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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NaSARRI: National Semi-Arid Resource Research Institute.

NARO: National Agricultural Research Institute

SAARI: Serere Agricultural and Animal Research Institute

NALIRI: National Livestock Research Institute

**BUAC: Busitema University Arapai Campus** 

Reg no: Registration number

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## **ABSTRACT**

This reflects my industrial training in National Semi-Arid Resource Research Institute (NaSARRI) in Serere district 27km South of Soroti city starting on 28th February to 22nd April 2022. Chapter one describes the introductory part to my industrial training, objectives of the internship, duration of the programs, background of NaSARRI, the research programs, Organizational Structure of NaSARRI. Chapter two contains the description of the activities that I carried out during my industrial training under different Research Programs I.e. Dryland cereals, Dryland legumes, farm management, Cotton and Oil crops programs. The activities include breeding (emasculation, crossing, selfing, germplasm,), identification of pests and diseases, experimental design (field marking), Data collection in a Cotton field, agronomic practices, Post-harvest handling and thinning of sorghum. chapter three describes the impacts of the attachment to the students in terms of knowledge and skills gained during industrial training it also highlights some challenges I faced and responsibilities undertake, correlation of the attachment with class work and the influence of the attachment. Chapter four describes the conclusion, the recommendations and the appendices.



#### 1.0 CHAPTER ONE

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION TO NaSARRI

National Semi Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI) formally called SAARI is one of the 17 public Agricultural Research Institutes under NARO. NARO is responsible for conducting and coordinating agricultural research in Uganda. NaSARRI is located in the Eastern agroecological zone in Serere district, Olio sub- county, Igola parish, 21 km south of Soroti City Agricultural research in NaSARRI was started in 1920 by the colonial government and it was initially called Serere Agricultural and Animal Research Institute after which it was changed to NaSARRI. The institute has made considerable progress since its creation anew strategy has been developed that is the medium Term plan (MPT) through a highly participatory country plan for Modernization of agriculture (PMA). NaSARRI is one of the agricultural Institutes which is publically founded to carry out demand driven research and promoting agricultural research.

#### 1.2 Objectives of NaSARRI

- To develop improved crop Varieties which are high yielding, early maturing, tolerant to drought, pests and diseases and have high market demand.
- To generate appropriate crop, soil fertility, disease and pest management options that increase crop yields.
- To disseminate appropriate technologies and information to uptake pathways (stakeholders) and limited number of farmer groups.

#### 1.3 NaSARRI Research Programmes

To achieve its Objectives NaSARRI is organized in to four research Programmes and they include;

- 1) Dryland cereals research programe which undertakes research in the following crops: Sorghum, finger millet and pearl millet.
- 2) Dryland legumes research programe which undertakes research in cowpea, pigeon pea and green gram.
- 3) Oil crops research program which undertakes research in Groundnuts, Sesame and Sunflower.
- 4) Fiber crops (Cotton research programe), which undertakes research in only Cotton.

Note: Cross cutting units include Animal traction, soil fertility and socio- economics.

#### 1.4 Vision of NaSARRI

A market leader in generating and dissemination of appropriate crop technologies for sustainable development in Semi- Arid areas.

