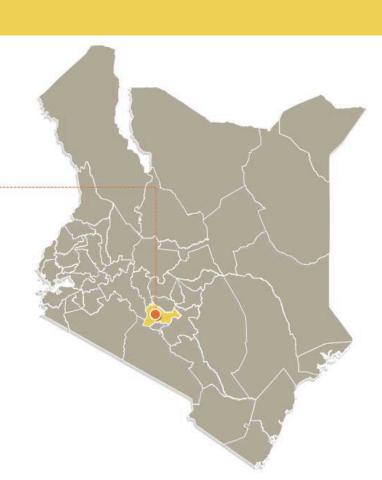
82.75/100

KIAMBU

Kiambu

- Gitwe FCS Ltd
- Kimaratia FCS Ltd
- Ritho FCS Ltd





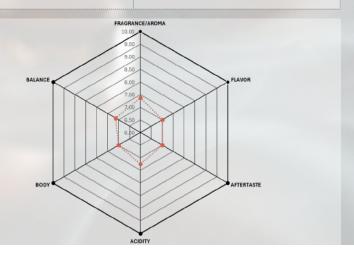


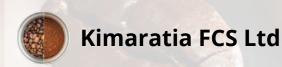
Situated in, Gatundu sub-county, on the slopes of the Aberdare mountains, in an altitude of 1700 - 1900 metres above the sea level, hence the suitable growing conditions for Arabica Coffee variety.

It was registered in 1995, after a split from a giant society named Gatundu FCS, specifically Ichaweri, Ritho, Muhara and Gitwe.

After the split, Gitwe FCS continued to grow in membership and came with by-laws, with the main objective of the society being to promote the welfare and economic interests of its members, in accordance with the cooperative principles, among others such as voluntary & open membership, Democratic member control, education, training and information, autonomy & independence, Communities welfare.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28, SL 34) AA Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1850 mts. Process type: Drving: wet fully washed Sun dried on raised African beds Notes*: chocolate, caramel, straw, spicy, earthy Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 79.75/100 Premium



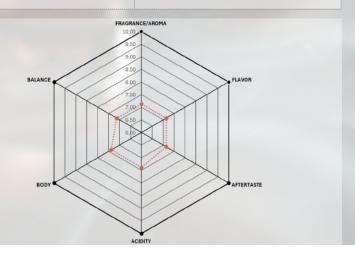


Nestled in the Central Highland, in Kiambu County, Gatundu South, Sub-County. It was registered in 1996 and operate 3 factories: Gachika. Gitare & Gichuka.

The cooperative consists of a total of 2871 registered small-holder family run farms located around the Kiamworia area in Kiambu County. Their total farmland spans around 181 hectares.

The coffee farms are located at an altitude of 1,800-1,900meters above the sea level. Approximately 95% of the land is dedicated to cultivating SL-28 and SL-34 coffee trees, while Ruiri-11 grows throughout the remaining 5%.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Ruiru 11, SL 28, SL 34) AA Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1800 - 1900 mts. Process type: Drving: wet fully washed Sun dried on raised African beds Notes*: dark chocolate, fruity, smoky Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 80.38/100 Specialty



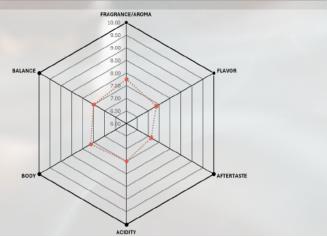


Located in Gatundu South Sub-County, with an attitude ranging between 1700m and 1900 meters above sea level. It was registered 1995, after a split from the Gatundu Farmers' Cooperative Society.

Currently, it has 2548 active farmers, spread over approximately 499 Ha of land, and it has two factories: Handege and Wamuguma.

