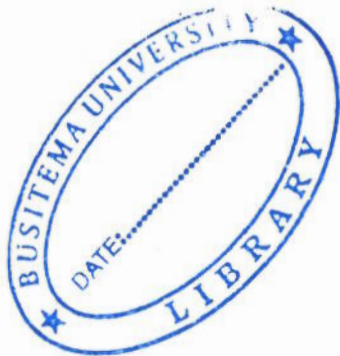


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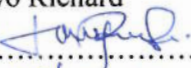
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DEDICATION

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADINGON	Arua District Non-Governmental Organization Network
AEO	Agricultural Extension Officer
AES	Agricultural Extension Supervisor.
ARUDIFA	Arua District Farmers Association.
%	Percentage.
°	Degrees.
°C	Degrees Celsius.
CF	Coordination Function
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
E.g.	For example
Ha	Hectare.
I.e.	That is to say
Kg	Kilogram.
Km	Kilometer
NURI	Northern Uganda Resilience Initiative
UNFA	Uganda National Farmers' Association.
UNFFE	Uganda National Farmers Federation.
VSLA	Village Saving and Loan Association

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Table1: Work plan for the Community outreach.

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ABSTRACT

ARUDIFA was formed by farmers in the year 1993. It is a member of Uganda National Farmers' Association (UNFA) now called Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE) that initiated reformation in 1997. Registered on 27th April 1998 as a company limited by guarantee. ARUDIFA is a member of Arua District Non-Governmental Organization Network (ADINGON). ARUDIFA has a vision to empower farming society with improved food security, nutrition and increased household incomes in Arua district and a mission to promote increased production of value added marketable agro products. The objective of the outreach being to enable the students learn how the community operates on development issues pertaining agriculture, appreciate the importance of hands on experiences in agricultural production and adopt modern, scientific knowledge in agriculture. Various activities were conducted during the attachment such as Weekly review meetings, Village Savings and Loan association capacity building training, setting up demonstration nursery bed with the farmers for horticultural crops and training on better management practices, attending a one week refresher training on Climate smart agriculture and production and marketing plan, farmer group mobilization for seed distribution, setting up and planting in the farmer group prepared demonstration plot. I was able to gain hands on skills in setting up a demonstration plot of the standard sizing and can effectively set a mini irrigation plant that can be used for dry land farming due to practical application of classroom knowledge which gave me an overview of how the knowledge is translated to solve real life farmer's problems. It was concluded that the community attachment was successfully concluded and most of the baseline activities on the work plan developed were implemented and it was recommended to ARUDIFA that there is need to rotate students to the various sections and extension staff in the organization and to the University that the timing of industrial training should be rescheduled during the beginning of production seasons.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

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1.2 Vision, Mission and Goals/Objectives:

1.2.1 Vision

An empowered farming society with improved food security, nutrition and increased household incomes in Arua district.

1.2.2 Mission

To promote increased production of value added marketable agro products.

1.2.3 Goals

- To impact knowledge and skills involved in good agronomic practices and post-harvest handling.
- Farmers have added value to their produce especially for rice, sesame, maize and coffee.
- To build the capacity of the farmers for better marketing of their produce/products and be linked to potential markets.
- To invest in business as a means for operationalizing and sustainability.

CORE VALUES

- Transparency and accountability to members.
- Commitment
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Unity

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