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DECLARATION

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I dedicate this report to my family members especially my father **Mr. Ekaju John Peter** and my mother **Ariokot Edith** and all friends and relatives for their tireless support and guidance during my industrial training. May the Almighty GOD bless you all.

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NaSARRI......National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute.

NARO......National Agricultural Research Organization.

PARISPublic Agricultural Research Institutes

SAARI.....Serere Agricultural and Animal Research Institute

ICRISAT..... International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics

SESO.....Serere Sorghum

IARC..... International Agricultural Research Centre

MS..... Miss

Mr.....Mister

e.g.....For example given



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ABSTRACT

The industrial training was carried out at NaSARRI in Serere district for a period of 10 weeks from 28th Feb.2022-6th May 2022. It was aimed at equipping students with practical knowledge and professional skills in correlation with classroom work. During my training I was attached to different programmes like oil crop programme, dry land legumes, dry land cereals, fibre crop and farm management programme. Under the above programmes, I was able to conduct a number of activities which include the following; Field marking to determine the correct plant spacing and plant population, Emasculation, pollination and crossing in different crops, thinning in sorghum, raising of nursery beds for vegetable growing, planting of finger millet in rows, pest and disease identification, post-harvest handling and many others. However, I encountered some challenges during my industrial training like unfavourable climate conditions [prolonged drought] that interfered with many activities which were to be done, inadequate tools and equipments to be used at the field. In conclusion, the training was successfully done because I was able to acquire more of practical knowledge and skills in relation to my class room theory like identification of common pests and diseases that attack crops and their control measures, plant breeding, agronomic practices, identification of different crop varieties in different programmes. Finally, I recommend that the university should give students more time to do more practicals during industrial training and to the Institution, more tools and equipments should be provided for effective practice.

CHAPTER ONE 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Industrial Training was conducted at the National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute from 28th FEB 2022 to 6th MAY 2022 IT is one of the modules that exposes students to practical skills in correlation to class room theory. Its main objective is to enable students acquire practical knowledge in Agricultural research and other related activities and techniques. The training was carried out in different programmes in a rotational manner.

1.1 Background of NaSARRI.

The National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI) is one of the 17th Public Agricultural Research institutes (PARIs) of the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) established by the National Research Act 2005. NaSARRI started its operation in 1920. It was formally called SAARI and later changed to NaSARRI. It was initially established as an experimental station for ox-cultivation which was used to support cotton production in Teso.

1.2 Location

NaSARRI is located in Eastern Agro-ecological Zone in Serere district, about 27 km south of Soroti City in Serere town council, Okulonyo ward, Igola village.

1.3 Objectives of NaSARRI:

- To generate, package and disseminate appropriate agricultural production technologies to improve sustainable development
- NaSARRI conducts research on mandated crops like cereals i.e. finger millet, pearl millet, sorghum, etc., oil crops e.g. groundnuts, sun flower ,sesame and legumes like green gram, pigeon peas and cow peas