



2025/2026

# ANNUAL REPORT

OKERE SHEA COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

*Our Shea. Our Shared Wealth.*



# WHY NILOTICA SHEA?

**A DISTINCTIVE ORIGIN.  
A SUPERIOR INGREDIENT.**



Northern Uganda is home to *Vitellaria nilotica*, commonly known as Nilotica shea.



Nilotica differs considerably from the more widely traded West African shea varieties.



Its naturally **soft texture**, **high olein content** and **excellent skin-feel** characteristics make it particularly attractive for cosmetics and personal-care formulations.



Okere Shea Coop sees an opportunity to position Northern Uganda not simply as another source of shea butter, but as an origin for a **distinctive premium ingredient**.



## WHAT MAKES NILOTICA SHEA SPECIAL?



### HIGH OLEIN CONTENT

Naturally high in oleic acid, which helps improve stability, softness and skin feel.



### NATURALLY SOFT TEXTURE

Creamy, smooth and easy to work with in a wide range of cosmetic formulations.



### EXCELLENT SKIN-FEEL

Provides a rich, luxurious feel with excellent moisturizing and conditioning benefits.



### IDEAL FOR COSMETICS

Perfect for creams, lotions, balms, soaps, hair care and other premium personal-care products.

## NILOTICA vs. OTHER SHEA VARIETIES

### NILOTICA SHEA

- ✓ Grows wild in Northern Uganda
- ✓ Higher olein content
- ✓ Softer, creamier texture
- ✓ Excellent skin-feel
- ✓ Increasingly rare and highly valued

VS



### WEST AFRICAN SHEA

- ✓ More widely cultivated
- ✓ Higher stearin content
- ✓ Harder texture
- ✓ Different melting profile
- ✓ More common in global trade

## OUR COMPETITIVE PROPOSITION



### PREMIUM NILOTICA QUALITY

Distinctive, naturally superior shea butter from Northern Uganda.

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### TRACEABLE SOURCING

From wild shea landscapes to your finished product.

+



### WOMEN'S LIVELIHOODS

Empowering women collectors and rural communities.

+



### BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Protecting and restoring shea landscapes for future generations.

+



### LOCAL VALUE ADDITION

Processing, creating jobs and retaining value in Uganda.



NILOTICA SHEA FROM NORTHERN UGANDA - RARE IN ORIGIN. RICH IN BENEFITS. READY FOR THE WORLD.



**Our Shea. Our People. Our Landscape. Our Future.**  
Premium Nilotica Shea Butter from Northern Uganda to the World.

# OUR VALUES

Guided by our values,  
we are building a  
sustainable shea economy  
that creates shared  
prosperity for people and  
protects our landscape  
for generations.



## 1 COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Local people should participate meaningfully in and benefit from the value created from their natural resources.



## 2 QUALITY

We are committed to producing premium Nilotica shea products that meet demanding market expectations.



## 3 SUSTAINABILITY

Commercial success must contribute to protecting and regenerating the Nilotica shea landscape.



## 4 WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Women are central actors in the shea value chain and should receive a fairer share of its economic benefits.



## 5 TRANSPARENCY & TRACEABILITY

We are building systems that allow us to understand where our raw materials originate and how value moves through the supply chain.



## 6 INNOVATION

We continuously explore better approaches to production, traceability, regenerative agriculture, waste utilization and climate finance.



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COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

**Our Shea. Our Shared Wealth.**

Protecting Shea • Creating Value • Empowering Communities

# OUR BUSINESS MODEL

## AN INTEGRATED NILOTICA SHEA VALUE CHAIN

Okere Shea Cooperative Society is building an integrated Nilotica shea value chain.

Rather than selling unprocessed shea nuts at the lowest end of the value chain, the Cooperative seeks to retain more value within Northern Uganda.



### OUR MODEL CONNECTS FIVE KEY ACTIVITIES



### CREATING SHARED VALUE

  
Fairer incomes for women and rural households

  
Local jobs and economic opportunities

  
Value addition retained in Northern Uganda

  
Protection and regeneration of the Nilotica shea landscape

  
Traceable, transparent and responsible supply chain

  
Sustainable business for future generations



**Our Shea. Our People. Our Landscape. Our Future.**

Okere Shea Cooperative Society – Building a thriving shea economy for Northern Uganda.



## OUR PURPOSE. **OUR FUTURE.**

*Rooted in Nature. Driven by Women. Shared with the World.*



### **VISION**

To become the world's **leading** cold-pressed, raw and organic Nilotica shea butter supplier, creating **prosperity** while **conserving** indigenous shea landscapes.