Since its inception the cooperative has been encouraging active participation to coffee production of youth and women.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28, SL 34) AB Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1600 - 1800 mts. Process type: Drving: Sun dried on raised African beds wet fully washed Notes*: berry, floral, chocolate Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 82.50/100 Specialty FRAGRANCE/AROMA



MACHACKOS

Machakos

- Kaliluni FCS Ltd
- Kambusu FCS Ltd
- Muisuni FCS Ltd







The cooperative is situated in Kathiani subcounty at an altitude ranging between 1850 m -2125 meters above sea level. It comprises of 2 coffee factories owned by 1200 small scale coffee farmers with about 287,327 coffee bushes. The 2022/2023 production was 73,000 Kgs of clean coffee, witha projection of 120,000Kgs for the 2024/2025 harvest.

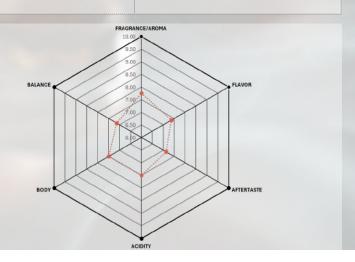
Agriculture is the backbone of Kaliluni a farmer's economy. They have created opportunities for women and youth in day-to-day activities. These have contributed to increased income, raising their standard of living. The society supports farmers in practicing sustainable farming, protecting the natural environment and managing natural resources through good agricultural practices.

The Cooperative is a 1st grade Fairtrade Certified organization.

Variety: Arabica (Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28)	Grade*: AA	
Altitude (amsl): 1850 - 2125 mts.	Harversting: Hand picked	
Process type: wet fully washed	Drying: Sun dried on raised African beds	
Notes*: blackcurrant, chocolate, floral, citrus, earthy		

Total Score*: 81.50/100

Cupping evaluation*:Specialty



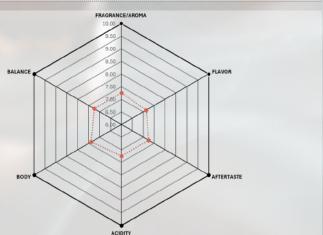


The cooperative is located in Matungulu
District, approximately 53 km from the capital
city of Nairobi. It was established in 1996, and
consists of two factories: Katwanyaa and
Kaukiswa.

Total active membership reaches 2183 farmers, out of which 1553 men and 630 women. The farms are found mainly on the hilly country side of Machakos County at an altitude of 1594 m above sea level, with rich red volcanic soils.

The average coffee cherry production is 800,000kg per year with a harvesting season between the months of from May to August.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28) AB Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1550 mts. Process type: Drving: wet fully washed Sun dried on raised African beds Notes*: caramel, fruity, nutty, herby, bitter Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 80.63/100 Specialty FRAGRANCE/AROMA





Located in Kangundo Sub county, the cooperative was registered in the year 1956. As of today it counts 1171 active members, growing coffee on a hilly landscape.

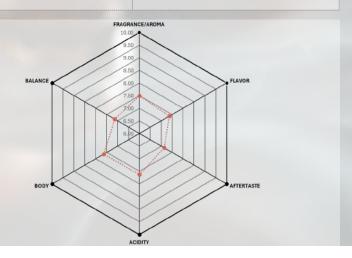
The cooperative main mandate is to process and market members coffee. It has three factories, namely: Muisuni, Mavindu, Kwa Mangu. The average coffee production totals around 500000 Kgs per year.

Coffee is grown on small land parcels belonging to the different members of the cooperative society.

Variety: Arabica	Grade*:
(Batian, Ruiru 11, SL 28)	AB
Altitude (amsl): 1600 - 1800 mts.	Harversting: Hand picked
Process type:	Drying:
wet fully washed	Sun dried on raised African beds
Notes*: chocolate, caramel, slight bitter, slight earthy, ferment def.	

Total Score*: 75.50/100

Cupping evaluation*:
Commercial



MERU

Meru

- Katheri FCS Ltd
- Nyaki FCS Ltd
- Tigania North FCS Ltd



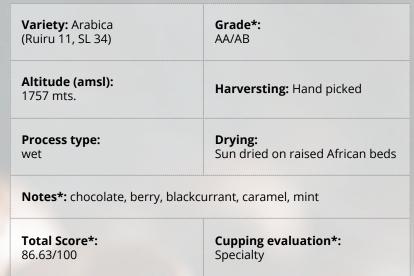


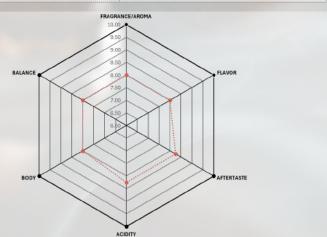


Located on the slopes of Mt. Kenya, benefiting from an ideal climate for Arabica coffee farming. It was established in 1953 and, as of today, it counts 2400 active members (1452 men, 948 women).

