

SUPPORTING PIONEERS: FIRST CERTIFIED ORGANIC ARABICA COFFEE FROM MYANMAR



Although coffee from Myanmar is relatively unknown, the first coffee plantations were in fact established in 1885 and still continue to grow coffee until today. The northern parts of the country in particular, such as the Shan States, have ideal conditions for good coffee due the region's fertile soils, at elevations over 1000m, regular rainfalls and an essential dry season. Despite its high quality, Myanmar's coffee remains uncertified. This hinders farmers from exporting their coffee to both regional and international markets and thus from receiving a higher income.

OBJECTIVE

To create a best practice for organic coffee production and raise consumer awareness on the importance of food standards and food safety in Myanmar.

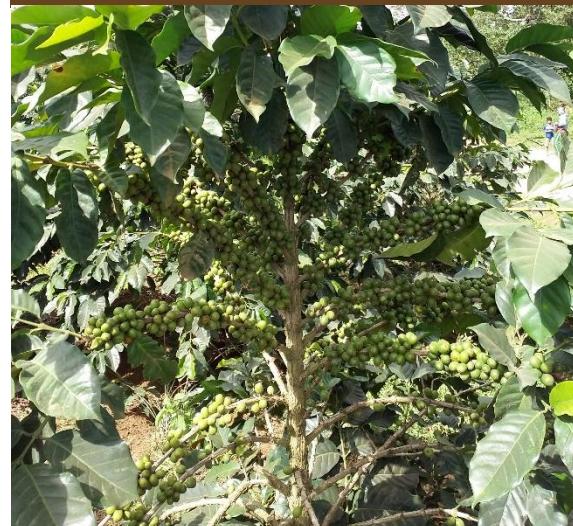
To achieve this objective, GIZ selected three coffee farms in Shan State that will receive support with the organic certification of their crops. After the partnership, these coffee plantations will produce the first organic certified Arabica coffee from Myanmar. Alongside from attaining the certification, focus on this partnership will be placed on consumer awareness and sharing of knowledge with the MFVP coffee cluster.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 3 coffee farms in southern Shan State are converted into organic agriculture
- Produce handbook on pre- and post-harvest management for Arabica coffee
- Awareness on food standards and food safety is raised among local consumers
- Knowledge about organic agriculture implementation and general food safety is shared with the national coffee cluster

OVERVIEW

Term	April 2017 – February 2018
Country	Shan State, Myanmar
Partner	Coffee farms of U Win Aung Kyaw, U Myo Lay, and U Than Aung Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) Nestlé Company Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Volume	40 000 Euros



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