### **MISSION**

To improve the **livelihoods** of women shea collectors through:

-  ..... **Sustainable** production
-  ..... **Value** addition
-  ..... **Cooperative** enterprise
-  ..... **Innovation**
-  ..... **Environmental** stewardship
-  ..... Access to **premium** global markets

**OUR SHEA. OUR SHARED WEALTH.**



# CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The year 2025 marked another important milestone in the growth of Okere Shea Cooperative Society. We fulfilled our **first export contract to the USA**, and sent samples to 10 other cosmetics co-manufacturers in Europe and the U.S. We also fully operationalized our **state-of-the-art shea butter facility at Okere City**.

Throughout the year, we continued strengthening our **governance systems**, improving **product quality**, expanding **processing capacity**, and deepening relationships with **international buyers**.

These achievements reaffirm our belief that our cooperative is en route to becoming one of the **largest suppliers of nilotica shea butter to the world market by 2030** as guided by our strategic plan.



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Our strength lies in our people, our heritage, and our commitment to quality and sustainability.

**Together, we are creating shared wealth that nourishes lives and preserves our shea landscapes.**



*Ojok Okello*

**Ojok Okello**

Chairperson

Okere Shea Cooperative Society



# MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The past financial year has been **one of transformation**. Our Cooperative has moved beyond simply producing shea butter to positioning itself as a premium supplier of ethically sourced Nilotica shea products.



We strengthened our **quality assurance systems**, improved **traceability**, expanded our **processing capacity**, and prepared the foundation for future certification. More importantly, we continued creating better **market opportunities** for our women members while **protecting the indigenous shea landscape** that sustains our livelihoods.



As we enter a new phase of growth, our focus remains clear: **increasing member incomes**, **expanding exports**, **strengthening conservation**, and building one of Africa's leading organic shea butter suppliers and exporters.



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Our people.  
Our product.  
Our planet.

**Our shared  
prosperity.**



*Min Ker (Lucy)*

**Min Ker (Lucy)**  
Managing Director  
Okere Shea Cooperative Society

# 2025 AT A GLANCE

Growing livelihoods.  
Protecting nature.  
Delivering value.



Launched our  
**IMS App**  
in partnership  
with Forested



**500** registered members,  
approximately **90% women**



Expansion into additional  
**10 additional** shea nuts  
harvesting communities



**60 MT** of premium  
shea nuts purchased



Approximately  
**18 MT** of premium Nilotica  
shea butter produced



Exported **15 MT** of shea  
butter to the USA



**5MT** of shea butter sold  
within Uganda, Kenya,  
Tanzania



Signed a contract with **1**  
premium cosmetic buyer



Sent samples of Okere  
Shea Butter to **08**  
cosmetic laboratories



**500,000** indigenous  
shea trees protected



**200,000** shea and other  
fruit and timber tree  
seedlings raised



Continued promotion of  
sustainable harvesting  
targeting **500** shea collectors



Expansion of conservation  
awareness campaigns  
reaching **1M people** in  
northern Uganda



Knowledge exchange  
targeted and reached  
**1,000** shea collectors



**5,000** retail  
customers reached.



## VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

# ACHIEVEMENT ONE

Strengthening Our Roots.  
Building Our Future.



### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



#### Expanded Raw Material Collection and Storage

Successfully collected  
**over 10 metric tons** of shea  
shells for the cooperative's  
emerging biochar and  
carbon removal initiative.



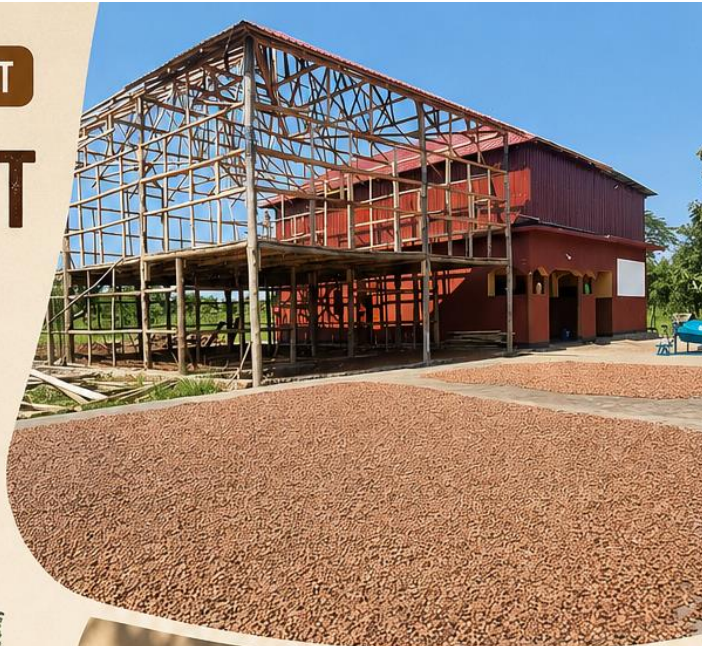
Successfully collected  
**over 60 metric tons**  
of shea nuts.



