UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the seventh report for the coffee year 2016/17. A total of 326,232-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 39.36 million were exported in April 2017 at an average weighted price of US $ 2.01 US cents 4 cents lower than the previous month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,400/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.5,050/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 6,150/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 6,500/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (May 2016 to April 2017) totalled 3.98 million bags worth $455 million comprising Robusta 2.97 million bags worth $316 million and Arabica 1.01 million bags worth $139 million.*
- *81.09% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 41 who performed during the month compared to 77.38% in March 2017.*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US cents 134.07 per lb. in March 2017 to US cents 130.39 per lb. in April 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

Coffee exports in April 2017 amounted to 326,232 60-kilo bags worth US $ 39.36 million comprising 243,167 bags ($ 28 million) of Robusta and 83,065 bags ($11.36 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*).

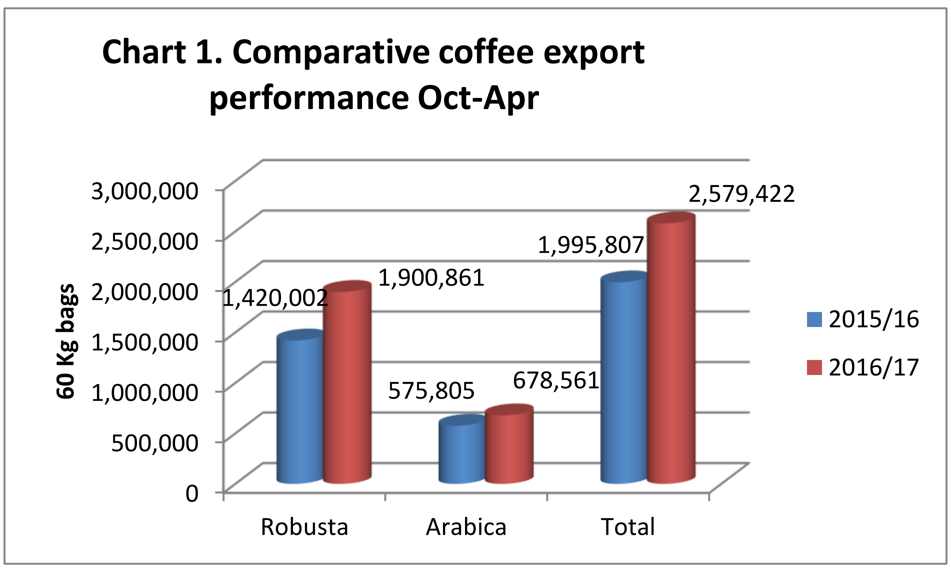
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

