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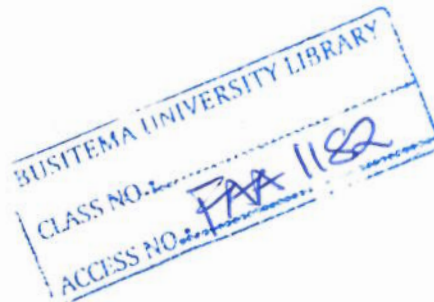
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DEDICATION

I dedicate this report to my friends and family who have supported me in my studies and above all FAWE uganda for the cotinous support in my academic welfare . I say thankyou so much for the unconditional love.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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FAWE.....Forum for African Women Educationalists

ACDP.....Agricultural Cluster Development Project

SDLG.....Soroti District Local Government

CAO.....Chief Administrative Officer

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Figure 1.....work plan

ABSTRACT

Farm and community outreach is a course module in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and so is a requirement in the partial fulfillment for the award of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. The relevance of the training to meet the objectives of the course module which among others include equipping the student with knowledge and skills in preparation for the future career as anticipated in the unit being studied and build confidence in the students. This report contains and describes the activities implemented during the training which included training of farmers on farming as a business in teso grain millers processors and marketing association (TEGRIMA), Arereng group, Olwelai-oculoi Ojom farmers cooperative Society (OJOFACOS). We carried out germination test on seeds to be supplied to farmers by Ayelape enterprises, sensitisation of farmers on ACDP programme arereng. Also we made visits to projects under the operation wealth creation, this was in Opiyai A Irrigation Scheme and fish farming. of the the training, this includes the mentoring environment, the working climate was favorable for the training, and as well the mentorship from my supervisor was great. Although the training was successful there were some challenges that I faced which among others include long distances, low turn up of farmers, and language barrier, basing on the challenges that I faced I recommend some measures at soroti district local government, these measures put in place would better the operations at the department, these measures include proper mobilization of farmers should improve for the training programs to solve problems of poor turn up during such activities, government should also increase the number of motorcycles to solve transport problems. In conclusion all the activities were implemented and industrial training was carried out successfully. I was able to gain a lot from it and knowledge in line with my career and studies.

1.0 CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Soroti district local government

Soroti district, is one of the main districts in Teso subregion and among others include which include districts like Kumi, Katakwi, Kaberamaido, Amuria, Bukedea, Ngora, and Serere, it is located approximately at latitudes $1^{\circ} 33'$ and $2^{\circ} 23'$ North of the equator, $30^{\circ} 01'$ and $34^{\circ} 18'$ degrees East of the Prime Meridian in the Eastern part of Uganda. It covers close to $2,662.5 \text{ km}^2$, with $2,256.5 \text{ km}^2$ being land and the remaining 406 km^2 covered by water. This dictates on the the economic activities carried out in the district which is mainly agriculture with leading grown crop as groundnuts and sorghum. these are food crops and as well sold for money as the biggest population are subsistence farmers .

With the current creation of the administration units, the district now has three counties namely: Gweri, Soroti and Dakabela with eleven (11) sub-counties which include; Tubur, Katine, Kamuda, Arapai, Gweri, Awaliwal, Asuret, Aukot, Ocokican, Lalle, Oculoi and one (1) town council that is to say Tubur. The District is being headed by the Chairperson LC V politically and administered by the Chief Administrative officer technically. Soroti district is government aided organisation with different sectors under which production sector constitutes of different sectors namely: agricultural department, fisheries department, entomology department and veterinary department. Production sector has mandates of its department which include: (1) Transformation of farming systems from subsistence to commercial agricultural production level. (2) To guide the local government in agriculture planning and development. (3) To deliver quality assurance, monitoring standard inspections and regulations in the sector to ensure a productive, healthy farming community.

1.2 Ownership of the department

The institution is under the ministry of local government ,it is headed by the lcv, who supervisors the chief administrative officer . The chief administrative officer(CAO) over sees the activites of every department at the district which include production department, education , health natural resources,works and finance.The production department heads fisheries, agriculture, veterinary and entomology sectors. The agriculture sector is headed by mr Okello moses Echekeu who was my field supervisor