Increased traceable sourcing  
of premium-quality shea nuts  
through our growing network of  
**1,000 registered collectors**  
from **20 local community  
groups**.



Started construction of  
a **100 MT warehouse**.



ROOTED IN **COMMUNITY**. DRIVEN BY **QUALITY**. POWERING **IMPACT**.

VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

# ACHIEVEMENT TWO

Investing in People.  
Growing Sustainable Livelihoods.



**TRAINED 500**  
**SHEA COLLECTORS**  
**AND FARMERS**

on key practices for a stronger,  
more resilient shea value chain.

## OUR TRAINING FOCUS



### SUSTAINABLE SHEA FRUIT HARVESTING

Promoting responsible harvesting  
to protect trees and ensure  
long-term productivity.



### IMPROVED POST-HARVEST HANDLING

Good handling practices to  
maintain quality and reduce losses.



### QUALITY GRADING

Sorting and grading for consistent  
premium-quality shea nuts.



### DRYING AND STORAGE TECHNIQUES

Effective drying and proper storage  
to preserve quality and shelf life.



### CLIMATE-SMART SHEA PARKLAND MANAGEMENT

Managing shea parklands for climate  
resilience, biodiversity and carbon  
sequestration.



**SKILLED FARMERS. STRONGER COMMUNITIES. SUSTAINABLE FUTURES.**

## VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

# ACHIEVEMENT THREE

Strengthening Our Value.  
Creating Lasting Impact.



## STRENGTHENED VALUE ADDITION



Successfully built our  
shea butter factory and  
installed the  
**state-of-the-art  
cold-pressing machines  
and filtration system**  
which has a production  
capacity of

**2 MT  
PER WEEK.**



Successfully produced  
**30 MT  
OF SHEA BUTTER.**



**VALUE ADDITION**  
Creating more value  
from our shea,  
for our communities.



**QUALITY PRODUCTION**  
Modern technology for  
premium, consistent  
shea butter.



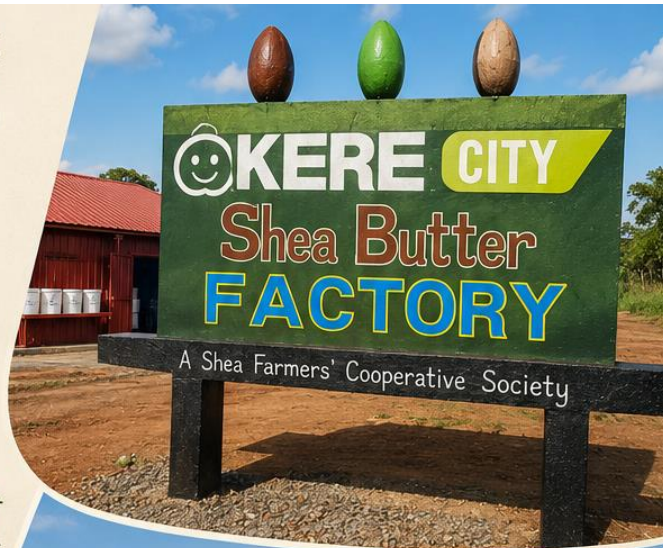
**INCREASED CAPACITY**  
2 MT of shea butter  
produced every week  
with efficiency.



**STRONGER LIVELIHOODS**  
Better incomes, more  
opportunities, a sustainable  
future for all.



ROOTED IN COMMUNITY. DRIVEN BY QUALITY. POWERING IMPACT.



## ACHIEVEMENT FOUR



# ENTERING INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Perhaps the most significant commercial milestone of 2025 was Okere's entry into the **United States** market.

During the year, the Cooperative successfully supplied its first major commercial export of Nilotica shea butter to Bansk Beauty (amika) in the United States.



