



## BURUNDI KAREHE (WOMEN'S CO-OP)

- REGION: Busiga, Ngozi Province, Burundi
- GROWER: International Women in Coffee Association small-lot holders
- PROCESSING: Fully washed
- COFFEE GRADE:
- GROWING ALTITUDE: 1760 masl
- PLANT VARIETIES/CULTIVAR: 100% Bourbon
- HARVEST PERIOD: March - June
- CERTIFICATIONS: Kosher

This lot is produced by 508 farmer-members of the International Women in Coffee Association (IWCA) who bring their coffee cherries to the Karehe Washing Station for processing and drying. IWCA is an organization that focuses on empowering women in coffee-producing countries. It currently has 19 chapters around the world. The Burundi chapter's mission is to "improve women's skills through training and information, to enhance their role in Burundian society...and in the coffee sector." The chapter pays premiums to members and has increased the visibility of farmer-members to buyers. In addition, members have participated in food security projects and received donated coffee-roasting equipment. Farmers have relied on coffee production as a way to rebuild the country after decades of civil war and genocide that occurred in the 1970s and 1990s. Coffee is the #1 export for the country and its exportation has a major impact on the country's economic viability.



*Picking Coffee Cherries*



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