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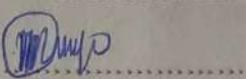
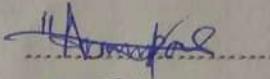
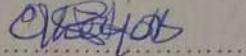
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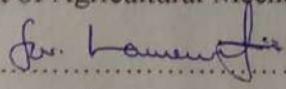
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ABSTRACT

This study will highlight generally the design and fabrication of an engine powered forage harvesting machine. Currently most livestock farmers in Uganda use the manual methods for forage harvesting i.e., harvesting forage manually using pangas and sickles. This method is associated with drudgery, time consuming and expensive as it requires several people to meet the labor demand. There are machines available in the other developed countries but due to their high costs, they are not affordable for the local farmers. Thus, need to develop an affordable machine for the local farmers that satisfies their needs from locally available material. The effective development of this machine reduces on the fully dependence of human labor, increasing the harvested forage output due to increased efficiency of the forage harvester machine.

Key words: Design and fabrication, forage harvesting, locally available materials.

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List of acronyms

AMI.....	Agricultural Mechanization and Irrigation
MAAIF.....	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal industry and Fisheries
FAO.....	Food and Agricultural Organization
GDP.....	Gross Domestic Product
SDGs.....	Sustainable Development Goals
UPE.....	Universal Primary Education
USE.....	Universal Secondary Education
USD.....	United States Dollar

CHAPTER ONE

1. 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of the background, problem statement, and justification, objectives of the study, significance of the study and scope of the project.

2. 1.2 BACKGROUND.

Economic growth is proposed to be one of the primary and fundamental objectives of developing countries. For most of the developing countries, the agriculture sector is generally observed as an engine for growth. Theoretically and empirically there is consensus that a change in agriculture has more chances to change an economy's overall output(Matandare & Makepe, 2021). Agriculture which consists of crop and animal production contributes to the economy through providing important levels of employment especially providing the main source of income in rural areas where average GDP per capita is typically below than that of urban areas The practice of either crop or animal production activities influences the other through its effects to the ecosystem as shown in *figure 1*. In recent years, there has been increased pressure placed on the agricultural sector in order to increase food production rates to meet the change in food demand while also providing increasing quantities of fiber and fuel. This pressure has risen from a growing human population, economic development and the nutrition transition.(Antonopoulos et al., 2021).

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