**~15**  
**METRIC TONS**

of shea butter  
exported to the  
United States in 2025.



**BANSK**  
BEAUTY

**amika:**  
NEW YORK, USA



OUR SHEA BUTTER IS NOW PART OF  
PREMIUM COSMETICS FORMULATIONS  
IN THE UNITED STATES.

### THIS MILESTONE VALIDATES YEARS OF INVESTMENT IN:



Shea nut  
aggregation



Quality  
improvement



Processing  
infrastructure



Product  
development



Buyer  
engagement



Export  
readiness



Supply-chain  
coordination

### SAMPLES SHARED WITH

**10**

**PROSPECTIVE COSMETICS  
CO-MANUFACTURERS AND  
LABORATORIES**

in the United States and Europe.



### OUR INTERNATIONAL-MARKET STRATEGY FOCUSES ON:

Cosmetics formulators seeking  
premium Nilotica shea butter  
with superior quality, traceability  
and sustainability impact.



### GLOBAL REACH. LOCAL IMPACT.

Every export creates more value  
for our women collectors, more jobs  
in Northern Uganda, and stronger  
incentives to protect our shea landscape.



More income for  
rural women



More local jobs  
and enterprise



Stronger  
conservation  
incentives



Sustainable  
prosperity for  
generations



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# WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

## WOMEN AT THE HEART OF THE OKERE SHEA ECONOMY



Across Northern Uganda, women have historically been responsible for collecting shea fruits, processing nuts and preparing traditional butter.



However, much of this work has traditionally generated limited income.



Okere's approach is designed to change this relationship.

## WOMEN LEADING. WOMEN BENEFITING.



**1,000  
WOMEN**

In 2025–26, we sourced shea nuts from **1,000 women**.



**500  
MEMBERS**

**500 women** remained as our core cooperative members.



**85%  
OF OUR BOARD  
MEMBERS**

are women.



**50%  
OF OUR CORE  
LEADERSHIP**

are women too.

## CREATING VALUE. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.



### SOURCING FROM RURAL WOMEN

We purchase increasing quantities of shea nuts directly from women collectors and groups.



### FAIR PRICE. FAIR INCOME.

Creates an additional source of seasonal income for rural women and their households.



### QUALITY PROCESSING & VALUE ADDITION

Nuts are processed locally into premium Nilotica shea butter, creating jobs and retaining value.



### ACCESS TO PREMIUM MARKETS

We supply cosmetic manufacturers in Uganda, the region and international markets.



### STRONGER WOMEN. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

More income, more opportunities and a greater share of value retained by rural women.

## OUR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE



Our objective is not simply to increase the volume of shea traded, but to increase the proportion of value retained by rural women.

## THIS MEANS IMPROVING:



PRODUCTIVITY



POST-HARVEST  
PRACTICES



ACCESS TO  
PREMIUM MARKETS



LIVELIHOOD  
OPPORTUNITIES



**OKERE SHEA**  
COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

**Empowered Women. Thriving Communities. Sustainable Future.**  
Building a shea economy where women lead and prosperity is shared.

# PROTECTING THE NILOTICA SHEA LANDSCAPE

OUR TREES. OUR FUTURE.  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

The commercial future of Okere Shea Cooperative Society depends on the ecological future of the Nilotica shea tree.

Shea trees across Northern Uganda face significant pressure from charcoal production, bush fires, land clearing and changing agricultural practices.

Okere therefore treats conservation as a **core business responsibility** rather than a separate environmental project.



## 500,000 SHEA TREES PROTECTED

By 2025, our wider community efforts had contributed to the protection of approximately 500,000 naturally occurring shea trees.



## 150,000+ SHEA SEEDLINGS RAISED

We also expanded seedling production and regeneration activities, with more than 150,000 shea seedlings raised through our landscape-restoration efforts.



Community actions today  
protect trees for tomorrow.



