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**AN OUTREACH REPORT CARRIED OUT IN ARAPAI A VILLAGE, ARAPAI SUB
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

REG NO.	Registration Number
cm	centimeters
DCP	Diploma in Crop Production and Management
CGA	Certificate in General Agriculture
m	meters
i.e.	That's to say
BUAC	Busitema University Arapai Campus
e.g.	for example
Fig	Figure

ABSTRACT

Outreach is one of the course module done at Busitema University Arapai Campus, aimed at equipping students with practical skills and exposing them to working conditions in specific courses studied. The university distributes students in different groups to nearby villages to conduct with different farmers around the university to do extension work. I carried out my outreach in Arapai A village found in Arapai sub county Soroti district from 12 March to 16th April 2021. During the outreach, I did a lot of activities like Digging of the rubbish pits, making nursery beds, constructing energy saving stoves, Hand picking infested oranges from the citrus trees(disease and pest management) and burying them ,weeding, and pruning in citrus, pruning and earthing up banana plantations, deworming of animals, collecting litter to put in the rubbish pit, Advicing of the farmer on how to construct charcoal energy saving stove and to maintain it, keeping animals health and how to maintain sanitation in their homes. While during outreach, I faced several challenges like Language barrier, inadequate requirements e.g. hoes, Limited time allocated, Absentism of some selected farmers, Bad working conditions e.g. heavy sunshine, poor, laziness of the farmers in maintain sanitation. Chapter one describes the location of Arapai zone A and background of outreach, chapter two describes the activities that I carried out. Chapter three explains the challenges faced and skills learnt during the period of outreach and chapter four conclusions and my recommendations.

All in all, my outreach was successfully carried out because of the much practical knowledge that I got. However, there is a lot needed to improve the agricultural sector as there is low production therefore there is need to greatly improve to modern farming practices and also adoption of sustainable agriculture therefore I recommend the University through agricultural workers(students) to sensitize and teach farmers on ways and practices of modern.

INTRODUCTION

Outreach is a practical course module in Busitema University Arapai campus undertaken by Diploma in Crop Production and Management(DCP), Diploma in Animal Production and Management (DAP), and Certificate in General Agriculture (CGA) students. And in this case students are divided into groups irrespective of the level and distributed to the nearby village farmers to pass on their knowledge and skills of extension work for instance home and farm visits under individual extension method, demonstration which is under group extension method and also developing the inter personal skills like effective communication and team work among others.

1.1 General back ground of the outreach program

Outreach is a practical course module in Busitema University where students are distributed to the nearby village famers to pass on their skill of extension work

1.2 The objectives of outreach

- To equip students with practical knowledge
- To enable students, learn communication skills during community interactions.
- To create close relationship between the students and the farmers
- To identify problems that affect famers
- To get possible solutions to the above mentioned problems.

1.3 Methodology

Through my observations, I was able to identify the necessary gaps to be worked upon to help improve the farmers enterprises. I was able to observe that the citrus plants needed pruning, weeding and burying of infected orange fruits.

Through interviewing the farmer, I was to work with, it enabled me to notice the lagging sections of his production, e.g. he didn't have enough space and knowledge on how to raise a nursery bed, and earthing up banana plantation