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<i>Location</i>	Solemo, Uraga, Guji
<i>Altitude</i>	1861 – 2342 masl
<i>Members</i>	1814
<i>Size</i>	3249 ha area under coffee
<i>Varietals</i>	Heirloom
<i>Processes</i>	Natural, Washed
<i>Harvest</i>	October - February
<i>Certifications</i>	Fairtrade, Organic

Layo Teraga means Fertile Land, a prominent figure in the area. Layo Teraga Coffee Producers Cooperative (LTCPC), named after the fertile land, was established in 2004 by 60 smallholder members (59 males and 1 female) and has grown to 1,814 members (1,383 male and 431 female).

The Cooperative's objective is to sustainably supply highland organic coffee from Guji to the global market while enhancing the socio-economic well-being of its members. Layo Teraga has been in the coffee business for over 20 years, sourcing high-quality Guji and Sidamo highland organic coffee from its members for processing and exporting to the global market. Until 2021, the cooperative operated under the Oromia Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Union (OCFCU). After that, it began exporting its coffee independently.

Layo Teraga implement different projects on social, coffee quality, productivity and sustainability using premium funds from the Fairtrade sales.

For Social Projects, the Fairtrade premium is mainly invested on projects such as roads leading to the stores, and primary school.

Quality, Productivity and Sustainability are covered by implementing good agricultural practices to improve the quality and increase the productivity of the coffee. The implementation of pre-and post-harvest handling, investment in coffee and tree seedlings nursery and marketing are partly supported by budget from the Fairtrade premium. Replacement of old coffee bushes helps to achieve higher production per unit area.

The members of the Cooperative are producing high quality highland organic coffee in a protected environment under shade trees. The farming system of the members is entirely free of using agro-chemical (100% organic). It also implements soil and water conservation measures, biodiversity (flora and fauna) conservation and buffer zones around water bodies.