Community awareness activities encourage households to:

- ✓ Protect naturally regenerating trees
- ✓ Reduce destructive cutting and bush fires
- ✓ Value and manage shea trees for the long term
- ✓ Recognize the economic and environmental importance of mature trees

### THREATS TO THE NILOTICA SHEA LANDSCAPE



CHARCOAL  
PRODUCTION



BUSH  
FIRES



LAND  
CLEARING



CHANGING  
AGRICULTURAL  
PRACTICES



Conserving shea trees is not only about protecting the environment; it is about **protecting livelihoods, culture, and the future of our communities.**



## A LIVING SHEA TREE CAN GENERATE VALUE FOR GENERATIONS.







## ESTABLISHING DIGITAL MRV AND TRACEABILITY

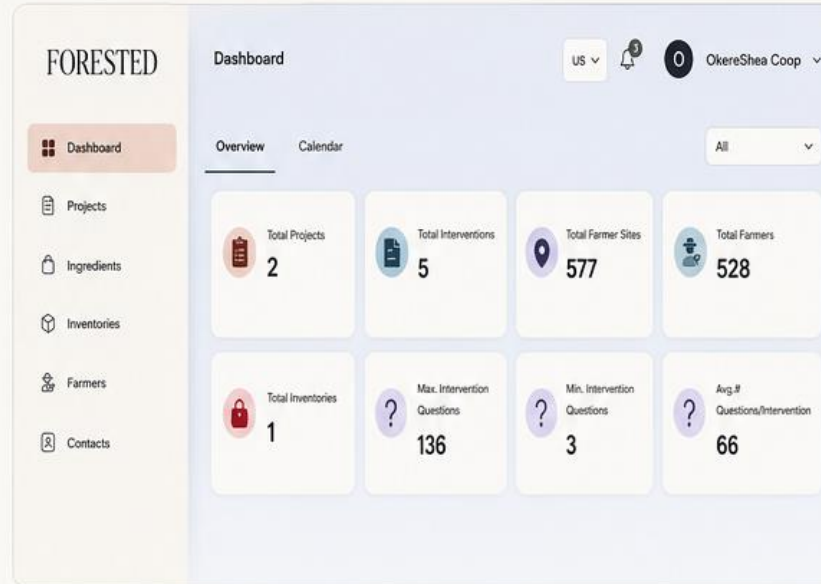
A major innovation during the year was the Cooperative's enrolment onto Forested's Insetting Monitoring System (IMS).



The digital platform is being integrated into our operations as a **Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)** tool to:

- ✓ Register participating farmers
- ✓ Map farms and shea collection landscapes
- ✓ Monitor regenerative practices
- ✓ Document environmental outcomes

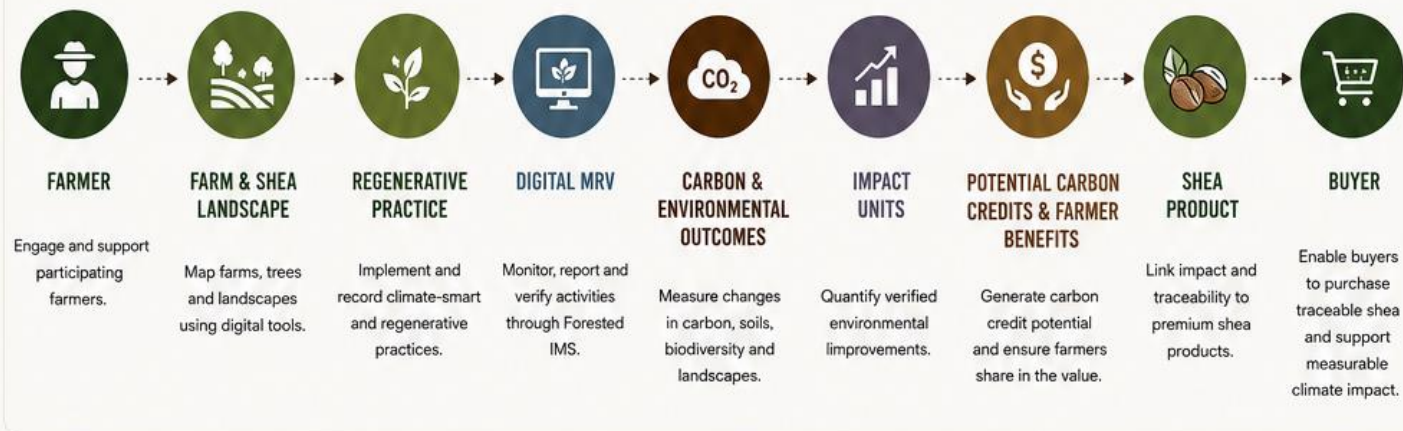
This digital infrastructure creates an important bridge between our existing shea traceability system and our emerging carbon-insetting programme.



### OUR AMBITION: CONNECTING ACTION TO IMPACT AND VALUE



Our ambition is to progressively develop a system capable of connecting:



### ENABLING MEASURABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIVELIHOOD OUTCOMES



#### TRANSPARENCY & TRACEABILITY

Digital registration and mapping builds transparency across the value chain.



