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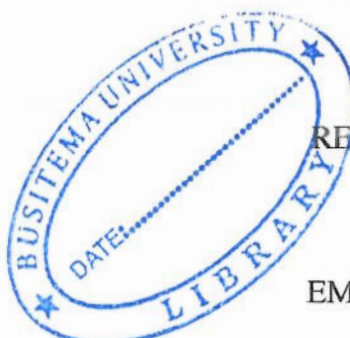
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SOCADIDO	Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization
ADEFO-MAP	Ateker Development Foundation. Multi Actor Partnership
RGIL	Responsible Governance of Investments in Land
AGRID	Agricultural Development for Enhanced Livelihoods and Stability
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
DDC	Diocesan Development Coordinator
BIN	Business and Income security
R-WASH	Water and Sanitation
HIV/AIDS	Human Immune Virus, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
DDMC:	District Disaster Management Committee
INGOs:	International non-governmental Organization
MAAIF:	Ministry of agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries
NARO:	National Agricultural Research Organization
NEMA:	National Environment Management Authority
NFA:	National Forestry Authority
NDP:	National Development Plan
TERELEPAR:	Teso Religious Leaders Efforts for Peace and Reconciliation
DCP	Diploma in Crop Production and Management
BUAC	Busitema University Arapai Campus

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ABSTRACT

The industrial training was conducted at Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization (SOCADIDO). SOCADIDO is a development arm of Soroti Catholic Diocese in Eastern Uganda with its head offices at plot 27, Serere road, and Soroti municipality. It is active in the districts of Amuria, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Soroti, Ngora and Serere.

Its current interventions are large in the fields of; Agricultural development for enhanced livelihoods and stability, Business and income generation, food security, Disaster risk reduction and climate change adoption.

During the internship, the following activities were carried out; orientation, management practices on the banana plantation, making of compost manure, raising of nursery beds for vegetables, one week's workshop[caritas week], reporting, grafting, layering, budding, staking tomatoes, spraying, planting of beans, maize, watermelon, cucumber, pumpkin, attending meetings, and field work activities.

The internship increased my skills in extension, agricultural development, nursery bed management, agronomic activities, computer skills and communication skills. I learnt more about culture and norms of work. I therefore recommend the organization to increase the number of demonstrations since most farmers learn practically than theoretically, procure seeds and equipment like hoes, ropes/strings, tape measures, among others in advance so as to make the work easier

I also recommend the organization to purchase a sprinkler irrigation system if possible so as to promote the continuous production of vegetables even during the dry season

Busitema University should increase on the period for internship to enable more learning



1.0 CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

This report gives brief information about SOCADIDO, describes the activities implemented, skills and knowledge gained, challenges faced during the internship, conclusion of the report and recommendations.

1.1 BACKGROUND OF SOCADIDO

Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization (SOCADIDO) is a sister organization of the Uganda Association of Caritas Uganda, member of Caritas Internationalis herein referred to as “Caritas-Soroti”. It is a Christian based organization established in 1981 and duly registered as a National NGO under the corporate trustees Act, CAP.165 of the Registered Trustees of Soroti Catholic Diocese (T.37940). It is overseen by a well-constituted board of governance, secretariat and community based structures across Teso Sub-Region. As one of the 19 Caritas Diocese in Uganda, It is the development arm of Soroti Diocese and seeks to contribute to Uganda National Development Plan efforts through Diocesan development projects. SOCADIDO’s Vision is to realize a prosperous, self-reliant and peaceful Teso community – with a specific mission to contribute to improving sustainable socio-economic wellbeing of vulnerable groups. The organization is member of Eastern Arch Diocesan Development Network (EADEN) and NGO network in Eastern Uganda covering the current 10 districts and one city of Teso sub region also known as East Kyoga, namely; Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Kalaki, Kapelebyong, Soroti, Ngora, Serere and Soroti City.

SOCADIDO’s strategy to realising its Vision is rights and need based. It implements its program through an integrated and collaborative approach using community-based structures. Among these include farmer groups which always doubles as the VSLA groups comprising of household representatives (household heads and their spouses) and youth groups. Similar to this is a marketing associations, Model farmers, Seed Banking Committees (SBC), , Community Activists, Community Based Monitors (CBM), Water User Committees (WUC), Community Peace Promoters, Human rights promoters, Early Warning Monitors (EWMs), Disaster Risk Reduction Committees (DRRC). Further to these, include District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), Parish Environmental Committees, Clan Leaders, Religious Leaders, Local Artisans, Community Based Trainers (CBT), Gender Action and Learning Systems (GALS) and Bonga Support Team.