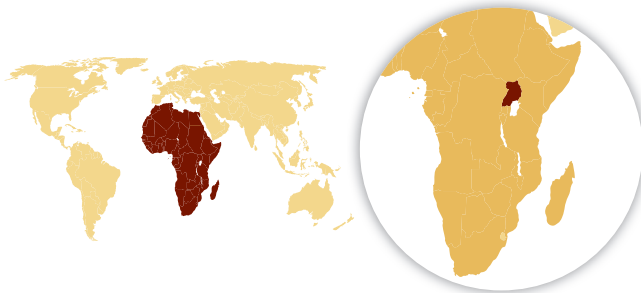


Bundibugyo Improved Cocoa Farmers

Uganda



NAME	Bundibugyo Improved Cocoa Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited (BICFCSL)
FOUNDED	2012
LOCATION	Bundibugyo, Uganda
ENTITY	Registered Cooperative (~ 5000 smallholder families, 1000+ organic and FLO certified)
PRODUCTS	Cocoa, vanilla
CERTIFICATES	Organic, Fairtrade
PARTNER SINCE	2024

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General

BICFCSL is an independent cooperative located in the Bundibugyo Valley in western Uganda, a region with fertile highlands and ideal conditions for high-quality organic cocoa. It is one of the first certified organizations in the valley, with over 1,000 organic and Fairtrade certified members. Since 2024, BICFCSL has also been the first partner cooperative of the "Organic Valley Bundibugyo" project and sells its organic cocoa directly to Stella Bernrain via the SusChain marketplace platform.

The SusChain project "Organic Valley Bundibugyo" enables fair, direct, and digital trade of organic cocoa from the Bundibugyo Valley, supporting local value creation and regenerative agriculture. By connecting cooperatives directly with chocolate producers, it ensures transparent sourcing, provides training, quality control, and logistics, and reinvests profits into expanding agroforestry.

Since the launch of the SusChain initiative in 2019, Stella Bernrain has been a strategic partner. As the first buyer of certified organic cocoa from the "Organic Valley Bundibugyo" project, it not only contribute to establishing the platform but also share its long-standing expertise in direct sourcing from cooperatives.

«With SusChain, we bring transparency to trade – and redirect profits to where they matter most: into regenerative agriculture and the well-being of people.»

Florian Studer, Co-founder, SusChain Initiative