#### STRONGER LANDSCAPES, HEALTHIER SOILS

Regenerative practices improve soils, increase tree cover and restore degraded landscapes.



#### IMPROVED LIVELIHOODS FOR FARMERS

Better productivity, climate resilience and access to carbon finance create more value for rural communities.



#### CLIMATE IMPACT AT SCALE

Verified outcomes contribute to carbon sequestration and global climate goals.

# ESTABLISHING A SOIL CARBON BASELINE

Recognizing that credible carbon finance must be based on measurable evidence, the Cooperative conducted **baseline soil analysis** during the reporting period.



## FOCUS MEASUREMENTS

- Soil Organic Carbon (SOC)
- Soil bulk density
- Other relevant soil characteristics



## WHY IT MATTERS

These measurements provide important benchmark data for estimating existing soil carbon stocks and establishing a baseline against which future changes can be monitored.



As regenerative agricultural practices are implemented over time, repeated measurements can help determine whether participating landscapes are increasing soil carbon storage.



### SELECT PARTICIPATING LANDSCAPES

Identify farms and shea landscapes for baseline assessment.



### MAP & RECORD LOCATIONS

Record GPS coordinates and landscape information.



### COLLECT SOIL SAMPLES

Collect soil samples from representative sites and depths.



### LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Analyze for Soil Organic Carbon (SOC), bulk density and other properties.



### RECORD & STORE BASELINE DATA

Store results in the digital system for transparency and future monitoring.



### TRACK CHANGE OVER TIME

Repeat measurements to track soil carbon changes and improve soil health.

## FROM DATA TO IMPACT: BUILDING CREDIBLE CARBON OUTCOMES



### MEASURE

Baseline and ongoing soil measurements generate reliable data.



### MONITOR & VERIFY

Digital MRV systems help verify practices and changes in soil carbon over time.



### ESTIMATE OUTCOMES

Calculate increases in soil carbon storage and other environmental benefits.



### CALCULATE POTENTIAL CARBON CREDITS

Use appropriate methodologies to calculate potential carbon credits or insetting outcomes.



### DELIVER IMPACT

Create measurable environmental value and strengthen farmer livelihoods.

# BUILDING COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF CARBON FINANCE

Technology and carbon measurement alone are insufficient without meaningful community participation.

During the year, Okere Shea Cooperative Society therefore convened **10 community dialogues** to increase awareness and understanding of climate change, regenerative agriculture, carbon markets and carbon credits.



## 10 COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Engaging communities to build knowledge, answer questions and explore opportunities for climate action and carbon finance.



### CLIMATE CHANGE

Exploring how climate change is affecting farms, livelihoods and shea landscapes.



### REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Understanding practices that restore soil health, protect trees and increase resilience.



### CARBON MARKETS & CARBON CREDITS

Learning how carbon finance works and how it can support local climate solutions.



### LOCAL BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES

Discussing how carbon finance can bring resources and benefits to communities.



The dialogues helped communities explore how climate change is affecting their farms and shea landscapes, why restoration is necessary, and how carbon finance could potentially mobilize additional resources for locally led climate action.

Importantly, these conversations are helping establish a foundation for informed community participation as the Cooperative develops its carbon programme.

## OUR APPROACH: ENGAGE • INFORM • EMPOWER • ACT



## FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION: A FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY-LED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS





# PARTNERSHIPS

The progress achieved during the 2025/26 financial year was made possible through collaborations.

Okere Shea Coop continued building relationships with private-sector buyers, government institutions, technical organizations, research institutions, and development partners.

## PARTNERSHIPS HAVE SUPPORTED:

|  |                                               |                                                             |
|--|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Market access, traceability, carbon insetting | (Forested, Bansk Beauty)                                    |
|  | Processing infrastructure                     | (Overseas Resource Foundation Limited)                      |
|  | Regenerative agriculture                      | (Palladium through the Climate Smart Jobs - CSJ Program)    |
|  | Women's enterprise development                | (GROW Project by World Bank and Government of Uganda)       |
|  | Export readiness                              | (Aceli Africa Accelerator Project)                          |
|  | Conservation                                  | (Otuke District Local Government)                           |
|  | Research                                      | (Artkinson Centre for Sustainability at Cornell University) |
|  | Organizational Strengthening                  | (Segal Family Foundation)                                   |



Bansk Beauty

FORESTED



Overseas Resources Foundation LTD.