The cooperative operates four wet mills and focuses on efficient coffee processing, marketing, and member support services. atheri FCS also runs experimental demo plots, and a coffee nursery.

It has received multiple awards, including the 2021 *Coffee Directorate Growers Excellence Award*, the 2023 *ICA Trophy for highest production in Imenti Central*, and a 2024 Eco-Pulper from the ARABIKA Project, reflecting its commitment to quality and innovation





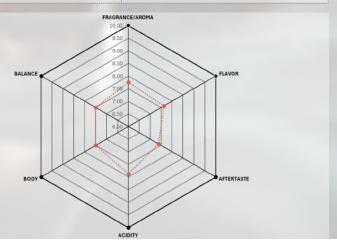


Located in the Imenti North sub-County, Munithu Location – Nkobo centre/village. It covers Mirigamieru East and West and consists of 7 factories with 11 permanent staff.

Nyaki Fcs is one of the smallest coffee cooperatives in Meru, with a total number of 755 active farmers, out of which 425 men, 290 women; among these 40 members are youths.

Most of the small holder farms are spread in an altitude of approximately 1800m above sea level with an average rainfall distribution of 500 – 700mm per annum.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Batian, K7, Ruiru 11, SL28-34) AA Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1800 mts. Process type: Drving: Wet fully washed Sun dried on raised African beds Notes*: berry, chocolate, floral, caramel, dark fruit Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 83.25/100 Specialty





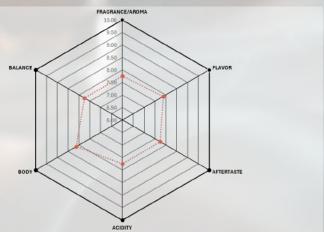
Tigania North FCS Ltd

Located in Tigania East sub-county, the society area of operations is along the slopes of the Nyambene Forest, an extension of Mt Kenya Forest. The soils are made up of volcanic soils, making the area ideal for farming.

The FCS was registered in March 2006, consisting of two factories to promote the economic welfare of the members, with the aim of enhancing better & increased production, better processing standards and marketing their high-quality coffee.

Total active membership is 4615 registered small-scale farmers (2644 women, 4838 men), practicing mixed farming with coffee as the main cash crop.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Batian, K7, Ruiru 11, SL28-34) AA/AB Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1300 - 1525 mts. **Process type:** Drving: Wet washed Sun dried on raised African beds Notes*: chocolate, berry, blackcurrant, caramel, mint Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 86.63/100 Specialty FRAGRANCE/AROMA

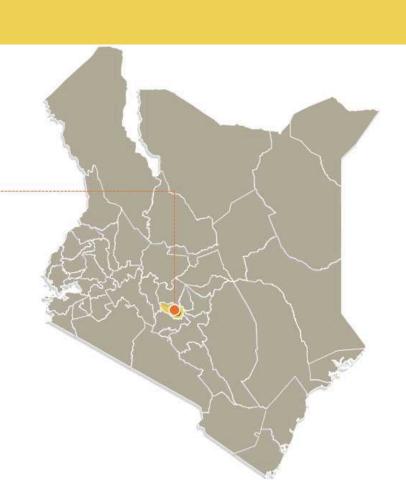


MURANGA

Muranga

- Kinogerama FCS Ltd
- Kanyenya-ini FCS Ltd
- Kabati FCS Ltd







Kinogerama FCS Ltd

Located in Gatanga Sub-County, Rwegetha Village, the cooperative society established in 1995. Its area of operation covers Gatanga, Kariara & Kiria-ini locations, about 25-40km west of Thika Town.

