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# FOREWORD



We're excited to present you the 5th edition of the Sancoffee Impact Report.

Sustainability has never been just a word for us. Since its inception in the early 2000s, Sancoffee has been committed to making a positive difference when it comes to social and environmental impact. It's been a long journey with many milestones, but this year marks an incredible achievement by the whole community - Sancoffee has won the SCA Sustainability Award in the For-Profit category. The information you will find in this report inspired our application for the award. The report provides a comprehensive overview of our progress on all of Sancoffee's ESG initiatives over the past year.

2023 was a more favourable year in terms of weather and production, but it also brought turbulence related to political events and the upcoming roll out of the EUDR. Despite this, we continued to follow our vision and made progress in the areas of bio-recovery, carbon measurement, support for smallholders and a women-led project, renovation of social infrastructure and coffee quality improvement.

This report would not have been possible without our members, who continue to give us their full support in the cooperative's key sustainability initiatives; our customers and partners, who have contributed to our projects; and, of course, you. The industry would be a very different place without readers who demand transparency and champion sustainability and impact. Thank you for your attention and perhaps even for spreading the word. Enjoy your reading!

Henrique Dias Cambraia Sancoffee's President

# **ABOUT SANCOFFEE**

Founded in 2000, Sancoffee is an independent B-corp certified specialty coffee cooperative from Campo das Vertentes region, Minas Gerais, Brazil, with a strong focus on direct relationships and impact.

The cooperative unites 20 farms and provides support to 350 non-member smaller farms from the region. The organization believes that specialty coffee can be an effective way to improve people's lives and to preserve and protect the environment. Therefore, Sancoffee's mission is to cultivate relationships, harvest trust and promote prosperity. The vision is to be a platform for continuous evolution in the specialty coffee chain. The UN Sustainable Development Goals framework guides the cooperative in our journey towards a more sustainable and prosperous community.

Sancoffee runs a Sustainability Fund, maintained by 10% of Sancoffee's annual surplus, clients' donations, and producers support. The Fund sponsors social and environmental projects under the scope of the Impact Committee. The projects include: female empowerment initiative, development program for non-members small producers, educational programs, community support (eg. renovation of childcare facilities), carbon footprint reduction, long-term support of recovery of degraded areas such as Bio Recovery project, and more.



# **ABOUT SANCOFFEE**



## Mission

"We cultivate relationships, we harvest trust and we promote prosperity"

### **Vision**

"To be a platform for continuous evolution in the specialty coffee chain"

# **Positioning**

"Sancoffee is an independent B-corp certified specialty coffee cooperative from Brazil with a strong focus on direct relationships and impact"

### **KEY NUMBERS**



**20** coop producers



**350**Beyond Borders producers



1 / municipalities



9,456.91

hectares of coffee



**65,233** exported bags 23/24 (60KG)

# **MEMBER FARMS**



Fazenda Arco Íris Airton N. de Deus

Fazenda Boa Vista Luiza V. Barreira

Fazenda Bom Jardim Josué P. Figueiredo and Lucas Figueiredo

Fazenda Bom Jardim Flávia Furtado and Miguel C. Furtado

Fazenda Café Citro Eduardo Fleury



**Fazenda Cerrado Grande** Raquel R. Aguiar

**Fazenda Curral** de Minas Ramiz J. Ribeiro



Fazenda do Cruzeiro Ivan J. Ribeiro



Fazenda Faria Elio Trevisolli



Fazenda Guariroba Homero Paiva, Elisa Paiva Lamounier and Gabriel Lamounier



Fazenda Mumbuca Marcelo Veneroso



**Fazenda Pinhal** Ioão Newton R. Teixeira



Fazenda Samambaia



Fazenda Santa Clara Henrique D. Cambraia Paulo Afonso de Resende



Fazenda São Carlos Miguel Brugnoli Jr.



Fazenda São Paulo José Carlos Cepera



Fazenda São Sebastião Sebastião C. Gonçalves



Fazenda Serra Negra Betina V. R. Teixeira



Fazenda Taquaral Luis Framarion P. F.



