

Suubi Update Blog

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April 15th, First Coffee Seedlings Sold At Suubi Centre.

It was a little over 6 month ago that the [Suubi Coffee Initiative got off the ground](#) when a group of youth began a seedling nursery at the Centre. It was exciting to recently see the first crop start to be sold to farmers from Lubanda Village and surrounding neighbourhoods. This certainly is encouraging the youth involved in the project as they can now see all their hard work paying off.



Coffee farmers from the area are happy they are now able to purchase seedlings from the village.



The youth participating in the Suubi coffee initiative were thrilled to make their first sales.





The buyers were keen to get their seedlings home so they could be planted during the rainy season.

A long term strategy was also collectively agreed on by members of the group to keep the coffee project viable in the future. It was decided that each member would be given 50 seedlings to plant in their own garden. It is hoped this will encourage other youth in the community to want to participate in the Suubi Coffee Initiative too. Once these seedlings have grown they will then provide suckers that can be cut and potted to raise more seedlings in the future. In addition to this, every member will be expected to pay back 12kgs of dried coffee to be sold to provide the cash require for ongoing expenses.

The coffee group have also recently planted 500 seedling for Suubi Centre. Crops harvested from these trees will help the whole Suubi project be self sustainable in the future. It certainly is a win win situation for everyone involved!