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**AN OUTREACH REPORT CARRIED OUT AT ARAPAI A VILLAGE, ARAPAI SUB  
COUNTY, SOROTI DISTRICT IN HOMESTEADS OF MR. OCEN  
NEBUCHANDUNEZZER, MR. ENYIMU MOSES, MR. EWINYA GABRIEL AND MR.  
IKARA JOHN FROM 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2021.**

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**OUTREACH REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE  
AND ANIMAL SCIENCES IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR  
THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN CROP PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF  
BUSITEMA UNIVERSITY.**

**DECLARATION**

I Ouma Charles of Arapai A village do declare to the best of my knowledge and believe that the work here in is my own and has never been submitted to any university or institution for the award of any academic qualification. I therefore, present it in partial fulfillment for the award of a Certificate in Diploma in Crop Production and Management at Busitema University Arapai Campus.

This outreach report has been submitted for examination with approval from the university supervisor.

Sign.....

Date.....

**Mr. Buluma David (Supervisor)**



**DEDICATION.**

I dedicate this piece of work to my parents and guardians and dear friends and relatives. For their support both financially and spiritually. I dedicate this report to our dear supervisor Mr. **Buluma David** for his tireless effort towards us.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

I acknowledge the almighty God for the guidance and protection He offered to us during the course of our outreach programme.

I give thanks to the University and our dear farmers out there for accepting us to have such moments and fruitful interactions.

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I also wish to thank all others who may have contributed to the success of this work in one way or the other.

May God bless you

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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.**

**REG. NO**                      **registration number**

cm                              centimeters

m                                meters

i.e.                             that's to say

e.g.                             for example

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etc.                             extra

ft                                feet

Fig                             figure

## ABSTRACT

Outreach is one of the course modules 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 sends students to the nearby village farmers around the University to do extension work. I carried out my outreach in **Arapai A village Arapai Sub County, Soroti District**, the main aim was to acquire hands-on skills and experience in farm and community practice to get exposed to various farm enterprises and cultural beliefs, behaviors, norms and agricultural community interactions. Outreach is one of the course modules done at Busitema University Arapai Campus, whereby the university sends students to nearby village farmers around the university to do extension work. It was for a period of six weeks beginning from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.2021 up to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April.2021.

While in the field, I tirelessly conducted number of farm activities, training of farmers, raising of nursery bed, cleaning of the animal unit, Creation of simple irrigation facility, digging of rubbish pit, Tick identification in the animals, Animal treatment and disease control, Management practices in banana production, Construction of plate stands, Orchard management, data collection and field monitoring. I as a student acquired a number of achievements like punctuality, communication skills. The field was characterized by poor response by the farmers, most farmers never had capital to purchase seeds and drugs, inadequate tools.

The university and the government of Uganda should put more effort in sensitization of farmers on benefits of agriculture, more field officers and extensionists should be put in place. In fact, the training was a good experience and the students gained a lot of hands-on skills, I was able to correlate classroom knowledge to practical experiences on field

The outreach was successfully conducted because of the much practical knowledge that I got. However, there is a lot needed to improve the agricultural sector as there is still low production therefore there is need to greatly improve to modern farming practices and also adoption of sustainable agriculture.



## CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The general background of outreach programme.

Outreach is one of the practical course modules offered by students of **Busitema University Arapai Campus** especially year two students of CGA, DCP and DAP. It is done outside the university premises where students are engaged with farmers in the nearby villages. It was conducted every Friday of the week and could be in the morning. The aim is to enhance extension skills in students. The course module is under the department of agribusiness and extension which allocate students to the nearby sub counties e.g., **Arapai, Aloet and Arabaka**. I.e., I was allocated to **Arapai subcounty in Arapai A** village to farmers like **Mr. Ocen Nebuchadnezzar, Mr. Enyimu Moses, Mr. Ewinya Gabriel And Ikara John**.

### 1.2 The objectives of outreach

- ✓ Identify problems that farmers face and suggest possible solutions.
- ✓ To enable correlation of the theory class work to practical aspect.
- ✓ To equip students with practical knowledge and ideas.
- ✓ To develop the communication skills during community interactions.
- ✓ To create close relationships between students and farmers.
- ✓ To disseminate useful agricultural information and advices to farmers.
- ✓ To ensure adoption of modernize agriculture from the indigenous or traditional ways of agriculture.
- ✓ To build strong interrelationship between farmers and extension technologies.

### 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, manuring and disposal and burrying of infected orange fruits.

I also participated in all the activities and I was able to learn as well as gaining skills both practical and communication skills. Through this I was able to accomplish my activities throughout the outreach process.