Fazenda Vila Boa Mônica B. de Souza

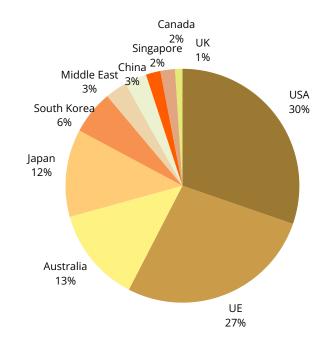
# **OUR TEAM**



**37** workers

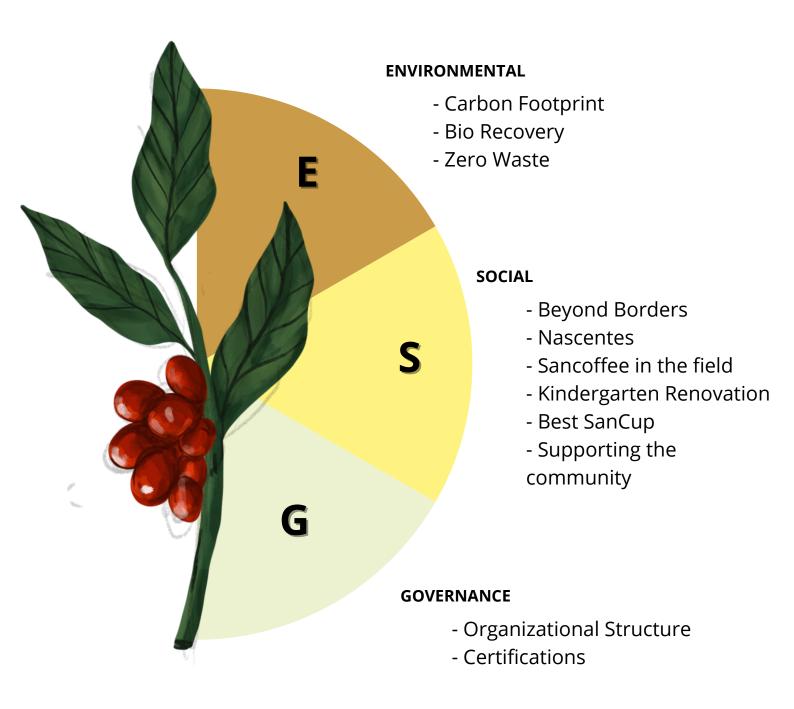
# OUR COFFEES WORLDWIDE





**56,232** exported bags 23/24 (60KG)

# **IMPACT OVERVIEW**





# ENVIRONMENTAL

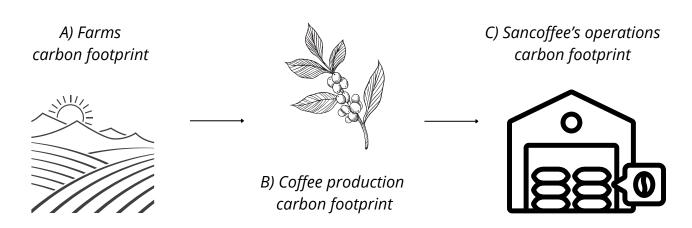
According to the United Nations, the term <u>carbon footprint</u> is a measure of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions released into the atmosphere by a particular person, organization, product, or activity, categorized into three scopes under the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change framework. Scope 1 covers direct emissions from the company's operations, like vehicle combustion. Scope 2 includes indirect emissions from the company's electricity consumption. Scope 3, though not obligatory, measures indirect emissions across the company's value chain, including business travel, employee commuting, and container transportation.

At Sancoffee, we've been diligently tracking our carbon footprint since 2020, pinpointing our primary sources of emissions and removals.

