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DECLARATION

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this report to the director, training coordinator, human resource manager as well as the entire staff of UWEPO farm, Supervisors, my fellow students and my beloved parents for both social moral and financial support they gave me respectively in the course of the exploration and study during the internship carried out at UWEPO farm.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

UCDA: Uganda coffee development authority.

BUAC: Busitema university Arapai campus.

UWEPO: UWEPO organization limited.

IMO: Indigenous Micro Organism

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ABSTRACT

The industrial training is all about exposing students to practical aspects in the field of specialization. The industrial training was to expose the students to actual working environment and enhance students' knowledge and skills from what they have learnt from the class room UWEPO farm imparted good quality integrity responsibility and self-confidence safely practices safety practices and regulations in the field and the spirit of team work and good relationship between the employer and the employees.

I attained various skills such as coordinating of the theoretical work and practical's bites of different activities like weeding techniques aquaculture, agroforestry, nursery bed management, financial management among other so as to accomplish the goals of the study and this influenced my thinking towards production.

I also faced many challenges such as accessibility to some of essential basic needs because of distant trading centers. I had limited time for most of the enterprises to be learnt and this limited my learning. Unconducive environments also seemed to be a big challenge where by the study was affected rains since it was a rainy season. Lastly,

Therefore I recommend the company to provide a cheap and reliable transport means to the trading centers so as to ease transport and enable workers and trainees' access basic needs and requirements.

All in all the research was carried out successfully and was interesting in that I was able to attain my objectives of the study but I argue the university and the farm to corporate so as to ease the continuous and offering In places for other students as attachments

CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

Location and background of the organization

UWEPO farm is located at the beautiful scene of Kabizzi village, Nyenga division, Njeru municipality east of Buikwe district. The coordinates of the district are 0021N, 3302E. It is a 20 to 30minutes drive off Nile stage and a15mnutes ride from Bulumagi. It is on 18 acres of land. The UWEPO tree and plant nursery is found in Dauncey lane just off Kiira road at Rubaga students' center, Jinja, Uganda.

UWEPO organization limited was registered in May 2014 with 18 acres but currently it is on 20 acres altogether. It started with over 150 workers, the company has established a tree nursery facility with the purpose of providing high quality propagation tree seedling to passionate coffee farmers through UCDC with an aim of improving house hold income to indigenous small farmers and big commercial farmers in order to create partnerships for a sustainable future I Uganda and other nations.

Uwepo started in May with a primary focus in agribusiness with emphasis on training and mentoring young African always stay in a sustainable future later on, the farm gradually expanded and started dealing in other seedlings especially the fruit trees like mangoes, citrus among others. With their strong partnership with NAADS, they equally supplied such good and clean seedlings to the farmers. Since then over 400 million seedlings have been distributed altogether. In 2015, the founder and current managing director nick Deckoning thought it wise and integrate with fish farming starting with 10000 fingerings altogether (for both tilapia and cat fish) but as per now fish project is at a standstill.

Later on the farm started practicing agroforestry based model farming, growing food crops especially banana and sweet potatoes, spices, ornamentals, herbs, and demand based vegetables among others. In order to raise income, the organization has put more emphasis on value addition to its products. For example powered moringa, dried fruit, seedling, fresh food and vegetables. For the organization to increase demand and community service delivery, UWEPO also formed another organization under it called our tree our future, and a niche Saturday Jinja farmers` market.

The our trees our future handles the part for raising of tree seedlings, distributing of trees to communities and schools; and carrying out campaign on tree planting