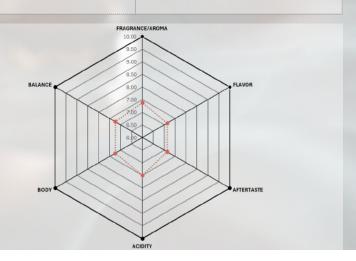
It has has five wet mills: Ndiara, Kimakia, Mabae and Rwegetha. The average coffee production is of 700,000 of coffee cherries per annum.

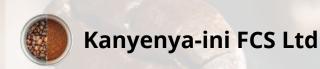
Overall, the cooperative counts of 2200 active members, with a total farming area under coffee of approximately 875.84 Ha. There are two coffee growing zones: Lower zone at an altitude between 1500-1700m above sea level and an upper zone lies between 1700-2000m above sea level.

Variety: Arabica (Ruiru 11, SL28, SL 34)	Grade*: AB	
Altitude (amsl): 1500 - 2000 mts.	Harversting: Hand picked	
Process type: Wet fully washed	Drying: Sun dried on raised African beds	
Notes*: citrus, chocolate, caramel, grassy, spicy, papery		

Total Score*: 80.75/100

Cupping evaluation*:Specialty

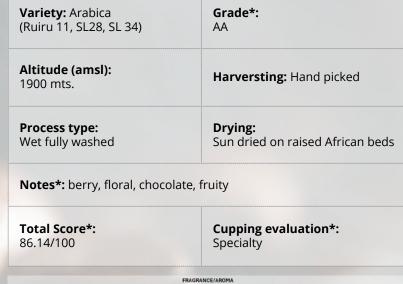


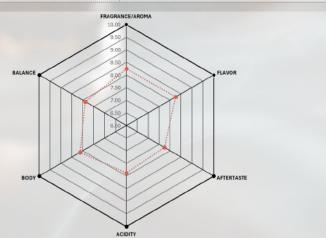


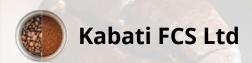
Located in Kangema Sub-County, Githiga Sublocation - about 125km from the capital city of Nairobi.

It was established in 1997 and currently counts 2000 active members, binging coffee to its two wet mills: Miroroma and Githga.

The area under coffee is approximately 365.39 Ha with an average coffee production of 650,000kg of cherries per year. In addition to coffee farming, the farmers also engage in other agricultural practices such as cash crops and livestock keeping.

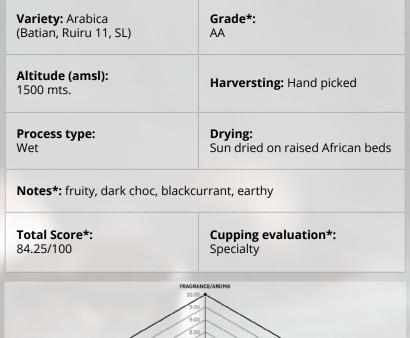


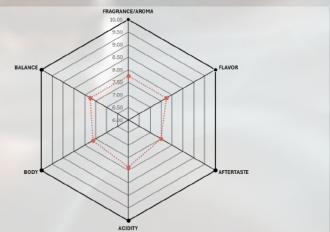




Located located in Kandara Sub-County, close to Kamwangi Village, Kabati. The cooperative was founded in 1999, and currently has 930 active members, binging their coffee to one factory.

Overall, the farming area encompasses a total of approximately 203.290 trees, out of which the average production of cherries per year is about 100,000 kg.



