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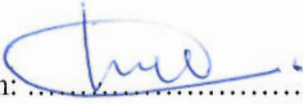


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## ABBREVIATIONS

TEFCU	Teso Tropical Fruit Co-operative Union Ltd
TEFGA	Teso Tropical Fruit Growers Association
E.G.	For Example
GAPs	Good Agricultural Practices.
PPPs	Public Private Partnerships.

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## ABSTRACT

Internship (BSA 2209) is one of the examinable modules that is done in BUAC, Faculty of agriculture and animal science for the period of 10 weeks by students' pursuing Bachelor of Science in agriculture. It provides exposure to student to the farmers in which he or she learns from and also the farmers learns from the student, gives the students a hands-on experience in the community and farming in general by giving them opportunity to stay in the community during . The 10 weeks intemship was carried out at TEFCU soroti district where I got exposure in fields such as crop production, community based services ,and administration. Participatory discussions, Demonstration methods and observation were methods used to obtain information from the farmers during internship attachment such as , disease symptoms, and pest infestation. Various tools were used which include, planting lines, . Various activities were carried out such as orientation, mobilization, insect pest and disease identification. I acquired skills such as agricultural routine activities, identification of problems in farm and community concerning production, use of agrochemicals, disease diagnosis. Some challenges were also encountered in the course of internship program such as inadequate farm tools. However, some Recommendations were highlighted to the university to mitigate the challenges encountered such as purchase of more farm tools to allow students carry practical activities in time, need for timely preparation of the time table to enable students complete their activities in time

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **TESO TROPICAL FRUIT COOPERATIVE UNION LIMITED PROFILE**

Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union Limited (TEFCU) can be traced way back to the year 2000 as Teso Tropical Fruit Growers Association (TEFGA) and later to Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Society Ltd which transformed into TEFCU on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 upon registration with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies No. 10193/RCS.

TEFCU is the umbrella organization for fruit farmers in Teso sub region which promotes quality and quantity fruit production, value addition and marketing. It aims at building the capacity of its members (primary cooperative societies) on leadership, production and marketing. The Union focuses on improving the livelihoods of the fruit farmers through collective marketing of their fruits and eliminating middle men who have for long exploited farmers. Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union achieves the objective through extension officers who visit the farmers in their locations and provide them with the technical knowledge in better farming methods to increase their yield.

TEFCU has membership across all the eight districts of the Teso region namely; Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Ngora, Serere and Soroti. TEFCU intends to work with at least 76 primary cooperative societies in Teso region that means one primary cooperative society from each sub-county. The Union is currently working with fifty eight (58) primary cooperative societies. Its membership is Five Thousand Nine Hundred Six (5906).

#### **VISION**

*"To be a recognized source of high quality farm fresh fruits products in East Africa".*

#### **MISSION**

*"Promotion of sustainable production and marketing of high quality fruits in viable quantities to our customers for improved livelihoods of the fruit farmers and the entire community in Teso sub-region".*

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