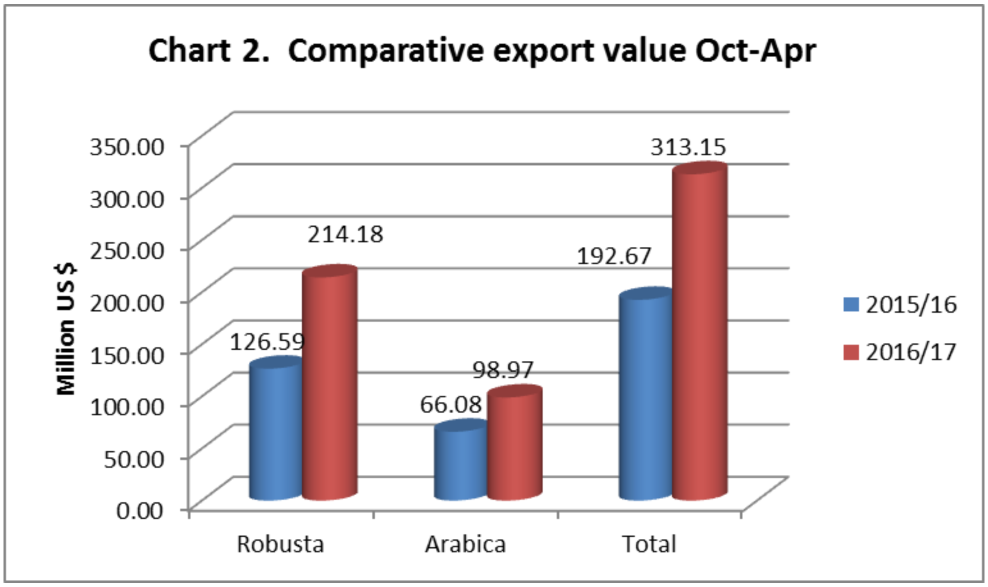
Coffee Year	2016/17		2015/16		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**2,579,472**	**313,148,422**	**1,995,807**	**192,665,131**	**29.24**	**62.54**
Total Robusta	**1,900,911**	**214,182,197**	**1,420,002**	**126,589,033**	**33.86**	**69.19**
Total Arabica	**678,561**	**98,966,225**	**575,805**	**66,076,099**	**17.85**	**49.78**
April	**326,232**	**39,362,589**	**326,793**	**31,120,627**	**-0.17**	**26.48**
• Robusta	243,167	28,001,340	222,748	19,307,760	**9.17**	**45.03**
• Arabica	83,065	11,361,248	104,045	11,812,867	**-20.16**	**-3.82**
March	**409,916**	**50,443,414**	**247,798**	**23,074,015**	**65.42**	**118.62**
• Robusta	316,314	36,539,693	166,153	13,679,794	90.38	167.11
• Arabica	93,602	13,903,721	81,645	9,376,222	14.65	48.29
February	**396,523**	**48,306,210**	**271,941**	**25,121,054**	**45.81**	**92.29**
• Robusta	301,166	34,545,200	204,921	17,598,345	46.97	96.30
• Arabica	95,407	13,761,010	67,020	7,522,709	42.36	82.93
January	**404,673**	**48,981,950**	**334,727**	**32,125,478**	**20.90**	**52.47**
• Robusta	304,787	33,973,480	257,330	22,889,563	18.44	48.42
• Arabica	99,886	15,008,470	77,397	9,235,915	29.06	62.50
December	**425,241**	**51,515,317**	342,429	33,307,635	**24.18**	**54.67**
• Robusta	328,164	36,036,618	263,214	23,957,649	24.68	50.42
• Arabica	97,077	15,478,699	79,215	9,349,986	22.55	65.55

November	**407,693**	**50,345,770**	248,921	25,048,473	**63.78**	**100.99**
• Robusta	278,245	31,508,240	157,358	14,836,751	76.82	112.37
• Arabica	129,448	18,837,530	91,563	10,211,723	41.38	84.47
October	**209,144**	**24,193,173**	**223,198**	**22,867,849**	**-6.30**	**5.80**
• Robusta	129,068	13,577,626	148,278	14,301,171	-12.96	-5.06
• Arabica	80,076	10,615,548	74,920	8,566,678	6.88	23.92

Compared to the same month last year, Robusta exports increased by 9.17% while Arabica exports decreased by 20.16%. Similarly, Robusta increased by 45.03% and Arabica decreased by 3.82% compared to March 2016. Coffee exports for 12 months (April 2016-March 2017) totalled 3.98 million bags valued at $ 455 million compared to 3.57 million bags worth US $ 370 million in the corresponding period the previous year, an increase of 17% and 22.97% in quantity and value of coffee exports respectively.

Charts 1 and 2 give comparative export performance by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first 7 months (October- April) of 2016/17 and 2015/16 and cumulatively. Chart 1 shows an increase in exports for both Robusta and Arabica over last year. The Arabica exports' performance is attributed to its biennial cycle of production while Robusta increase is on account of newly planted coffee which has started yielding. Chart 2 also shows an increase in value for the 2 coffee types on account of high export volumes and improvement on the global prices.





