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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BUAC: Busitema University Arapai Campus

BSA: Bachelors of Science in agriculture

CBFS: Community based facilitators

VSLA: Village savings and loans association

V.O: Veterinary officer

A.O:Agricultural officer

SAS:Senior Assistant Secretary

FMD: foot and mouth disease

OWC: Operation Wealth Creation

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 Table 1 shows parishes and number of vaccinated animals for the whole vaccination program

 participated in during the practice

Table 2 showswork plan

ABSTRACT

This report was prepared during the farm and community training that lasted for a period of eight (8) weeks beginning from 28th Feb to 22nd April in Atutur sub-county under Kumi district local government. The major objective of this attachment was to fulfil the requirement needed for an award of BSA of BUAC. It's always carried out by students of BSA year two semester two (2) in order to put into practice what has been learnt in class theoretically, and also to get the skill and build up confidence in the field.

Activities carried out during the attachment include the following; reporting to place of attachment, cleaning of the trading centre, FMD vaccination, field marking, attending meetings at the subcounty (council and soccadido), receiving and distribution of orange and mango seedling. These activities were done out of willingness to learn and strong team working

Also, during this attachment some significance of the study, challenges, responsibilities and achievements were met.

And because of the experience got in the attachment, its therefore recommended that Government should avail transport means to all the extension workers like motorcycles to ease the field activities., Construction of crushes at every sub-county should be considered in order to ease work like vaccinations, Assessment from the university for the students in the field should be carried regularly so as to improve on the weak points

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Atutur Sub-County is one of the sub-counties in Kumi District Local Government in Teso subregion at the Eastern part of Uganda. The sub-county is located about two (2) kilometres away from Kumi-Mbale highway near Orapada primary school. The sub county consists of six parishes (Akalabai, Akibui, Ariet, Apapai, Kapokin, and Atutur).

Thesub-county consists of twelve (12) workers and one (1) support staff. Production department at the Sub- County level has four main sections, that is to say; the agriculture (crop production) section, the Livestock section where the veterinary sector falls, the Entomology section and the Fisheries sectionbut Atutur sub-county has got onlyone (1) A. O and one (1) V.O.

The Production department conducts the following activities; Disease and pest surveillance whereby the following are performed; Reporting of disease and pest outbreaks, diagnosis, vaccinations, treatments and reporting of deaths, Sensitization of farmers and extending of government projects to the farmers.

Most farmers at the sub-county practice small scale farming and extensive system of production. Where crop production is done for sustaining the domestic needs and most of their animals are Indigenous breeds grazed communally. These animals are kept for subsistence purposes especially for provision of basic needs to the farmers. A few exceptions utilize their crops and animals for commercial purposes. However, a number of organisations have come up to aid in boosting and promoting agricultural production at the sub-county level and district at large. These include; Operation wealth creation, Soccadido, Research studies done at the district, Restocking program, collaborations with other farmer associations from neighbouring districts among others.

Kumi district employs a number of agricultural officers and Agric assistants to monitor and manage health of the crops and animals at the district. However, there are no nearby diagnostic laboratories and clinics (plant clinics) at the district hence most of the cases are managed basing on the clinical presentation. The animal vaccines are maintained in a cold chain but this is sometimes interrupted by load shedding (electricity power cut off). There are also a number of