

MARCH 2019



EJO HEZA_{LOT 78}



KOPAKAMA COOPERATIVE BEGAN implementing *Lean at Origin* in 2016 with the guidance of Ruth Ann Church. Ejo Heza, a women's producer group that is part of the Kopakama cooperative, is one of the participants. "Ejo Heza" means "a better tomorrow" and Blueprint Coffee wants to support the efforts made by Artisan Coffee Importers and the women farmers responsible for growing and harvesting this coffee.

We are now into our second harvest from Ejo Heza. From this harvest, we have selected two lots. Lot 78 is the first released and is bursting with sweet, fruit flavors. Additionally, we have initiated a mutually beneficial partnership with the Ejo Heza growers group, the Kopakama co-op which they belong to, and Ruth Ann Church's Artisan Coffee Imports. The partnership spans four years. Just a few months ago, Ruth Ann kicked off the partnership by delivering a microscope so that Kopakama and Ejo Heza could begin soil assessments. Next year, a representative from Kopakama will participate in the "Building Soil Health" online training by Dr. Elaine Ingham and begin to apply soil restoration processes to demonstration plots at Kopakama and Ejo Heza. Years three and four will be centered around soil maintenance and application of Actively Aerated Compost Tea to the restored soil on the demonstration plots. The program is partially funded through premiums we pay on our coffee from Ejo Heza each harvest.

Ejo Heza women's cooperative is a sub-cooperative of Kopakama. Kopakama supports Ejo Heza through a number of programs to help the members learn techniques to improve production and quality. The women of Ejo Heza are working towards a better future for their families and community by collectively agreeing to learn more to improve the value of coffee.



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PHOTOS: Artisan Coffee Imports
ABOVE: Kopakama's washing station.

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COUNTRY:	Rwanda
REGION:	Rutsiro
ALTITUDE:	1600 - 1900 MASL
PROCESS:	Washed
HARVEST:	April - June 2018
VARIETY:	Bourbon, Jackson
SOURCING PARTNERS:	Ejo Heza (farming group) Kopakama (cooperative) Artisan Coffee (importer)

SUGGESTED PARAMETERS

DRIP RATIO:	1 : 16.5
ESPRESSO RATIO:	1 : 2.25
WE TASTE:	apricot, lemon, tropical, spice, cream

