

Join us in changing lives, one cashew at a time - cultivating thriving communities and a brighter future for Mozambique

Uplifting Mozambique one community at a time!

Scan the QR Code on our packaging and see how the farming communities of Mozambique benefit when you buy this bag of cashews.



Our aim is to alleviate poverty by creating sustainable income-generating activities and supporting smallholder farmers, while using business profits to fund community-building social impact projects which:

- improve access to quality education and healthcare
- promote agricultural self-sufficiency and better nutrition practices within communities
- introduce sustainable and environmentally-friendly farming
- strengthen community bonds by fostering a sense of ownership in local development.
- support orphans and vulnerable individuals



The urgent challenge - Mozambique

- Mozambique ranks among the world's poorest countries, with a significant portion of its population living below the poverty line. The nation's most vulnerable families and orphaned children face dire circumstances, lacking access to clean water, proper nutrition, education, healthcare and prospects for a brighter future.
- Mozambique has witnessed a humanitarian crisis, with ongoing conflict, particularly in regions like Cabo Delgado. This conflict has led to the displacement of over a million people, creating a dire need for assistance and a pathway towards peace.



Our solution: A sustainable approach through ethical global business funding social impact work

Our innovative approach transcends traditional for-profit businesses, The Sunshine Nut Co.'s core mission is for social impact. The primary role is to serve as a sustainable financial engine that funds the Sunshine Approach Foundation's community-focused projects and philanthropic initiatives. Through the sales of premium cashew nut products, Sunshine Nut Co. donates **90%** of distributed profits (after covering debts, expenses, and future investments) to the Sunshine Approach Foundation, which then channels these funds to transform communities, through 3 pillar projects.



The three pillars

<p><i>Planting Jobs, Harvesting Hope: Cultivating Brighter Futures</i></p>	<p><i>Nurturing Villages, Cultivating Prosperity: Growing Together</i></p>	<p><i>Building Dreams, One Home at a Time: Sheltering Hope</i></p>
<p>This pillar focuses on creating job opportunities within the community. It provides employment and skills development to local residents, particularly smallholder farmers and women. By fostering entrepreneurship and providing training, this project uplifts individuals and families</p>	<p>This initiative is centred on community growth and sustainability. It involves establishing community-based factories and farms, turning villages into self-sufficient hubs for cashew production and processing. These projects help reduce poverty and increase access to vital resources like education and healthcare.</p>	<p>This pillar takes a holistic approach to address the well-being of orphans, widows, and vulnerable members of the community. It creates supportive family environments where they receive care, education, and resources, allowing them to thrive and break the cycle of poverty.</p>
<p>Meet <i>Maxie</i>, the Production Supervisor at Sunshine Nut Co. and a dedicated father. His journey began in 2012 as a gardener and security guard, facing employment challenges in Mozambique. With determination and continuous learning, <i>Maxie</i> transitioned to become an expert roaster. His work not only enabled him to support his children's education but also helped in building a better life for his family. <i>Maxie's</i> deepest desire is to see Sunshine Nut Co.'s remarkable success and continuous growth alongside its committed employees.</p> 	<p>In the heart of Mozambique, the Sunshine Villages Project has kindled remarkable change. Here's a snapshot of success: a husband and wife nurturing cashew trees in their village nursery. With newfound knowledge and resources, their efforts bloom into sustainable income for their family and community. This small nursery symbolizes a brighter, more prosperous future, where resilience and collaboration bear fruit.</p> 	<p>Meet <i>Cecilia, Madalena, and Antonio</i>, three bright stars who, thanks to the Sunshine Homes Project, embarked on a life-changing journey. On their first day of school, their smiles radiated hope and excitement, marking a milestone in their lives. With improved living conditions and access to education, their futures are now filled with promise. Their story is a testament to the transformative power of the project.</p> 



Our approach & impact

300 HECTARE COMMUNITY FARMS



Spanning ten years and 40 villages across the cashew growing provinces of Mozambique, we create community self-sustaining cashew farms, and mini-factories for roasting and packing the cashews, expanding the cashew-producing regions of Mozambique.



The project's core consists of three stages which we oversee to optimise

quality and efficiency:

Snap: Each village establishes a 300-hectare area cashew farm, planting 70,000 cashew trees.

Crack: Mini-factories on community farms process raw cashew nuts, adding value and income.

Roast: Cashew kernels are roasted, seasoned, and packaged to create international sales-ready products.

We're **committed to the environment**. We plant trees and convert cashew waste into biofuel and biochar, powering facilities with solar energy. We are also committed to **handover of responsibilities** to the community as early as possible while maintaining project integrity.

Did You Know?
 Over 50% of the world's cashew crop is grown in Africa but over 90% of those cashews are processed in other countries.

We're changing that one cashew at a time.

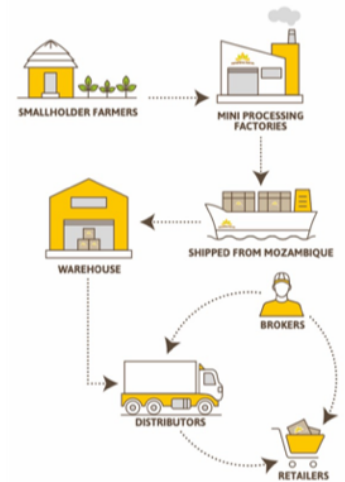
At The Sunshine Nut Company, we grow, roast, and package right at the source for premium freshness.

Life tends to have nutty twists!

We can keep track of impact through traceability while managing freshness. We know exactly where our cashews come from - they're grown near our processing facilities in Mozambique, roasted and packaged for ultimate freshness

And so our supply chain approach produces a high quality cashew

- **Unmatched crunch & flavour.** Our cashews are roasted with a variety of flavours and packed at the source while they're still fresh, preserving their natural crunch, creating an exceptional taste experience.
- **One-time shipping.** We only ship our cashews once, keeping them fresh, reducing transportation, storage time & costs, and ensuring both premium quality and affordability.



About the Founder and CEO, Don Larson

Don has over 30 years of experience in the commercial food industry, becoming Director of Cocoa Operations at Hershey Chocolate (USA) and building the world's largest cocoa processing factory. During that journey, he witnessed extreme poverty in developing nations, which inspired him to do something different with his life. So in 2011, he and his wife, Terri, relocated to Mozambique, where they established the Sunshine Nut Company. Guided by a vision inspired by Milton Hershey's principles of community and orphan care, they established The Sunshine Approach Business Model that transcends profit, rooted in purpose. Based on these principles they started transforming lives through the Sunshine Approach Foundation