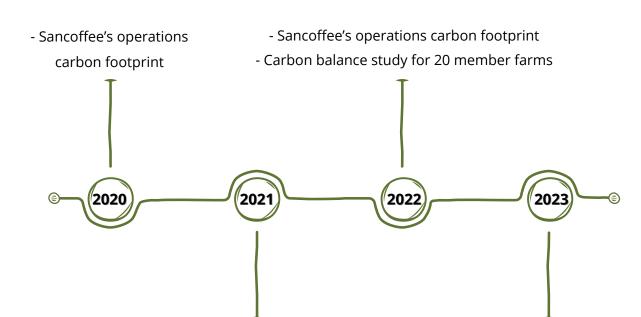
In this section, we'll share the findings of two carbon balance assessments conducted on two farms of differente sizes, one member farm - Fazenda São Paulo (2,212.76 hectares of total area), and one Beyond Borders member - Fazenda Santo Antônio (22.62 hectares of total area). One study evaluates the farms' overall carbon footprint, while another focuses solely on coffee production. Additionally, we'll highlight the key emissions from Sancoffee's operations and outline our ongoing efforts to mitigate them.



# **Carbon footprint at origin**



### **TIMELINE**



- Sancoffee's operations carbon footprint
  - Carbon balance study for two farms
- Sancoffee's operations carbon footprint
  - Carbon balance study for two farms with two different approaches

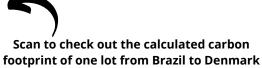
Sancoffee has shown the world that it is possible to have carbon neutral coffee farming in Brazil. The carbon neutral collaboration we have is helping us growing our business. Sancoffee is very transparent in their hard work and has the data to back this. This is very impactful for us and our customers.



**Lindy Brogaard** *Head of Coffee,* Clever Coffee







# - FARMS -

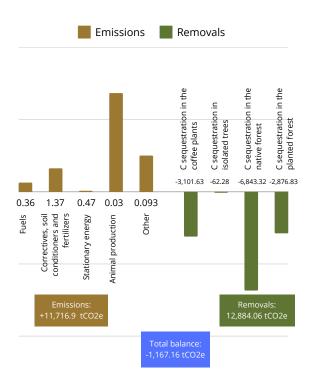
# **MEASURING FARM FOOTPRINT (A)**

For the third consecutive year, we conducted a carbon balance study in collaboration with <u>GRON</u>, spanning two full biennia across our farms. This ongoing effort involved assessing the carbon footprint of a coop farm, Fazenda São Paulo (2,212.76 hectares of total area), and a Beyond Borders farm, Fazenda Santo Antônio (22.62 hectares of total area).

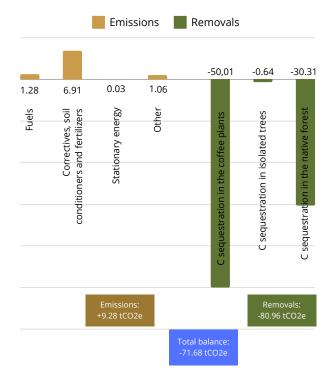
In this initial model, our study comprehensively considered the sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from various agricultural activities, including coffee production, livestock and other operations. We also carefully considered all options for GHG removal, including native forests and coffee plantations.

Consistently, the findings demonstrated that both farms are not only offsetting their emissions but also sequestering more GHGs than they emit, making them carbon negative farms.

### Fazenda São Paulo



### Fazenda Santo Antônio



# - FARMS -

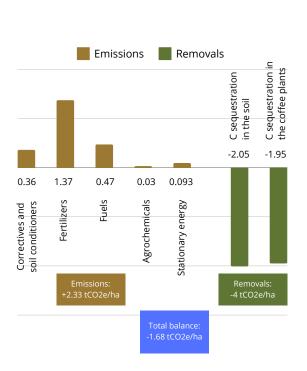
# **MEASURING COFFEE PRODUCTION FOOTPRINT (B)**

In our second study, conducted in collaboration with <u>IMAFLORA</u>, we focused exclusively on the coffee production processes of the previously mentioned farms, Fazenda São Paulo and Fazenda Santo Antônio.