2.0 EXPORTS BY TYPE AND GRADE

Table 2 shows coffee exports by type, grade and average realized price for each coffee grade during the month of April 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 2.01 per kilo, 4 cents higher than what was realized last month. Robusta exports accounted for 74.54% of total exports compared to 77.17% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US $ 1.92 per kilo, 1 cent lower than US$ 1.93 per kilo realized last month Robusta UTZ had the highest price of US$ 2.54 per kilo, fetching a premium of 44 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 2.10 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US $ 2.28 per Kilo, US cents 20 down from US$ 2.40 per kilo realized last month. The highest price was for Mt. Elgon A+ that was sold at US $ 3.50 per kilo, cents 76 higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by Bugisu A at a unit price of US$ 3.07.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in April 2017

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**326,232**		**39,362,589**		**2.01**
ROBUSTA	**243,167**	**100.00**	**28,001,340**	**100.00**	**1.92**
ORG ROBUSTA	1,280	0.53	173,546	0.62	2.26
WASHED ROBUSTA	1,623	0.67	212,386	0.76	2.18
ROBUSTA UTZ	350	0.14	53,241	0.19	2.54
SCREEN 18	24,021	9.88	3,024,290	10.80	2.10
SCREEN 17	14,650	6.02	1,810,435	6.47	2.06
SCREEN 15	112,299	46.18	13,307,337	47.52	1.97
SCREEN 12	57,001	23.44	6,603,430	23.58	1.93
BHP 1199	18,169	7.47	1,693,176	6.05	1.55
others	13,774	5.66	1,123,498	4.01	1.36
ARABICA	**83,065**	**100.00**	**11,361,248**	**100.0**	**2.28**
ORG BUGISU	1,100	1.32	191,337	1.68	2.90
MT.ELGON A+	470	0.57	98,588	0.87	3.50
ORG WUGAR	420	0.51	77,223	0.68	3.06
MT.ELGON A	3,480	4.19	488,363	4.30	2.34
BUGISU AA	4,681	5.64	770,080	6.78	2.74

BUGISU A	590	0.71	108,531	0.96	3.07
BUGISU CP/B	928	1.12	127,064	1.12	2.28
BUGISU AB	4,390	5.29	775,950	6.83	2.95
BUGISU PB	10	0.01	1,723	0.02	2.87
MIXED ARABICA	300	0.36	33,730	0.30	1.87
WUGAR	11,200	13.48	1,580,778	13.91	2.35
DRUGAR	50,013	60.21	6,597,171	58.07	2.20
TRIAGE	5,483	6.60	510,710	4.50	1.55
others	83,065	100.00	11,361,248	100.00	2.28

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of April 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led with a market share of 17.01% compared to a market share of 15.72% last month. It was followed by Ugacof (U) Ltd with a market share of 13.78% compared to 12.49% last month, followed by Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd-12.61% (7.69%), Olam (U) Ltd -8.31% (10.39%); Export Trading Co Ltd. -6.88% (6.17%); Kawacom(U) Ltd.-6.48% (6.57%); Ibero (U) Ltd – 4.84% (5.77%); Besmark Coffee Co. Ltd-4.14% (3.84%); Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd -3.90% (3.34%); and Great Lakes Coffee Ltd- 3.31% (2.81%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 81.09% compared to 77.38% last month reflecting increased concentration at this level. Out of 41 exporters who performed, 17 compared to 15 last month exported Robusta Coffee only while 9 exported Arabica coffee only. Ugacof (U) Ltd. had the highest Robusta exports followed by Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led in Arabica exports followed by Kawacom (U) Ltd. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in March 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in April 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN MARCH	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
			243,167	**83,065**	**326,232**	**100.00**	
1	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	1	37,843	17,660	55,503	17.01	17.01
2	Ugacof Ltd	2	42,959	2,010	44,969	13.78	30.80
3	Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd	4	41,091	45	41,136	12.61	43.41
4	Olam (U) Ltd	3	22,095	5,000	27,095	8.31	51.71
5	Export Trading Co Ltd	6	21,500	960	22,460	6.88	58.60
6	Kawacom (U) Ltd	5	8,694	12,450	21,144	6.48	65.08
7	Ibero (U) Ltd	7	15,800		15,800	4.84	69.92
8	Besmark Coffee Co. Ltd	9	1,290	12,220	13,510	4.14	74.06
9	Commodity Solutions (U) L	10		12,722	12,722	3.90	77.96
10	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	11	350	9,852	10,202	3.13	81.09
11	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	13	4,964	2,990	7,954	2.44	83.53
12	Kampala Domestic Store Lt	8	7,158		7,158	2.19	85.72
13	Bakhsons Trading Co. Ltd	20	6,146		6,146	1.88	87.61
14	Touton (U) Ltd	15	3,640	1,750	5,390	1.65	89.26
15	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	21	4,995		4,995	1.53	90.79
16	Savannah Commodities Ltd	12	3,954		3,954	1.21	92.00
17	Coffee World Ltd	14	3,400		3,400	1.04	93.04
18	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	25	3,154		3,154	0.97	94.01

