



## Rwanda Kungahara Women's Group



The women of Kungahara are members of the Bwishaza cooperative (Western Province). Bwishaza is a relatively young cooperative, formed in 2010, and many the female members of the Kungahara group are also much younger than the average Rwandan farmer. The president, Angelique TUYISENGE, is energetic and leading the women with new ideas.

In 2017 the cooperative began working with a Korean non-profit named Beautiful Coffee. Beautiful helped with governance, funding for infrastructure and training in quality, new processes (natural) and marketing. They not only helped the cooperative start the Kungahara women's group, they supported marketing of the women's coffee by bringing Angelique to a major coffee trade show in Seoul on 2019.

With 206 members in 2021, each women tends trees on small farms (<.5 hectare). They meet in sub-groups called farmer field schools for training on best practices.

The typical day for a female Rwandan farmer is to work in the field in the morning, come home to cook for the family, then spend the afternoon at the market or doing other household chores.

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