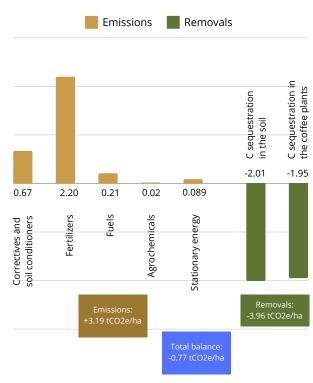
Emission sources included fertilizers and agrochemicals, fuel combustion, energy for postharvest processing, among others. Conversely, removal sources took into account coffee plants and soil.

The results illustrated that even when solely analyzing coffee production, both farms are sequestering more greenhouse gas emissions than they release, rendering their coffees carbon negative.

### Fazenda São Paulo



### Fazenda Santo Antônio



# - FARMS -



From our analyses, it became evident that both assessments revealed farms and coffees with a carbon-negative footprint.

It's noteworthy that the adoption of regenerative practices in the field serves as a significant ally in achieving this negative carbon footprint. These practices prioritize the health of plants and soil, leading to increased greenhouse gas removal. Additionally, incorporating compost and organic fertilizers while reducing reliance on synthetic fertilizers further improves the balance.

The integration of sustainable practices on farms not only facilitates the reduction and removal of greenhouse gas emissions but also fosters a resilient ecosystem against the impacts of weather volatility.

### **NEXT IN 2024**

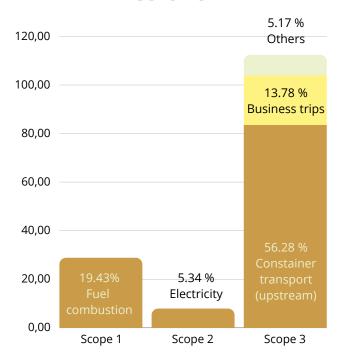
- 1) Experimental crop utilizing regenerative/organic agricultural methods;
- 2) Organize workshops and seminars for producers focused on implementing sustainable practices aimed at mitigating GEE;
- 3) Conduct a carbon balance assessment using the two models outlined in this report for Fazenda São Paulo and Fazenda Santo Antônio to conclude the coffee biennium.

# - SANCOFFEE'S OPERATION (C) -

For the fourth consecutive year, Sancoffee conducted its carbon inventory, partnering with B-Corp company Carbonext to assess emissions for the year 2022. The primary emission sources were identified and recorded, which will allow subsequent reduction tactics. Sancoffee's total amounted to 149 tons of CO2e (GHG Protocol).

In 2023, with a commitment to eliminate scope 2 emissions and transition to clean energy, the cooperative installed a photovoltaic plant featuring 447 panels. This installation generates 18,257 kWh of electricity per month.

### **MAIN EMISSIONS**



Overall emissions: 149 tons of CO2e



### **OFFSETING**



To offset its emissions, Sancoffee acquired 149 credits from The Envira Amazonia Project - A Tropical Forest Conservation Project in Acre, Brazil. The credits are validated and verified by Verra Carbon Standard.

Project Register: https://registry.https://registry.verra.org/ myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp? r=206&h=215574

At the core of the project lies a robust strategy focused on protecting the Permanent Preservation Areas (APPs) within the farms. According to Brazilian Federal Law, APPs encompass areas dedicated to preserving water resources, landscapes, geological stability, and biodiversity. They facilitate the gene flow of fauna and flora, protect soil integrity, and ensure human well-being.

The project, therefore, aims to rehabilitate and to conserve these vital areas.

In 2023, following the completion of recovery plans for degraded areas within coop farms, ten farms successfully implemented restoration measures. This section provides an overview of the achieved results and outlines the forthcoming steps.