19	Zigoti Coffee Works Ltd	-	2,664		2,664	0.82	94.83
20	Banyankole Kweterana Coop	27	1,652		1,652	0.51	95.33
21	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	22	1,614		1,614	0.49	95.83
22	Tata Uganda Ltd	19	1,500		1,500	0.46	96.29
23	Ankole Coffee Processors	18	1,420		1,420	0.44	96.72
24	Risala (U) Ltd	24	1,037	320	1,357	0.42	97.14
25	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	33		1,080	1,080	0.33	97.47
26	Rezlex Investments Ltd	31	1,034		1,034	0.32	97.79
27	Discovery Trading Ltd	-	900		900	0.28	98.06
28	Bukonzo Joint Co.(U) Ltd	30		740	740	0.23	98.29
29	Kamba Petroleum Coffee Lt	-	720		720	0.22	98.51
30	Nitubaasa Export Ltd	-		668	668	0.20	98.72
31	Powerstom (U) Ltd	-	334	330	664	0.20	98.92
32	Ankole Coffee Producers C	26	660		660	0.20	99.12
33	Turads Trading (U) Ltd	31	35	473	508	0.16	99.28
34	Mbale Importers & Exporters	23	4	393	397	0.12	99.40
35	Shiba World Investments L	-		386	386	0.12	99.52
36	Kibinge Farmers co. Ltd	32	360		360	0.11	99.63
37	Nucafe Ltd	35	200	154	354	0.11	99.74
38	Superbia International Exports	-		354	354	0.11	99.84
39	Nile Highland Arabica Coffee	-		350	350	0.11	99.95
40	Bakhita Twase Produce Ltd	-		150	150	0.05	100.00
41	Sasa Coffee Trading Co (U	-		8	8	0.00	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,300-2,500 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,800-5,300/= for FAQ; Sh. 5,800-6,500/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 6,300-6,700/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,400 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,050 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 6,150 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 6,250/= for Drugar.

GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports for March 2017 were 10.72 million bags bringing the cumulative total for the first six months of coffee year 2016/17 to 60.08 million bags, 4.8% higher than the same period of 2015/16 coffee year.

The 2016/17 Global production is still estimated at 151.6 million bags an increase of 0.1% from last year while consumption is estimated at 155.1 million bags, which is a slight decrease of 0.4%.

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 134.07 per lb. in March 2017 to US cents 130.39 per lb. in April 2017. It ranged from US cents 133.02 to 142.09 per lb. The prices fell in the second half of April as a result of hedge fund selling which came against an increasing positive outlook for ample supply of coffee on the world market.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 illustrates the destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of April 2017. Exports to EU countries totaled 183,881 bags with a market share of 56.37% compared with 238,886 bags (58.28%) exported last month. EU was followed by Sudan with 55,250 bags (16.94%) compared to 73,803 bags (18%) the previous month. USA imported 17,144 bags (5.26%) compared to 11,813 (2.88%); Morocco -14,474 (4.44%) compared to 24,759 bags (6.04%); India 11,480 bags -3.52% compared to 10,910 bags (2.66%) in March 2017. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 87,076 bags, a market share of 26.69%. *The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.*

