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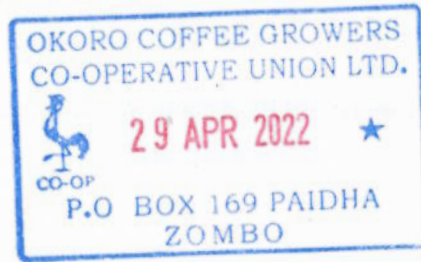


APPROVAL.

This is to certify that GIFT MARALINE carried out a 2 months and 2 weeks industrial training under the supervision of Mr OKWEDA ROBERT the field supervisor okoro coffee growers' cooperative union ltd.

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this report work to the Almighty God for the support and care he gave me during the time of industrial training. Secondly I dedecate it to my academic supervisor Dr. OMADANG LEONARD and field supervisor Mr. Okweda Robert and to all the university lecturers like Dr. Opio, Mr. Andiku and Mr. Egabu for the great advice they gave me not forgetting the staff of OCGCUL, lastly my dedication goes to my parents Angeiango Doris, Jakwongiero Silvano and my uncle Okaba Jimmy and all my friends who were with me during the industrial training, giving me all kind of support and advice for the success of my education.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AGM	Annual General Meeting
BOD	Board of Directors
FAO	Finance and Administrative Officer
EWS	Extension Workers
GAP	Good Agronomy Practices
OCGCUL	Okoro Coffee Growers' Cooperative Union Limited
IPM	Integrated Pest Management

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Abstract

This report contains and describes the activities implemented, skills and qualifications gained, challenges faced during industrial training, conclusion of the report and recommendation derived from the challenges faced at OCGCU.

The objectives of this industrial training is to make students benefit from skills and knowledge gained from the field, apply the knowledge they got from class in the field and build confidence in the students .

During the industrial training I was attached to the department of crop production . this was followed by the orientation were I was first introduced to the staff of OCGCU and later implemented the activities such as porting, watering, weeding, raising of shed ,leveling of ground ,compost making ,contours bound construction, planting of cover crops ,profiling farmers to join cooperatives , integrated pest management , sensitizing farmers on local seeds in different cooperative societies.

These activities made me to gain skills and knowledge like training farmers on integrated pest management and I gained skills in making compost manure, soil conservation thru planting of cover crops and construction of contour bounds ,I gained skills in general management in crop production and communication skills and confidence in training farmers in crop production and management ,during internship I also faced challenges like poor mobilization of farmers in different societies ,limited transport means for field work in the production department and poor turn up of farmers to the training

In conclusion all the activities were implemented and industrial training was carried out successfully was able to gain a lot from it .i was in position of getting practical skills and knowledge in line with my career and relating with people in the field

The technical advise that I provided addressed farmers problems and needs. much as all were successfully done, there were also some little challenges which hindered the smooth running of the activities which making me recommend that proper mobilization of farmers must improve for the training programmer to solve the problems of poor turn up during such activities, the union should also increase the number of motorcycles to solve transport problems

CHAPTER ONE

1.1. Background

Back ground to Okoro Growers' Coffee Cooperative Union.

Okoro coffee Growers' Cooperative Union Limited (OCGCUL) was formed in 1962 and incorporated as a cooperative union under the cooperative societies ordinance 1947, in its registration number is 1948/Z, headquartered in Paidha town, Zombo district of West Nile region. OCGCUL serves coffee farmers in the districts of Arua, Nebbi, Zombo and Pakwach through 35 primary cooperatives societies, which make up union. The average membership in the primary cooperative societies is 140 people, around 30% of whom are female. Youth members below 35 years average 20% of the entire membership

The union was formed for the following reasons;

- ❖ Enhance the bargaining power of membership, who were being oppressed and exploited in the coffee market by buyers E.g. Chawdah and company so that they can earn better prices for their coffee
- ❖ Support members trainings in production of their enterprise coffee
- ❖ Enabling members to access affordable and genuine farm inputs on a regular basis.
- ❖ To bring other services like processing and storage facilities closer to the farmers.

1.2. Location and area.

OCGCU limited is situated on plot 34 Paidha-Arua road in Paidha town in Zombo district in West Nile region of Uganda, east Africa. It is 440kilometers (273miles) from Kampala the capital city. Okoro is found on the lands bordering congo in the north western part of Uganda, contact okorocoffeeunion@gmail.com.

1.3 Purpose of Okoro Coffee Growers' Cooperative Union Limited

The purpose of the union has been redefined to; supporting member primary cooperatives in enhancing their members' economic standards to enable them afford decent livelihoods at household level, on a sustainable basis.

1.4 Vision statement

The vision of OCGCU has been redefined to be "a leading producer of high-quality coffee in Uganda by 2040".

1.5 Mission statement

Okoro Coffee Growers Cooperative Union Ltd has formulated a mission statement to help it achieve its vision as it strives to fulfill its purpose.

The revised mission statement is to "contribute to improved livelihoods of small holder farmers by enhancing sustainable coffee and other productivity; access to markets and affordable finances in West Nile region."