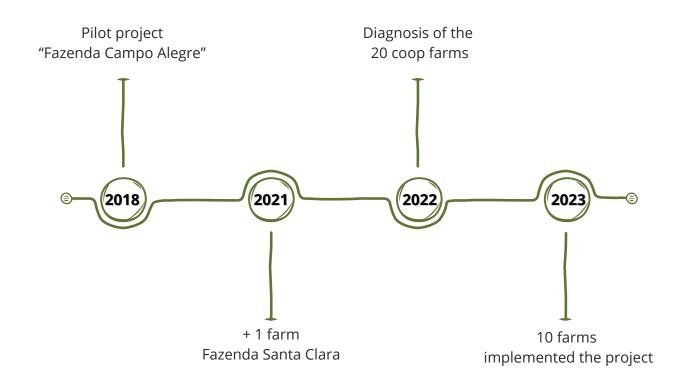








### **Timeline**



### AREAS TO BE RECOVERED

To identify degraded areas on the farms, Taís Lima, the forestry consultant and project's technical manager, conducted a comprehensive diagnostic of each farm, meticulously mapping all springs, dams, and erosions. The recovery plans are comprised of tailored measures for each degraded APP. Here are the key findings:

99.48

124

100

17

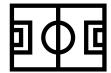
hectares of degraded APP

degraded springs

degraded dams active gullies

=

100 soccer stadiums





# KEY NUMBERS Areas recovered so far

**Pilot project** 

2018

2021

2022

2023

20.3

21.3

38.19

hectares of recovered APP

hectares of recovered APP

hectares of recovered APP

80

- - C.

09

Recovering Gullies

**Recovering Gullies** 

09

**Recovering Gullies** 

11

Springs recovered

14

Springs recovered

27

Springs recovered

10,595

Native trees planted

23,432

Native trees planted

41,484

Native trees planted



Since the origins of Perky Blenders, we have been highly selective about the producers we work with, and we only work with suppliers making a conscious effort to restore and maintain the environment. With Sancoffee, we know that we are getting excellent quality, and helping to create a better world for future generations.



Adam Cozens MD & Co-founder, Perky Blenders

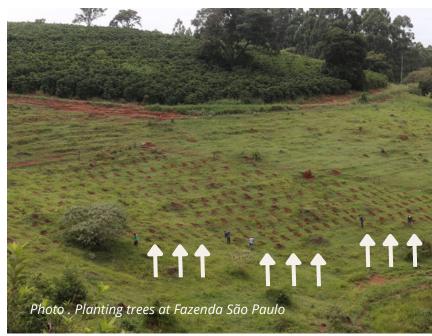
### **NEXT IN 2024**

- 1) Seek partners to help us fund the implementation phase;
- 2) Implement the project on 100% of the member farms;
- 3) Plant 20,000 more native trees.

### 2023 NATIVE TREES PLANTING







### **BEFORE AND AFTER**









# **ZERO WASTE**

In the second year of our "zero waste" program, remarkable progress has been made in reducing waste generated within our operations, while also ensuring the responsible disposal of materials such as electronic waste and batteries.

Through informative sessions and thorough training, we have actively engaged the entire Sancoffee team and their families in our initiative. We've provided guidance to all truck drivers and visitors on the importance of proper disposal methods and equipped them with the skills to execute these methods effectively.





### **KEY NUMBERS**

**38 2** People trained worksh

workshops tons of recycled waste

**0.15** tons of recycled electronic waste

tons of residual dust from warehouse operations incorporated into farm compost

12.72

### **NEXT IN 2024**

1) Keep measuring and reducing the waste generated at Sancoffee's operations;

0.9

2) Promote awareness about the theme among Sancoffee's coop farms.



# **BEYOND BORDERS**

The Beyond Borders program enables small-scale producers in the Campo das Vertentes region to export their coffee under the same structure and conditions as Sancoffee members. This initiative aims to enhance the value of their coffee, to bring recognition for their work, and foster the prosperity of their families and communities.

Thanks to the program, we have witnessed a growing dedication among the producers to cultivate quality and sustainable coffees. They are consistently participating in the program, which is evident in the annual growth rates.











