



Umoja Wamama Crafters Cooperative

WIEGO General Assembly 2018
Bags



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Umoja Wamama Crafters Cooperative (UWCC) is a crafter's collective that brings together South African and refugee women to share skills and sell their crafts. They work towards the economic empowerment of women through training programmes, marketing and trading.

UWCC promotes environmental responsibility by encouraging craft made from recycled and waste materials.

85%

of all profits
go directly to the maker

15%

to the cooperative

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Founded

By Shirley Gunn, activist.

2015



Currently

Have 25 paid members- most are active.

2014



Registered

as a cooperative with the Department of Trade and Industry.

2018



WIEGO Bags Made by 16 UWCC members



South African veterans: Lena Madolo, Sindiswa Ningiza and Shirley Gun

From Burundi: Celine Ndayikeza

From DRC: Alpho Kalubi, Fatuma Ngoyi, Shella Moboni Yvonne Mugosa

From Rwanda: Epiphanie Mukasano, Speciose Mukamucuzi, Theresa Uwimana, Theresa Mukankusi, Esperance Nibakure, Jaqueline Shyamba, Olive Dusabimana

From Zimbabwe: Ivy Ngwevu



**Esperance
from Rwanda
sewed 5 bags**



**Jaqueline
from Rwanda
sewed 30
bags**



Theresa
Mukankusi
from Rwanda
sewed 10
bags



**Theresa
Uwimana
from Rwanda
made 10
bags**

**Speciose
from Rwanda
sewed 35
bags**



Where to find UWCC

Facebook: @umojawamama

Besides trading from their office, 203 Community House, they sell the crafts at Kirstenbosch Food and Craft Market in Cape Town.

