

**Embarking on Alternative Institutional Arrangements to Complement
Co-operative Spirit
The Case of Mbozi Highlands Economic Group (MHEG) and Coffee Marketing
Groups in Mbozi District**

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Abstract

This report documents member-initiated reforms of a non-cooperative group enterprise, Mbozi Highlands Economic Groups (MHEG), and its umbrella, Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Kahawa Mbozi (MVIKAMBO) - a network of Mbozi Coffee Groups. It seeks to underscore the fact that, in some cases where appropriate co-operative service provision was missing, the same could be accessed through other alternative initiatives provided that the affected target groups and individuals continually thought about their own situations. This study provides ample testimony that, when determined, farmers are capable of initiating and implementing appropriate institutional arrangements to solve their own problems