



About PNG Coffee Export Limited



PNG Coffee Export Limited (PNGCE) is one of the oldest and largest coffee exporters in Papua New Guinea (PNG). It was established in 1979 and operates in the highlands of PNG. PNGCE is a subsidiary under the international ED & F Mans's and Volcafe group of companies.

PNGCE sources coffee from local farmers for export. The business works with farmers, block holders, NGOs, local coffee buyers and government agencies to improve the quality and increase the production of coffee for export. PNGCE aim to improve sustainable coffee production and farmer livelihoods in PNG.



Market Constraints

There is high demand for quality, sustainably produced coffee in the international market. However, the supply and quality of coffee from PNG has been declining in recent years and not meeting the standards required to be graded 'high quality' or 'speciality' coffee. Currently, exporters in PNG rely mostly on smallholder coffee farmers, as most large coffee plantations no longer operate to supply coffee.

Majority of the smallholder coffee farmers lack knowledge on sustainable farming practices to meet speciality coffee requirements. Smallholders also do not have access to the different types of international coffee markets from which

Intervention



MDF and PNGCE are working together to support smallholder farmers increase the quality and quantity of the coffee they produce. Through an extension program, farmers are being trained, monitored and assessed to be certified as speciality coffee suppliers.

More than 13,000 farmers are expected to be certified suppliers by 2021, with an additional 41,000 bags of certified coffee ready for export. Farmers will be able to access the high-grade coffee market, earning premium prices. PNGCE will also have a certified coffee supply chain to meet international market demand.

Through the certification training program, farmers will also be educated on garden management, financial planning, apiculture, social issues, health and COVID-19 safety. Coffee productivity is expected to improve, with farmers moving from subsistence farming to becoming more commercialized.