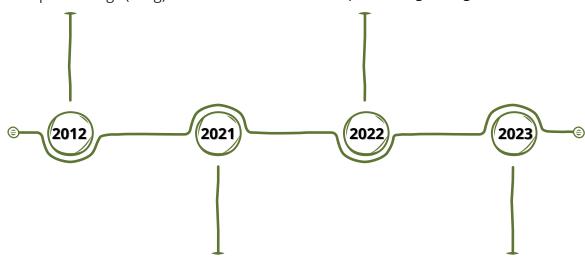




### **TIMELINE**

- Beginning of the Program
- 01 Association
- 28 producers
- 165 exported bags (60kg)

- 09 Associations
- 110 producers exported
- 5,458 exported bags (60kg)



- 07 Associations
- 94 producers exported
- 4,377 exported bags (60kg)
- 09 Associations
- 155 producers exported
- 11,120 exported bags (60kg)

# **BEYOND BORDERS**

### KEY NUMBERS

09

350

11,120

associations

producers

exported bags (60kg)

USD 115,911.00

USD 441,577.96

premium paid to the associations

premium paid to producers: **25%** net above local market prices



### **NEXT IN 2024**

- 1) Add 3 new associations to the program;
- 2) Ensure 10% more producers participation in the export program;
- 3) Export 12,500 bags (60kg).

partnering with the Beyond Borders Program, we have the opportunity to connect small producers with the US market and pay a high, sustainable price.



Edgar Cabrera Cozza
Chief Origin Officer, Thrive Farmers



# **NASCENTES**



Empowering women coffee producers goes beyond individual support. It extends its positive impact to their families and communities. With this in mind, the Nascentes program was launched in 2021 with the aim of promoting equal opportunities for women producers in the Campo das Vertentes region, facilitating their coffee exports and enriching their expertise.

As the program enters its third year, it is fascinating to witness the remarkable level engagement of among producers. They are actively participating in all the outlined activities, making connections, sharing their stories and, most importantly, offering each other support to ensure the collective success of the Nascentes program.











# **NASCENTES**

### **KEY NUMBERS**

90

women producers in the program

740

exported bags (60kg) crop 23/24

3

events

### **NEXT IN 2024**

- Export 1,000 bags;
- 10% increase in exports by women-produced coffees;
- Increase the coffee quality;
- Actions to build up more engagement between producers.







Supporting women in specialty coffee and promoting gender justice is a simple and effective way to support families and to elevate coffee quality. We've partnered with Sancoffee for many years, and supporting Nascentes represents a deepening of our relationship and shared values.

**Chelsey Walker-Watson** *Sales + Marketing.* Atlas Coffee Importer



# SANCOFFEE IN THE FIELD

Sancoffee in the Field is our platform for sharing knowledge and technology with co-workers, coop producers, and partners. In 2023, we held various courses, training sessions, and workshops on important topics. Our goal was to help everyone grow as professionals and enhance coffee quality.













### KEY NUMBERS

10

22

workshops and webinars

courses

647

2,482

people benefited

produced non graded bags (60kg) above 86 points

### **NEXT IN 2024**

- To promote courses, workshops, and training for member producers, partners, Sancoffee co-workers, farm co-workers, and the community;
- 10% more people benefited.





Kindergartens play a crucial role in promoting children's development in many areas, including health, culture and social skills, while upholding the principles of equality and children's rights. They serve as safe havens where parents can leave their children while they work.

Recognizing the need to better cater to young learners, we initiated a renovation project at Vovó Liquinha Kindergarten in 2022, and completed in 2023, in collaboration with our Japanese clients Ishimitsu & Co Ltd., Camel Coffee Co. Ltd. e Coffee Carrot.

The aim was to create a happy and comfortable space for the children in their care, with 9 key actions including painting, constructing new facilities and improving safety measures. These improvements not only enhance the physical environment, but also help to create a safe and enriching learning environment.











### **KEY NUMBERS**

**60** 

children directly benefited annually

### **PAINTING**









# **NEW LAUNDRY AREA**









### **KITCHEN**









WALL



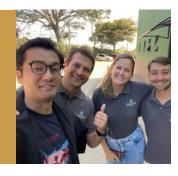






With this project we feel more connected with Sancoffee (I love being around the community in Santo Antonio do Amparo), it adds value to the final product and gives the opportunity to share the business model with the final customers.