OTUKE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Segal Family Foundation



Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability



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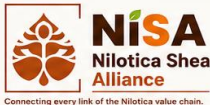


Climate Smart Jobs Program



# PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

We are proud to share key milestones achieved during the 2025/26 financial year.



## INAUGURAL MEMBER OF NISA

Okere Shea Cooperative Society Ltd is proud to be an inaugural member of the Nilotica Shea Alliance (NiSA). Together, we are connecting every link of the Nilotica value chain for a sustainable and prosperous future.



## FAIRWILD CERTIFICATION IN PROGRESS

We have initiated the FairWild certification process to ensure the responsible and sustainable wild collection of shea nuts in line with global best practices. Completion targeted in the 2026-27 Financial Year.



## ORGANIC CERTIFICATION IN PROGRESS

We have also started the Organic certification process to strengthen our commitment to regenerative agriculture and produce that meets international organic standards. Completion targeted in the 2026-27 Financial Year.

## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION



THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY AWARDED TO

*Okere Shea Cooperative Society Ltd*

For successfully becoming a member of the NILOTICA SHEA ALLIANCE  
AWARDED JUNE 01<sup>ST</sup> 2026

NUMBER: NISA-013



KAKUBA J. RAYMOND  
National Coordinator, NISA

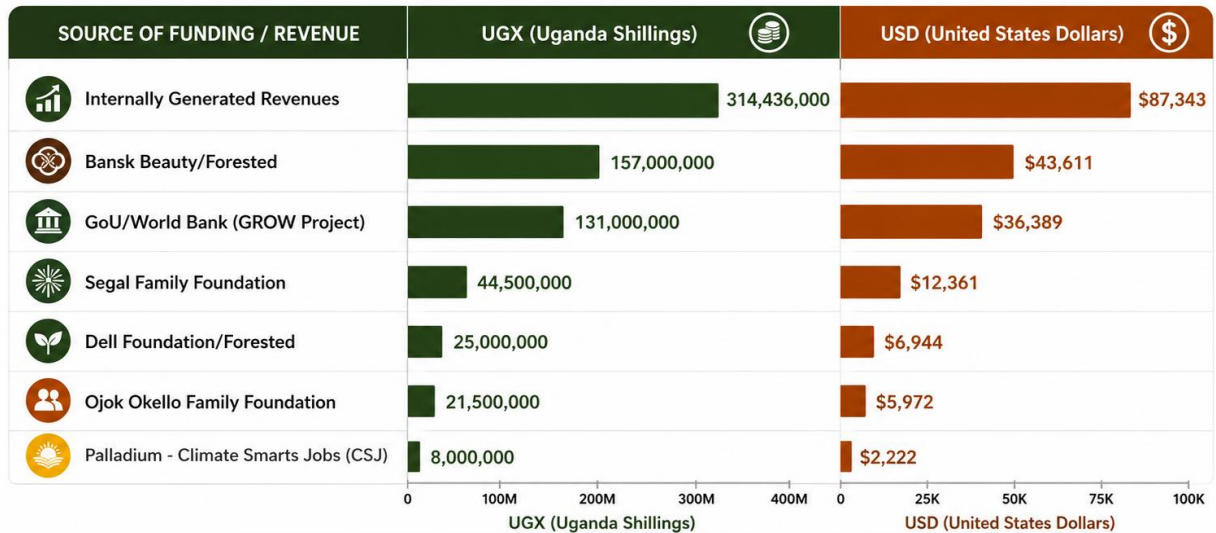
MARION E. BUSINGYE  
Chairperson, NISA



These milestones reflect our continued commitment to quality, sustainability, and creating lasting value for our members, communities, and the environment.

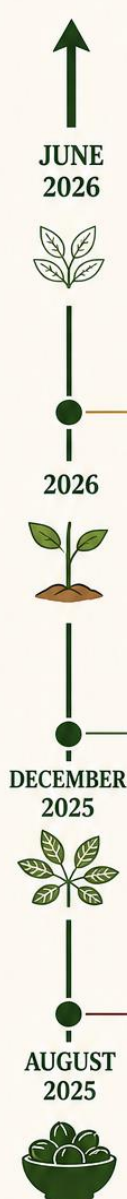
# 2025/26 TURNOVER

## OKERE SHEA COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED



# OKERE SHEA COOPERATIVE IN THE NEWS

Major Media Features | 2025–2026



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CORNELL CHRONICLE | 11 JUNE 2026

## Climate-Smart Shea Research Partnership

Cornell researchers will work with Okere to measure carbon sequestration, study biochar from shea waste and assess climate-finance opportunities for sustainable Nilotica shea production.



