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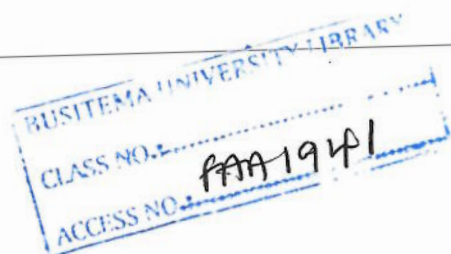
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BUAC: Busitema University Arapai Campus

ETC: Excetra

FIG: Figure

FINE: Farmers in Northern and Eastern Uganda

IDRC: International Development Research Center.

KSC : Kenya Seed Company

NO: Number

RELAPU : Responsible Land Use Policy in Uganda.

SYB : Start Your Business

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ABSTRACT.

Busitema University Arapai Campus in this case sent some of its students to Awoga River Side Farm to learn the practical part of most of theories we have been learning.

The farm offered us all the necessary items we needed for learning, the farm Director introduced us to the farm and handed us to the farm manager where I learnt many activities and obtained much skills and knowledge. Some of the activities include participation from the trade show, making compost manure, making liquid manure that was applied in the back yard gardens and soil sterilization for the soil to be used in nursery and in the green house. Some other activities were nursery bed establishment for all vegetable seed bed preparations for watermelon growing, eggplant beetroot onions kale green paper and all their agronomic practices. The last but not least activity was kitchen garden making and vegetables land scape growing.

CHAPTER ONE:

1.0. BACK GROUND/ WHO WE ARE

Awoja Riverside – Farm & Leisure Park is a hub of agricultural learning, training and production, complemented with eco-tourism. Agricultural demos/trainings and agritourism are our core businesses. Our demographic focus is especially youth and young women. Founded as a sole entrepreneurship, today it has opened up and now constitutes an association of small-scale farmers, some, owners of fragmented plots of land, all now bulked together. Others are renters of the said plots.

Awoja Riverside Farm & Leisure Park is located in rural Awoja (Soroti county), since its founding in 2014. The farm sits adjacent to the marshes of River Awoja, at the convergence of the districts of Soroti, Ngora, and Katakwi, and within easy proximity of many districts in the sub-regions of Teso, Bugisu, Karamoja, and Lango.

1.1. OUR VISION

To be the premier agricultural skilling, demo and agri-tourism destination in the region.

1.2. OUR MISSION

To spur profitable agribusiness in the countryside while employing sustainable agriculture technologies.

1.3. OUR VALUES

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Ingenuity
- Societal Impact
- Ecological: This is about the interdependence of people and institutions. As well, the interconnectivity of various beings, parts and activities in and for the farm.



1.4. OUR FOCUS

1: Production: The farm's lead business is production for the market. We exhibit agricultural ecosystems. Crop husbandry includes greenhouse farming, open field gardens, backyard farming, water and soil management, among others. Animal husbandry so far, encompasses; poultry, goat and sheep rearing, piggery, beekeeping, and fish farming.

2. Training and Demos: This is one of the farm's very principal programmatic activities. The trainings and demos are tailored engagements (internships, mentorship, apprenticeships, and excursions) in a spectrum of agricultural enterprises. The farm has established units which are used primarily to demonstrate good practices, according an opportunity to learn by doing and seeing. They are richly practical. The farm conducts trainings on-site, providing accommodation at its hostels at the farm. As well, there are outreach programmes (satellite). Groups are trained where they are. This embeds extension support to those groups. The third methodology is a blend of the above (satellite/outreach and on-site).

3. Agribusiness services: All the products, above, are market driven. Sales outlets, dubbed *Riverside Farm Fresh*, are being set up on the Mbale-Soroti highway and in the central market in