



# 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.

