

ORGANIC VUGHOLE WOMEN'S GROUP KIVU 3

DR CONGO GREEN COFFEE | GENUINE ORIGIN



Coffee Details

ORIGIN

Beni Territory, North
Kivu, DR Congo

PRODUCER

Vughole Washing
Station, Coopade
Cooperative

PROCESSING

Washed

HARVEST SCHEDULE

March - June

VARIETY

Heirloom Varietals, Blue
Mountain, Rumangabo

ALTITUDE (MASL)

1900 - 2100

Coffee Background

The Coopade cooperative comprises over 4,500 smallholders with an average of just 0.37 hectares of land each. Over 1,700 of them are women. The cooperative operates 16 mini washing stations throughout the Lubero area, bordering the Virunga National Park. Six of the washing stations are run by women, like the Vughole station, where this coffee was produced.

Women in DR Congo have always taken the lead in coffee production on the farm and processing at mills. In 2020, Coopade began highlighting coffees that were produced solely by female farmers. The move empowered their stance on peace and their refusal to tolerate the violence that has plagued DR Congo. By building sustainable farming communities, more people have the option to turn away from joining armed forces and instead establish stable lives for themselves.

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