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
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This work is Solemnly dedicated to God Almighty under whose care and protection I was able to start and complete the industrial training despite some challenges and other resource problems encountered during the course of the project.

I also dedicate this report to all my university academic supervisors, Teso Tropical fruits co-operative Ltd ield supervisor : Mrs Caroline Imalingant, Field co.ordinator: Mr Olaun William, My fellow interns Mrs Hamida kyakwaire, Mr Ounyu Source Peter, Mr Buluma David, Mrs Nakiryia Shamim, Mr Jordan Emma , Mr onigi Benjamin and finally to all my beloved Family Members.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- Dr: Doctor
- E.g: For example
- Etc.: Etcetera
- GAPs: good agricultural practices (GAPs)
- Pcs: participatory communities' groups
- PPPs: public private partnerships
- TEFCU: Teso Tropical fruit cooperative
- TEFGA: Teso Tropical Fruit Growers Association



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ABSTRACT

The Teso Tropical fruits cooperative union ltd (TEFCU) is not only a partner to Soroti Fruits factory but is a 20% share shareholder charged with supply of up to 60% of the total raw material (quality fresh fruits mangoes and oranges) required in processing of juice in Soroti fruit processing factory. It has membership across all the ten districts of Teso sub region namely; Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Ngora, Serere, Kapelebyong, Kalaki and Soroti. However its main Vision is to be a recognized source of high-quality farm fresh fruits products in East Africa, the main mission is Promotion of sustainable production and marketing of high-quality fruits in viable quantities to customers for improved livelihoods of the fruit farmers and the entire community in Teso sub-region, major strategic goals are To Strengthen Farmer organizations (Union and Primary cooperatives), To Increase production and productivity, To Coordinating Centralized marketing of Fruits in Teso Sub-Region, to Promote and Incorporate savings and credit among the Fruit farmers Organizations , Integration of Gender sensitivity measures, HIV/AIDS, environment and climate Change in interventions through good agronomic practices. The main objectives are a Coordinated market access and marketing, Increased production and productivity, to increase/grow membership (of PCs) from 59 to 80 (by 27.5%) by 2020, Increased resource mobilization, to address cross cutting issues such as environment, gender, HIV/AIDS and entrepreneurship, to conduct regular participatory community-based monitoring and evaluation as an integral part of project in region. During my industrial Training, the organization took me through a series of hands on field activities with farmers like pest and disease identification citrus and mango production using pest and disease identification chart, identification of high yielding varieties of citrus and mangoes and distributing seedlings to farmers, soil and water conservation measures in citrus farms like water trenches and water basins, pruning activities of Terminal branches, field hygiene practices like weeding and application of mulches , manure to citrus plants and mangoes. The organization also took through a series of meets to discuss impacts of our field visits to farmers, designed record keeping guides for production, harvesting and post harvesting. The organization showed us the benefits of planned follow up visits to farmers and its relevance to student trainees and to extension staff workers as this helps in making clear accountability to organization.



CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

This report is a presentation of activities carried with farmers in Kamuda and Arapai sub counties in the month of march. It gives a detailed yet precise account of the activities. This report also highlights major observations, challenges lessons learnt and a conclusion derived from the findings.

1.2 Background

The organization of TEFCU Started way back in the year 2000 as Teso Tropical Fruit Growers Association (TEFGA) and later to Teso Tropical Fruit Growers Cooperative Society Ltd. It was transformed to Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union (TEFCU) on 24th April 2013 after registering with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives No. 10193/RCS.

TEFCU is not only a partner to Soroti Fruits limited but is a 20% share shareholder charged with supply of up to 60% of the total raw material (quality fresh fruits mangoes and oranges) required in processing of juice in Soroti fruit processing factory.

It has membership across all the ten districts of Teso sub region namely; Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Ngora, Serere, Kapelebyong, Kalaki and Soroti. Currently, the Union is working with fifty-nine (59) Primary Cooperative societies with membership of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Six (5906) with One Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen (1313) Females, Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three (2983) Males, Five Hundred Eighty-Six (586) Young Adult Males and One Thousand Twenty-Four (1024) Young Adult Females.

Being the umbrella organization for fruit farmers in Teso sub region, TEFCU promotes quality and quantity fruit production, value addition and marketing. It aims at building the capacity of its members (primary cooperative societies) on leadership skills, agricultural production and marketing. It achieves its goals and objectives through farmer education on different areas that include agricultural production and productivity done by the technical agricultural extension workers, leadership skills, financial literacy, collective marketing, lobbying and advocacy and partnerships with different development factors.

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