



FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED™

FAIR TRADE COFFEE COOPERATIVE PROFILE

KWAY, Papua New Guinea



About the Co-op

Date Established: 1998

Number of Members: 600

Annual Production: 20 containers

About the Coffee

Varieties: Blue Mountain, Bourbon, Arusha, Catimor, Catura, Mundo Novo

Elevation: Average 6,000m

Processing: Wet processing/Sun drying

Cup Characteristics: Very fine acidity, good body, and excellent aroma

Harvest Season: Jan-Dec

Export Season: Feb-Dec

Organic Production: 100%

Organic Certification Agency: Biological Farmers of Australia (BFA)

KWAY is an organic coffee cooperative made up of 600 members from 14 villages in the Goroka region of Papua New Guinea. The Goroka region is very remote and can only be reached by small aircraft or a lengthy road which is accessible only during very dry periods. The co-op was founded in 1998 with the intent of improving the infrastructure of the region, providing greater market access to local producers, and protecting the environment by promoting sustainable, organic farming practices.

Although KWAY became officially Fair Trade Certified by FLO only two years ago, the co-op has already implemented the following services with the fair trade premium:

- Accessible financing to all co-op members for education, medical services, clothing, and other expenses
- Awareness campaigns which teach women about health and population control
- A water supply system that serves the entire population of 600 farmers and their families
- Construction of a local elementary school
- Assistance to co-op members in converting their homes from bush material houses to semi-permanent structures
- Technical support for product diversification: chili and cardamom for the market, and vegetables and livestock for home consumption