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in April 2017

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN MARCH	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**243,167**	**83,065**	**326,232**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	130,875	53,006	183,881	56.37	56.37
2	Sudan	2	55,234	16	55,250	16.94	73.30
3	USA	5	730	16,414	17,144	5.26	78.56
4	Morocco	3	13,514	960	14,474	4.44	82.99
5	India	6	11,130	350	11,480	3.52	86.51
6	Algeria	10	10,475		10,475	3.21	89.72
7	Switzerland	7	3,557	1,710	5,267	1.61	91.34
8	China	15	3,242	640	3,882	1.19	92.53
9	Singapore	-	3,660		3,660	1.12	93.65
10	Japan	17	3,550		3,550	1.09	94.74
11	Tunisia	4		3,520	3,520	1.08	95.82
13	Canada	9	350	2,880	3,230	0.99	96.81
14	South Africa	13	1,925	762	2,687	0.82	97.63
15	Russia	11	2,260	300	2,560	0.78	98.41
17	Bahrain	-		724	724	0.22	98.64
18	Kenya	25	350	320	670	0.21	98.84
19	Newzea land	8	350	320	670	0.21	99.05
20	Israel	19	640		640	0.20	99.24
21	Ukraine	-	640		640	0.20	99.44
22	S. Korea	27		470	470	0.14	99.58
23	Turkey	20		340	340	0.10	99.69
24	UK	14	330		330	0.10	99.79
25	Albania	22	320		320	0.10	99.89
26	Iran	23		200	200	0.06	99.95
27	Saudi Arabia	-	35	133	168	0.05	100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Buyers of Uganda coffee in April 2017 are shown in table 5. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 69.72% almost similar to 69.77% last month. Sucafina led with a market share of 13.67% compared to 11.28% last month. This was followed by Altasheel -11.26%; Olam

International –10.71% (11.71%); Volcafe -8.86% (7.09%); Ecom Agro Industrial -5.43% (5.93%); Bercher – 4.90% (2.73%); Bernhard Rothfos – 4.84% (5.77%); Touton-4.46% ; Coex Coffee-2.90% (1.77%); and Aldwami – 2.68% (2.39%). The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to last month reflect fair competition for Uganda coffee among different buyers. Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month - March 2017.*

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in April 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN MARCH	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**243,167**	**83,065**	**326,232**	100.00	
1	Sucafina	3	42,599	2,010	44,609	13.67	13.67
2	Altasheel	-	36,750		36,750	11.26	24.94
3	Olam International	1	33,449	1,480	34,929	10.71	35.65
4	Volcafe	5	23,759	5,133	28,892	8.86	44.50
5	Ecom Agro Industrial	6	5,874	11,830	17,704	5.43	49.93
6	Bercher	10		16,000	16,000	4.90	54.83
7	Bernhard Rothfos	7	15,800		15,800	4.84	59.68
8	Touton	-	9,741	4,820	14,561	4.46	64.14
9	Coex Coffee	14	6,108	3,340	9,448	2.90	67.04
10	Aldwami	11	8,750		8,750	2.68	69.72
11	Icona Cafe	9	7,160	1,080	8,240	2.53	72.24
12	Strauss Commodities	18	4,840	2,460	7,300	2.24	74.48
13	Gebr Westhoff	12		7,020	7,020	2.15	76.63
14	Cofftea	8	7,000		7,000	2.15	78.78
15	Indus Coffee	-	6,030		6,030	1.85	80.63
16	GRB	27	1,400	4,550	5,950	1.82	82.45
17	Office Du	17		3,840	3,840	1.18	83.63
18	Elmathahib	2	3,500		3,500	1.07	84.70
19	Louis Dreyfus	15	900	2,240	3,140	0.96	85.66
20	China Tea	-	2,908		2,908	0.89	86.56
21	Falcon Commodities	22		2,880	2,880	0.88	87.44
22	Lavazza	19	2,880		2,880	0.88	88.32
23	Briz Coffee	-	1,130	1,440	2,570	0.79	89.11
24	Hamburg Coffee		2,520		2,520	0.77	89.88
25	Guzman Global	20	1,328	990	2,318	0.71	90.59
26	Tropicore	26	1,704	600	2,304	0.71	91.30