Children in this kindergarten may also become involved in the coffee business in the future. I hope there will be a good opportunity for children leading the next generations to get to know about the possibilities of the coffee business.

**Junji Kato** General manager CAMEL COFFEE Co.,LTD.

I believe even small step such as this renovation project is the way towards letting families and community feel safe. And if this happiness and safeness keeps going and circlulating, eventually it will come to us with great happiness.

Sayuri Asano

of fee Carrot Office development producer
Coffee Carrot



### **NEXT IN 2024**

1) Seek partners to help us fund a new renovation project at a third kindergarten, the Kindergarten Sinhá Paiva.

# **BEST SANCUP**

In its fifth edition, the Best SanCup auction of the Sancoffee community's finest featured 11 lots of a diverse range of natural, pulped natural, and fermented coffees, alongside traditional and exotic varieties, each emblematic of our producers' global dedication and craftsmanship.

The competition takes place in three structured stages. First, the lots are blind cupped by a panel of 5 national Q-graders, who meticulously select the best coffees. These selected lots are then evaluated by an international jury made up of Sancoffee's customers, including importers and roasters, who rigorously assess and rank the offerings. Finally, the top 11 lots are ranked and auctioned via an online platform, celebrating both the exceptional quality of the coffees and the hard work of our producers.

### **KEY NUMBERS**

370

producers

13.30 usd/lb

**37** 

samples qualified for

the national phase

highest Bid

11

winning lots

5.80 usd/lb \ \tag{1}

average Bid

USD 36,120.33

total value









We really appreciate the Sancoffee's Best SanCup competition for the way it introduces us to wide range of coffees and profiles that challenge and educate us on what Brazilian coffee is and is capable of being. It introduces us also to all the amazing people and producers who form Sancoffee and the stories behind them.

**Lloyd Thom** *Green Bean Buyer*, Campos Coffee



# **SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY**



### **NURSING HOME** Institution:

Nursing Home "Vovô Nunuca" at Santo Antônio do Amparo - MG

**Assisted people:** 51



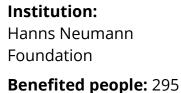


### **PRODUCER EVENTS IN THE REGION**

**Events:** Emater, Elas no Café Amagri, ACAVE, Bom Sucesso, Ibituruna and Perdões quality competitions

Benefited people: 476





**WOMEN AND** 

Photo . HRNE Women

YOUNTH MEETING











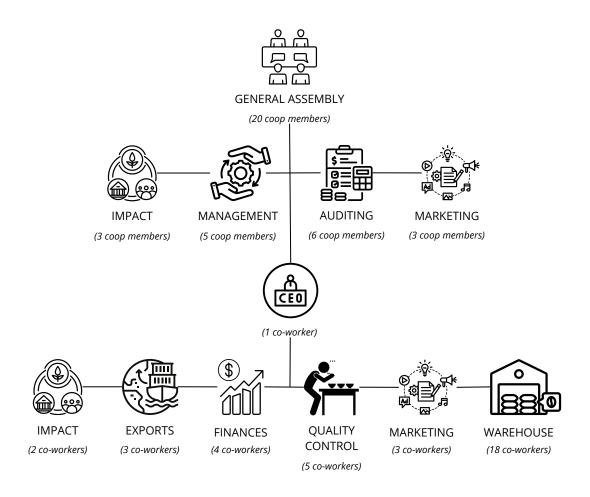
# GOVERNANCE

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Sancoffee's organizational structure ensures the consistent delivery of values and solutions to our stakeholders, striving for efficiency and transparency in achieving our goals.

The General Assembly, composed of all coop members, serves as the ultimate decision-making body, responsible for approving major changes such as strategy, annual budgets, and structural rules.

