

**INDUSTRIAL TRAINING REPORT CARRIED OUT FROM ONE ACRE
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DECLARATION

I **Namususwa Harriet** hereby declare that the information written in this report is out of my hard work and experience from the area of attachment and has not yet been submitted to any institution for any award of any degree.

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Date.....

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Date.....



APPROVAL

This internship training was supervised and this report has been submitted for examination with my approval

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Signature..... Date

DEDICATION

I dedicate this report to my beloved children Jemimah, and Jesse.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS



OAF

One Acre Fund

PICS

Purdue Improved Crop Storage bags

BSA

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

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ABSTRACT

The internship was held at One Acre Fund Uganda Mukono Coffee program from 28th march to 6th may 2022. Mukono coffee program started in 2020 with 3,000 farmers in Mukono south and in 2022 it expanded to Mukono North. The coffee program mainly offered free agronomy coffee trainings and input sales at a discounted price to the coffee farmers that were organized in groups. Over 8,000 farmers have been enrolled in Mukono coffee program. The field attachment was intended to develop interest in agriculture professionalism, learn certain agricultural skills from the organization and appreciate the importance of hands on experience in agricultural production.

During this period, I was attached to the field operations department. Meeting and training the field officers were held on every Monday and meeting with the field lead team was on every Wednesday with field visits on Tuesday and Thursday. I was responsible for back checks on all the trainings delivered to the farmers and the field officers. This included giving feedback on the Monday, Wednesday meetings and field visits and giving recommendations for the issues identified. The field officers were not referring to the talking points and most of the field officers lacked knowledge in agronomy of the crop they were handling. However, I learnt how to write a report on the observations made from the field and the meetings, critically analyze the situation and challenges before giving the solution and write a project proposal on how to involve youths in coffee production. The attachment helped me to develop more interest in agricultural extension to be my center of focus and love agriculture as a way to overcome unemployment, interacting with the field team gave a clear picture of the kind of help and advice farmers really need to appreciate agriculture there by making me relevant to the development of the community. The attachment also helped me to focus on work objectives and get the work done so as to address the challenges that's to say have a practical experience.

Nevertheless, field officers should be thoroughly trained on agronomy, use visual aids during the training, and the internship program should take at least three months. Industrial training is an important component of education and training, which provides with real practical work experience in their areas of specialization.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location

OAF headquarters are found in Jinja

1.2 Background

OAF is a nonprofit organization serving in nine countries with over 900,000 small holder farmers living in sub Saharan Africa and Asia.

In Uganda OAF was officially launched in 2014 in eastern Uganda in Jinja, Buikwe, Iganga and kamuli district.

It supplies farming inputs and training to help small holder farmers grow their way out of hunger and build lasting pathways to prosperity.

Farmers are offered a package of either maize, coffee or bananas which includes seed, fertilizer as well as add on products that include solar lights, drying sheets, spray pumps and PICS bags to safely store their produce.

Currently OAF is operating in trees planting and coffee. The tree program is in a few districts in the eastern region of Jinja and Iganga, and the coffee program is only in Mukono.

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To receive the OAF inputs and trainings farmers must join a village group that is supported by a local One Acre Fund field officer.

The organization has several departments such as the monitoring and evaluation, cooperate operations, field operations, procurement operations and government relations.

1.3 One Acre Fund model

- Distribution of farm inputs
- Training on agricultural techniques
- Market access to maximize harvest profits

BSA 3209 is an examined module that is done in an agricultural related organization for a period of ten weeks. It exposes the student to the field in which she learns from the field of attachment.

1.4 Objectives of the industrial training

- Develop interest in agriculture professionalism
- Learn certain agricultural skills from the organization
- Investigate community problems and suggest possible solutions
- Enable the student learn how the organization operates on developmental issues.