

## MABIRA COFFEE FARMERS ASSOCIATION



Mabira Coffee Farmers Association is located in Buikwe District, Nkokonjeru Town Council With 217 members, 120 men and 97 women sited near Mabira forest, Lake Victoria and crossed by River Sezibwa which gives the farmers a contusive environment to grow coffee which enables them sustain their standards of living.

The farmers offer quality coffee with unique natural characteristics in term of the aroma, taste, as well as the appearance of the green beans themselves. The coffee attended to by the different farmers is well managed /looked after coffee and already for 4C verified. The association's activities are managed by a youth Kizza Isaya who has received trainings from NUCAFE in order to manage the affairs of the association well and some of these include; leadership and governance, marketing, insurance and financial literacy.

“As a youth into coffee farming, I want to develop and prosper so that my fellow youths can too engage into coffee production in order to improve their standard of living,” he said. As an association they are looking at improving people's well being especially to be able to provide for their families the basic necessities like food, water, health services, and education to promote the girl child. Therefore NUCAFE is working with other partners to ensure that youth unemployment is greatly reduced by skilling youth into agriculture through starting up their own businesses especially coffee nurseries that do not require a lot of capital because this is one of the major challenges that has hindered them from growing coffee.

And with such collective efforts of meetings to discuss issues that are affecting them, the farmers of Mabira CFA have been able to raise such issues to NUCAFE like; pests and diseases, finance and better markets that offer higher prices and such engagements have created greater successes in the association.