Additionally, the four boards oversee operations and projects, ensuring alignment with approved decisions and the company's overall strategy and culture. Among these boards, the Impact Committee, which includes representatives from three of the cooperative's farms, leads and implements the cooperative's sustainability strategy.



# **CERTIFICATIONS**



For us, it is mandatory to have our customers feeling absolutely comfortable while receiving our coffees. Food Safety, Traceability and Good Agricultural Practices are key principles that our producers need to be in full compliance with.

The certification schemes help us to educate and to incentivize our producers to be aligned with this goal. The third part auditing systems also brings confidence to Sancoffee that the producers have been following starndard protocols at the farm level.

At Sancoffee, our commitment to ethical standards is enshrined in our code of ethics and conduct. To qualify for participation in export programs, cooperative and partner farms must hold certifications from recognized bodies such as Rainforest Alliance or Certifica Minas Café. This requirement underscores our dedication to supporting environmentally and socially responsible practices throughout the coffee supply chain.







### KEY NUMBERS

Rainforest

16

Certifica Minas Café certified

54

Organic certified farm

Alliance certified farms farms

# **CERTIFICATIONS**

B certification aims to redefine success in the economy so that not only financial results are taken into account, but also the well-being of society and the planet. This is a global community of leaders who use their businesses to build a more inclusive, regenerative equitable and economic system for people and the planet<sup>1</sup>.

Since its first certification process in 2019, Sancoffee has been working in different initiatives across all facets of its operations to drive positive impact.

In 2023, Sancoffee underwent the rigorous recertification process, triennial а endeavor aimed at evaluating and improving its performance. The cooperative achieved remarkable а increase of 15.2 points in its final score, reaching an overall score of 104.1. This significant improvement underscores Sancoffee's unwavering dedication to continual progress, solidifying its position as a force for positive change in the world.

Overall score







<sup>1</sup> Sistema B Brasil, <u>"About the B moviment"</u> 2024



excellence with Sancoffee. Our customers support and enjoy being part of positive and impactful projects.

Photo . Manual selective harvest







**ACCOUNTABILITY** 

# SUSTAINABILITY FUND

The initiatives designed for producers, the community, and environmental preservation are funded through Sancoffee's Sustainability Fund, overseen by the Impact Committee. This fund is maitained by 10% of the cooperative's anual surplus, contributions from cooperative producers, and donations from our clients.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have played a role in making the initiatives outlined in this report a reality.

Amount invested in 2023: USD 78,206.76

PROJECT	COST (USD)
Trainnings	3,609.65
Kindergarten's Renovation	22,379.92
Carbon footprint	8,090.44
Bio Recovery	20,068.84
Beyond Borders	17,138.96
Nascentes	2,097.00



# **FUTURE OUTLOOK**



The advancement of technology is opening new perspectives in virtually all human activities. As we adapt to rapid changes and try to seize these opportunities, we are also reminded of how essential the human component becomes in a digitalized world. Our relation should also be central, after all, agriculture lies at the very beginning of the coffee value chain and the production ultimately depends on environmental conditions.

Over the last years, our efforts have been dedicated to understanding the impacts generated by our activities. This approach has enabled us to put in place initiatives that contribute to improve our social and environmental footprints on this plant. Although much has been accomplished, we are constantly evaluating our programs and exchanging knowledge among stakeholders. The final goal is clear, building an ever more sustainable business model that will reach beyond our borders and inspire others.

At farm level, these actions translate into better agricultural practices such as regenerative agriculture that combine preservation with efficiency. More and more farms at the Sancoffee network are joining these efforts and we are eager to continue this journey towards a better balance between agriculture and nature. Moreover, we must continue to push the boundaries of our production methods and implement new technologies that may keep the youngsters interested, opening the way for new generations of coffee growers.

In a world never short of uncertainties: climatic, economic, geopolitical, to name a few, we believe that investing in the future is our best insurance against increased risks. This is fundamental to building the resilient value chains that will make it possible to sustain our activities in the long term so that people can continue to enjoy their favorite cup of coffee!

Yours faithfully,

Sancoffee team

