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SUBJECT: A COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

**TOPIC: A REPORT ON THE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT
FROM THE 12TH OF MARCH TO THE 16TH OF APRIL 2021.**

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DECLARATION

I, NABULO JANE a student of a certificate in general agriculture hereby declare that this is my original report for the outreach activities that I carried out during the course of the semester and no one has ever presented this report in any institution of higher learning for the attainment of a certificate in general agriculture

Signature..........

Date...07/06/2021.....

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DEDICATION:

I hereby dedicate this report to the lord almighty GOD for having given me the life and wisdom to do the community outreach activities, my parents Mr. GIDUDU DEO and Mrs. GALENDA TOEPISTA my brothers MUDEBO TOM and MADAYA RICHARD my sister NAMBOZO CONSTANCE for having supported me through thick and thin during the community outreach program, my field supervisor Mr. BULUMA DAVID for always keeping a close eye, guiding and giving me technical advices throughout the community outreach program and finally to the farmers Mrs. Ariokot Catherine, Mrs. Ayamo Esther, Mrs. Arao Christine and Mr. Osenga Charles and all the members of group two (E) of ARAPAI (A) for having maintained the team spirit that led to the success of this program.



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I thank the almighty God for having kept me alive and given me the good health and wisdom to carry out the community outreach program.

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~~My at most gratitude goes to Busitema University as an institution of higher learning that has~~
given me the opportunity to interact with the farmers in the nearby community through the program of community outreach.

I acknowledge the priceless effort put in by my Main field supervisor, Mr. BULUMA DAVID who has always given me the technical advices during the program which led to its success.

I also thank all the members of Group (E) of ARAPAI (A) Zone and also the four Famers for having welcomed me and willingly accepting to work with me through the community outreach program.

APPROVAL

This report, on outreach activities carried out from the 12th of March to the 16th of April 2021.

Zone: ARAPAI (A) has been submitted for examination with my approval as the main field Supervisor.

Signature.....

Date.....

MR. BULUMA DAVID

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

AC	Arapai Campus
BU	Busitema University
BUAC	Busitema University Arapai Campus
CGA	Certificate in general agriculture
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CM	Centimeter
DAP	Diploma in animal production
DCP	Diploma in crop production
MR	Misters
PROG	Program
REG NO	Registration number
SIGN	Signature
STRM	Stream
UP	Under private

ABSTRACT

Outreach is one of the course modules done at Busitema University Arapai Campus, aimed at equipping students with practical skills and exposing them to working conditions in specific courses studied. The university sends students to nearby village farmers around the university to do extension work. We carried out our outreach in Arapai parish zone A, Arapai sub county, Soroti district from 12th march to 16th April 2021. During our outreach, we held a lot of activities, ~~Emptying of the rubbish pit, Raising of nursery bed, sucker mold raising, kitchen garden raising,~~ citrus weeding, citrus spraying, citrus pruning, nursery bed weeding, nursery bed thinning, and examination of orchard. This training had a lot of positive impact towards our future career plans because of the several skills that we obtained during that time. During outreach faced several challenges like Language barrier, inadequate requirements e.g. hoes, Limited time allocation, Carrying of heavy requirements like posts, Bad working conditions e.g. heavy rains and sunshine, poor, hunger, dusty environment, laziness of the farmers. Chapter one describes the location of Arapai zone A and background of outreach, chapter two describes the activities that we carried out. Chapter three explains the challenges faced and skills learnt during the period of outreach and chapter four conclusions and our recommendations.

All in all, our outreach was successfully carried out because of the much practical knowledge that we got. However, there is a lot needed to improve the agricultural sector as there is low production therefore there is need to greatly improve to modern farming practices and also adoption of sustainable agriculture therefore I recommend the government of Uganda through agricultural workers to sensitize and teach farmers on ways and practices of modern.

1.0 CHAPTER ONE:

1.1 INTRODUCTION

4 These is a report of community outreach program that was carried out by me and my group members Group (E) of ARAPAI (A) Zone from the 12th of March to the 16th of April 2021 in village. It showcases the various activities that was carried out with the farmers I was allocated to, the challenges I faced while implementing the program and the possible solutions to the problems faced.

1.2 BACK GROUND

3 The outreach program is one of the university study course modules that engages both the students and lecturers in an outdoor (out of class) study. It involves reaching out to the nearby community by the students and their respective supervisors delivering extension services to the farmers and learning from the farmers as well.

So far, the community outreach program is only carried out by the students in certificate and diploma programs at Busitema University hoping to be lifted and the chance given to other students as well.

The community outreach program has been incorporated with rural sociology so as to give learners a clear picture of how life is like in a rural setting. This enables learners to always present themselves in an appealing approach when in for the community outreach program within the rural setting.

1.2.1 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- ✓ To establish and create a definite bond between the university and the nearby community for further project implementation and research
- ✓ To train students on how to deliver agricultural extension services to farmers.
- ✓ To practice what is learnt in class in the field with local farmers.
- ✓ To enhance the student's knowledge and skills in solving community development problems.
- ✓ To enable student experience real life of their future clientele in the rural setting.