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DEDICATION

I dedicate this work to my family, Staff of maefes/political leaders , Busitema University Arapai Campus Staffnot forgetting my fellow students for the support they offered to me during this practice period.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS:

MAAIF..... Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

DAT.....Disruptive Agricultural Technologies

ACDP.....Agriculture Cluster Development Project

MIS.....Management Information System

JEL.....Jabba Engineering Limited

UK.....United Kingdom

PH..... Potential Hydrogen



LIST OF TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1 showing different standard units for nutrients.

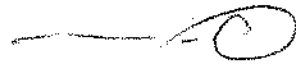


Table 2 showing nutrient test, equipment and procedure followed.

ABSTRACT

This report contains and describes the activities implemented, skills and qualifications gained, challenges faced during the industrial training, conclusion and recommendations derived from the challenges faced at Maefesubcountymanafwa district local government. The objective of this farm and community practice was to make students apply the knowledge got from the classroom into real practical field work, gained the skills and knowledge from the fields to build self confidence in the students and also to enable students learn from the field. During community practice I was attached at manafwa district local government maefe sub county. After orientation afterward I was first introduced to the different departments under production which include crop, fisheries, entomology and water for irrigation, later to the subcounty where I was introduced to the subcounty chief, all other staffs and political leaders of the s/c for familiarization and later I implemented the activities such as; identification and registration of model farmers in all parishes of the subcounty, attending council meetings, drafting activity work plan, carrying out trainings eg soil and water conservations measures like contour bunds, mulching, cover cropping, agroforestry, coffee management practices like pruning methods and control of pests and diseases. Farm visits and on spot advisory services of specific farmers, monitoring and evaluation of government programs, carrying out demonstrations on the use of cypermethrine to control African army worms and finally training farmers on banana BBW disease. These activities made me to gain various skills like mobilization, trainings, handling of adults during trainings activity programing and also learning indigenous technical control of pests and diseases eg coffee stem borers, BBW in bananas and devastating African army worms, good communication skills and confidence in training farmers on both soil and crop management during practice period, I also faced some challenges like; difficulties in farmers mobilization, high expectations from farmers, limited transport means for field work and poor time management by the farmers to the training venue. In conclusion all the activities were conducted and farm and community attachment was carried out successfully. I gained a lot from the period of attachment since my field supervisors gave me an elaborate practical skills and knowledge in line with my career and relating with people in the field. Observations made while conducting community and farm outreach are Farmer/Beneficiaries High Expectations where driven more to monetary expectations, negative perceptions on government programs were farmers ignore important programs like ovc inputs over poor yields and late delivery to beneficiaries.

However, for some of the challenges mentioned above, I recommend that the communities should be sensitized o government programs and their relevance in alleviating poverty, proper mobilization of farmers to solve the problem of poor turn up of farmers and time management ,government should increase the number of motorcycles to improve on transport easy movements of extension workers for better service delivery.

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION.

1:1 INTRODUCTION

Community outreach coded BSA2209 was conducted at maefesubcounty one of the sub counties of manafwa district local government, it was created in 2014 by manafwadistrict council to enhance on service delivery by bringing services nearer to the people. It was carved out bukususub county due high population and political representation. Its bordered by bukhofucounty in the east ,bukususub county in the north and sisunisub county in the west. Thecountycomprises of four parishes i.e.bumaefeparish,matengeparish,tembelela parish and bukhonzoparish. Thesub county headquarters in seated on bumaefe parish 10kms from manafwadistrict headquarters.it covers the total land area of 1260 square kilometers with a total population of 900 people with in71 villages. The subounty is politically headed by the county chairperson, and on the technical wing by county chief, it is divided into departments e.g. administration,health,production,finance and accounts and health.

1:2 OBJECTIVES OF THE FARM AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE.

Expose students to potential employers

To expose the student to community approaches for development and extension programs.

To allow students learn and demonstrate certain Agricultural skills from the Community/farm.

To provide technical advice to the community, farms and farmers.

Build confidence in students while executing their activities in the field

1:3: SECTOR THAT THE ORGANISATION OPERATE IN

The organization operates in three running government funded programs aimed at uplifting the standard of living of local farming communities through commercialization of agriculture. These programs include operation wealth creation, ACDP,UGIFT targeting farmers who farm near permanent water sources .agricultural inputs like planting materials egmaize,beans,banana suckers and animals like cattle,pigs and poultry are supplied to farmer beneficiaries. However other government agencies like Uganda coffee development authority and cotton development authority operates in the area to enhance on income generation among the household in order to alleviate poverty.