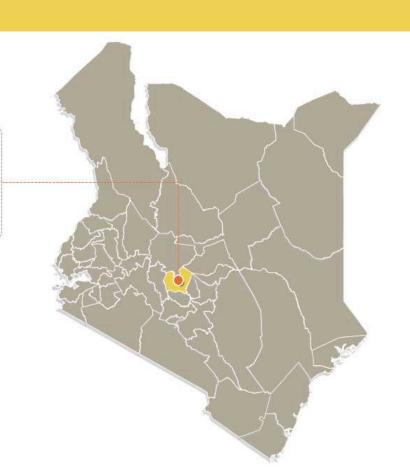


NYERI

Nyeri

- Gathaithi FCS Ltd
- Kiama FCS Ltd
- New Gikaru FCS Ltd







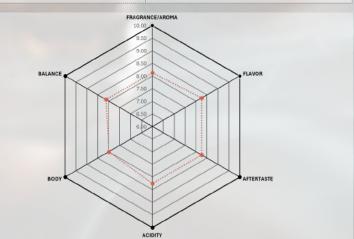
Located in Tetu sub-county, Gathaithi village, it was established in 1967, then being under the larger Tetu cooperative; in June 2000, it was registered autonomously.

It currently has one wet mill with a total membership of 1783 active members. Farming area consists of 230,000 coffee trees with 870,700 kgs annual output.

In 2022, its coffee was featured in the U.S-based Jaunt coffee roasters, coffee review having scored 93 points with a balanced floral-toned Kenyan cup with distinct notes of black currant.

In 2024, it emerged second nationally by paying its members 126 Kenya shillings per kilo of cherry delivered, a milestone achieved courtesy of ARABIKA project interventions and positive reception and project ownership by her board, as well as supervisory committee members.

Variety: Arabica (Ruiru 11, Batian, SL28)	Grade*: AA	
Altitude (amsl): 1720 mts.	Harversting: Hand picked	
Process type: wet fully washed	Drying: Sun dried	
Notes*: chocolate, caramel, juicy, sweet, floral, blackcurrant		
Total Score*: 87.25/100	Cupping evaluation*: Specialty	
FRAGRANCE/AROMA		
BALANCE	5.50 5.00 8.50	



^{*}The cupping data come from an independent evaluation done in June 2024 by Utake Coffee Ltd (SCA Certified Premier Training Camp) in Nairobi, Kenya.

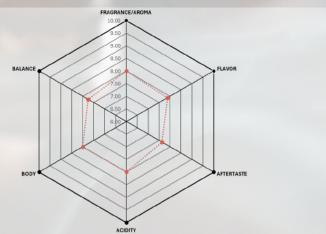


Located in Mathira Sub-County, with its head office situated in Karatina town, the cooperative society was registered in 2005, and consists of 2406 active members.

The coffee its delivered among 5 factories namely: Gachuiro, Chuga, Kiangundo, Kiamaina, Ihwagi. The average annual production stands at 577,000 kilos of coffee cherry, and the coffee is grown in rich volcanic soils on the slopes of Mt Kenya.

The cooperative society is Rainforest Alliance certified.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Ruiru 11, Batian, SL28) AA Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1720 mts. Process type: Drving: wet fully washed Sun dried on African beds Notes*: berry, floral, straw, chocolate, woody, ununiform cup Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 83.14/100 Specialty FRAGRANCE/AROMA





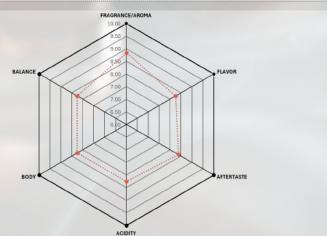
New Gikaru FCS Ltd

Located in Mukurwe-ini Sub-County, it was registered in 2001 as a marketing cooperative society. Its farms lie mainly on the slopes of Mt. Kenya, with deep red loam volcanic soils at an altitude of 1400-1600 metres above sea level.

The coffee farms are small holder family runfarm, that have an average of 400 trees per farm on approximately. 0.15 Ha. The total area of production is 611Ha. The farmer gender distribution is made of 30% women and 5 % youth.

New Gikaru FCS is Fairtrade certified.

Variety: Arabica Grade*: (Ruiru 11, Batian, SL28, SL34) AA Altitude (amsl): Harversting: Hand picked 1400 - 1600 mts. Process type: Drving: wet fully washed Sun dried on African beds **Notes*:** caramel, chocolate, vanilla, floral, juicy, berry, blackcurrant Total Score*: **Cupping evaluation*:** 88.38/100 Specialty





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