CARBON • BIOCHAR • CLIMATE FINANCE

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NTV UGANDA | 2026

## Protecting Otuke's Critical Shea Trees

The feature highlights threats to shea trees and Okere's response through conservation, seedling distribution, value addition and a ready market for locally collected shea nuts.



1,000+ FARMERS SUPPORTED

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DAILY MONITOR | 6 DECEMBER 2025

## Climate Finance for Northern Uganda's Shea Value Chain

Okere is piloting biochar from shea shells, preparing carbon activities for verification, planting trees and training farmers in sustainable land management.



FROM SHEA WASTE TO CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

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VOICE OF LANGO | 14 AUGUST 2025

## Historic Shea Butter Export to the United States

Okere's first nine-metric-tonne export, produced through the work of 480 women, marked a breakthrough in rural industrialisation, value addition and global market access.



9 MT EXPORTED

480 WOMEN



Women's livelihoods • Global markets • Shea conservation • Climate innovation



# BLOG POSTS FROM 2025/2026



Okere Shea Coop  
May 30, 2026 · 14 min read

Shea Butter

## 2026 Nilotica Shea Festival Report

On 30 May 2026, over 5,000 people from Uganda and around the world gathered in Okere for the second Nilotica Shea Festival and the official launch of the Okere City Shea Butter Factory—a historic milestone for the Nilotica shea industry.



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Okere Shea Coop  
Apr 28, 2026 · 3 min read

Regenerative Agriculture

## Sustainable Oxen Ploughing as a Pathway to a Regenerative Farming Future

On Wednesday, 15th April 2026, the main hall at Okere City became a space of energy, curiosity, and shared purpose. A total of 125 farmers—83 women and 42 men from the Okere



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Okere Shea Coop  
Aug 8, 2025 · 3 min read

Regenerative Agriculture

## Okere City Farmers Embrace Organic Agriculture

This blog provides a step-by-step guide on making organic fertilizers and herbicides using local materials—promoting healthy soils, higher yields, and a greener future.



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Jan 31, 2026 · 3 min read

Regenerative Agriculture

## Okere Farmers Gain Practical FMNR Skills

On 31 January 2026, 68 farmers (53 women and 15 men) under the Okere Shea Cooperative Society gathered at Heritage Court Farm in Acwao Village, Opijal, Okwang Sub-County for a practical forestry learning visit organized by Okere City in...



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Jan 26, 2026 · 5 min read

Regenerative Agriculture

## Okere Shea Farmers to Benefit from Carbon Inserts through Impact Unit Sales to a U.S. Cosmetics Company



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Shea Carbon Inserts Project

## Okere Farmers Boost Regenerative Agriculture Skills at Barlegi PRESIDENTIAL DEMONSTRATION Farm



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# 2025/26 KEY HIGHLIGHT EVENT

## THE NILOTICA SHEA FESTIVAL 2026

📅 Saturday, 30 May 2026 | 📍 Okere City, Otuke District, Northern Uganda

The Nilotica Shea Festival 2026 was organized by Okere City under the theme *"Shea for Heritage, Healing and Hope."* The event was held on the occasion of World Shea Day 2026.



**5,000+**  
ATTENDEES

Farmers, community leaders, government officials, development partners, private sector actors, and media came together.



**HISTORIC MILESTONE**  
**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE**  
**STATE-OF-THE-ART COLD-PRESS**  
**NILOTICA SHEA BUTTER**  
**PROCESSING FACTORY**

The day marked the official launch of a state-of-the-art cold-press Nilotica shea butter processing factory at Okere City, equipped with German cold-press machinery.



TO OUR VALUED READERS, 

# THANK YOU

FOR BEING PART OF  
OUR JOURNEY 

We extend our deepest gratitude for taking the time to read our 2025/26 Annual Impact Report. Your interest, support, and belief in our mission inspire us to continue building a stronger, more resilient and prosperous future for the shea communities of Northern Uganda.

This report reflects more than numbers—it tells the story of farmers, partners, staff, and communities working together to create lasting impact. Every milestone achieved this year was made possible through your trust and partnership.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to empowering farmers, protecting our environment, and delivering high-quality Nilotica shea to the world.

**Together, we are growing impact. Thank you for growing with us.** 



## STAY CONNECTED



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