27	Intergrano	16	2,100		2,100	0.64	91.94
28	Tata Coffee	13	2,080		2,080	0.64	92.58
29	Others		12,857	11,352	24,209	7.42	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

- The weather was generally wet throughout the month, enabling planting to be concluded during the rains.
- Seedlings planting are reported to be establishing well.
- Due to wet weather, coffee being marketed was reported to be experiencing high levels of moisture content.

Western Region

- Kyenjojo, Mubende and Hoima region still had some near normal rains that enabled the planting of the coffee seedlings. Kyegegwa and Kamwenge Districts had rain in the second week that was above normal but ceased to below normal in the third week till the end of the month. This affected the number of seedlings planted in the districts as most nurseries remained with coffee seedlings undistributed.
- Bundibugyo, Ntoroko hills, Mityana, Kasese and parts of Kabarole region had relatively stable rain for the first two weeks of the month. This has enabled planting.

Northern Region

- During the month, most parts experienced some near normal good rainfall interval of about 7 days as continuation from the previous month.
- The rains enabled fruiting, land opening and coffee planting. This also favored the coffee farms to flourish again since some were near wilting during the previous droughts.

Eastern Region

- The month was wet like the previous one and continued farm activities of planting coffee and food crops were visible in the region.
- Busoga region started to receive some rain in the first two weeks of the month as well as Mt. Elgon zone, including Bukwo and Kween.
- Coffee trees that were badly hit by drought are beginning to recover from the stress caused by the previous drought. However, the effect of the prolonged and harsh dry weather in the previous months will have a negative impact on the coffee volumes of the fly crop.

South Western Region

- The weather continued to be fairly wet like the previous months up to the third week of the month. The districts of Ntungamo and Kiruhura received below normal rains and were facing constraints with LG Officials on planting in some sub counties, the rest of SW districts were concluding planting by the third week of the month.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- A total of 5,400 kg elite seed was received during the month, making a cumulative total **62,221 MT** of seed and distributed to nursery operators.
- 33,619 CWDr Clones were allocated to various nursery operators, making a cumulative total of **68,839** Coffee Wilt Disease Resistant clones.

6.3 Coffee Planting

- Distribution of seedlings for March – May 2017 planting were coming to conclusion with projected cut off of seedlings distribution targeted for 15th May 2017.
- During the month, distribution of the seedlings was being conducted by collaborative teams comprising: UCDA, OWC, LGs Officials and nursery operators. By the third week of the month, a total of 95,437,515 coffee seedlings had been distributed for planting across the country.

<u>Status of District seedlings availability, Demand and Allocation.</u>

DISTRICT	NURSERIES	AVAILABLE SEEDLINGS	DISTRICT DEMAND		ALLOCATED	ALREADY PLANTED
			ROBUSTA	ARABICA		
EASTERN	400	25,699,500	28,217,000	12,399,000	25,330,000	**20,233,912**
SOUTH WESTERN	320	23,045,000	12,500,000	1,250,000	13,650,000	**14,185,407**
CENTRAL	632	52,413,000	37,394,116	-	35,042,716	**35,334,609**
NORTHERN	167	6,810,607	6,421,298	3,057,404	5,630,323	**1,423,869**
WESTERN	539	40,490,800	23,606,157	6,450,000	29,872,157	**22,259,718**
TOTAL	**2,079**	**150,318,907**	**110,373,571**	**21,906,404**	**109,525,196**	**95,437,515**

