Umoja Wamama Crafters Cooperative

WIEGO General Assembly 2018
Bags
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
Umoja Wamama Crafters Cooperative

Founded
By Shirley Gunn, activist.

Registered
as a cooperative with the
Department of Trade and Industry.

Currently
Have 25 paid members - most are active.
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.