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I dedicate this report to my family members most especially my father BUSOOLO JOHN for the support that labored for me during hard times in raising my tuition, also to the working staff of NaSARRI and my fellow friends that I did my internship with that hello to all brothers and sisters for supporting me with all your graceful hearts not forgetting the working staff of Busitema university Arapai campus in there different levels.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

BUAC : Busitema University Arapai Campus.

NaSARRI : National Semi-Arid Resource research institute.

NARO : National agricultural research organization.

PARIS : Public Agricultural Research Institutes

SAARI Serere Agricultural and Animal Research Institute

ICRISAT : international crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics

SESO : Serere Sorghum

IARC : International Agricultural Research Centre

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ABSTRACT

The industrial training was carried out at NaSARRI as the area of field attachment for a period of two months that is from 28th Feb 2020 to 22nd April 2022) NaSAARI is located in the Eastern Agro-ecological zone in Serere District 27 km South of Soroti town. NaSARRI is one of the 16 research institutes of National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) established by the National Agricultural Research Act 2005.

The Objective of this training, is to enable students acquire practical knowledge, skills in agricultural research and other related activities. It was carried in different programs in a rotation i.e. Cereals, Cotton, Legume, Oil crops and farm management farm management was conducted for two weeks and the rest of the programes one week each with various activities carried out in different sections.

As training went on, I was able to carry out various activities like field marking, emasiculation selfing, seed counting, seed bulking, nursery bed management and many others that are listed in this report

There were several skills gained in the field, like diseases identification such as, groundnut rosette, powdery mildew in simsim, early and late leaf spot in ground nut, common pests that mostly attack crops like; spiny boll worm in cotton, maruca *spp* in cowpea, aphids, leaf miners etc

However, few challenges were faced like; shortage of tools and equipment to be used in the field during breeding activities like emasculation.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Location and Description of NaSARRI:

The National Semi-Arid Research Institute is one of the 16 public Agricultural institutes (PARIs) Under the National Agricultural Research Organisation which is publically founded to carry out demand driven research and promoting agricultural Research.

Its located in the Eastern Agro-ecological zone in Serere District 27km south of Soroti town.

Agricultural Research in NaSARRI started in 1920 by the colonial government. It was initially called Serere Agricultural Research and Animal production 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 (MTP) through a highly participatory country Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA)

1.10bjectives of NaSARRI:

To generate, package and disseminate appropriate agricultural production technologies to improve sustainable development

NaSARRI conducts research on mandated crops like cereals i.e. finger millet, pearl millet, sorghum, rice e.t.c, oil crops e.g groundnuts, sun flower, simsim and legumes like green gram, pigeon peas and cow peas

1.2 Mission of NaSARRI:

To generate package and disseminate appropriate Agricultural production of agricultural technology and information for improved sustained integrated crops and natural resource management and partnership with other stakeholders.

1.3 Vision of NaSARRI:

A market leader in generation and dissemination of appropriate technologies for sustainable development.