6.4 Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borers	low	Affected mainly old trees which need stumping
2. Coffee Berry borer	Very low	Very common on Arabica but affects 60% of Robusta coffee
3. Black Twig borer	Very low	Continued Increased incidences have been reported in several Districts across all the 5 Regions Farmers have been advised to spray their coffee with insecticides which has proved to be very effective. Good agricultural and practices coupled with phytosanitary practices has also kept the pest under check.
b) Diseases		
1. Coffee leaf rust	Very low	Severity is low. Most of the coffee trees look disease free although there are localized fields showing symptoms of nutrient deficiency especially in the eastern region.
2. Coffee berry disease	Very low	Affecting most Arabica coffee fields in all the Arabica regions, especially ripening berries
3. Red blister disease	High	Mostly affected Robusta coffee fields with poor husbandry practices and farmers have been told to practice on methods that improve and enhance soil fertility soil.
4. CWD		The disease has not been reported as of serious occurrence in any of the Robusta Districts.

6.5. FARMER REGISTRATION

Coffee farmers' registration pilot in Mukono district continued to be undertaken. An additional 15 enumerators were recruited and trained during the month making a total of 47 enumerators. Out of the 15 sub-counties, 3 have been completed.

6.6. TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

A campaign to remove diesel engine hullers from operation was carried out in SW Region and 8 such engines were uprooted and taken to Police for safe custody.

7.0. COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

7.1 Collaborative engagement with other stakeholders;

Joint farmer trainings on preparation of farmers to receive and plant coffee seedlings, farm management continued between UCDA, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), OWC and the district local government extension staff.

7.2 Capacity building of industry players through training and skills development to enhance skills of industry players.

Conducted field visits in for 23 Basic Quality Control participants in the Robusta and Arabica coffee growing areas. Arabica area – Toured Bizibiti washing station, Mbale district for a demonstration of wet processing.

Toured Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd and Mbale Importers & Exporters for Arabica processing demonstrations.

Robusta area- Toured JK farm in Bukomansimbi district (Good Agricultural Practices training), Kibinge Cooperative society (primary processing), and Kibinge Roastery (Robusta roasting, branding and packaging)

7.3 Promotion of coffee consumption

Promoted Coffee at the Coffee Stakeholders meeting where over 300 participants were served with coffee. 250 packets of coffee were also distributed to guests at the UCDA 25yrs commemoration dinner.

UCDA also Presided over the inauguration of the new Uganda Christian University coffee club event where students were served coffee. This was aimed at increasing the interest of coffee among the youth..

7.4 Value addition and generic promotion

UCDA Promoted Uganda coffee at the SCAA exhibition in Seattle, Washington U.S.A. Information about Uganda speciality and fine Robusta coffee was disseminated to attendees.
Cupping sessions were held were for coffee from different coffee growing areas. Fine Robusta continue to attract attention in the US market especially from the micro roasters because of their pleasant sweet taste. UCDA Cupped coffee samples with Roasters from UAE and 4 specialty Arabica and 2 Fine Robusta samples were chosen for purchase.

7.5 UCDA celebrates 25 year of existence

During the months UCDA celebrated 25 years of existence. The climax of the celebrations took place at Serena Hotel Kampala on 19th April where H.E the President of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni signed the 2020 roadmap at the annual stakeholders meeting. On the same day, a dinner was held for UCDA staff and other stakeholders where different personalities were honoured for their contribution towards the coffee industry.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR MAY 2017

May exports are projected at 300,000 bags since the fly crop from Central and Eastern regions has started ripening.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***Coffee on the road 29th May- 3rd June 2017.*** As a way of promoting domestic coffee consumption, UCDA will hold a “coffee on the road” promotion and train barista and brewers in Mbarara district.

- ***Eastern UMA show 30th May-6th June.*** UCDA will participate in the Uganda Manufacturers Association trade fair in Mbale .

- ***World coffee producers forum July 10th - 12th 2017. Colombia .*** The World Coffee Producers Forum will analyze challenges of the coffee chain in a comprehensive way, with and for all the actors in the coffee world, mainly from the perspective of the coffee growers.
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