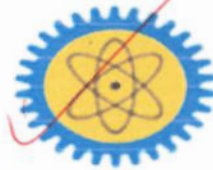


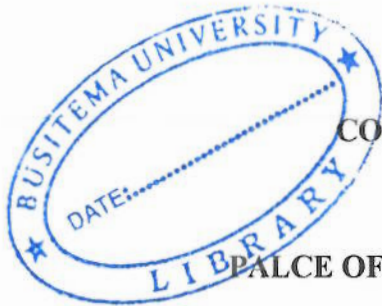
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

REG NO.	Registration Number
DCP	Diploma in crop production and management.
DAP	Diploma in animal production and management.
CGA	Certificate in general agriculture.
cm	centimeters
m	meters
i.e.	That's to say
e.g.	for example
e.t.c	end of thinking capacity.
ft	feet
Fig	Figure

ABSTRACT

This report contains information on farm and community practice that I undertook at **Arapai Avillage Arapai Sub County, Soroti District**, the aim was to acquire hands-on skills and experience in farm and community practice to get exposed to various farm enterprises and cultural beliefs, behaviors and norms of the community. Outreach is one of the course modules done at Busitema University Arapai Campus, whereby the university sends students to nearby village farmers around the university to do extension work. It was for a period of six weeks beginning from Friday 12th March 2021 up to Friday 16th April 2021.

While in the field, I labored tirelessly in number of farm activities, training of farmers, raising of nursery bed, cleaning of the animal unit, Creation of simple irrigation facility, digging of rubbish pit, Tick identification in the animals, Animal treatment and disease control, Management practices in banana production, Construction of plate stands, Orchard management, data collection and field monitoring. We as student had number of achievements like punctuality, communication skills. The field was characterized by poor response by the farmers, most farmers never had capital to purchase seeds and drugs, inadequate tools.

The university and the government of Uganda should put more effort in sensitization of farmers on benefits of agriculture, more field officers and extensionists should be put in place. Infact the training was a good experience and the students gained a lot of hands on skills, we were able to correlate classroom knowledge to practical experiences.

The outreach was successfully conducted because much of the practical knowledge that I got. However, there is a lot needed to improve the agricultural sector as there is still low production therefore there is need to greatly improve to modern farming practices and also adoption of sustainable agriculture.

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to community outreach.

Outreach is one of the practical course modules offered by students of **Busitema University Arapai Campus** especially year two students of CGA, DCP and DAP. It is done outside the university premises where students are engaged with farmers in the nearby villages. It was conducted every Monday of the week and could be in the morning. The aim is to enhance extension skills in students. The course module is under the department of agribusiness and extension which group students to three sub counties namely **Arapai, Aloet and Arabaka**. In **Arapai Subcounty, Arapai A** village our group was allocated to farmers like **Mr. Ocen Nebuchadnezzar, Mr. Enyimu Moses, Mr. Ewinya Gabriel And Ikara John**.

1.2 Purpose and objectives of community outreach

- ✓ Identify problems that farmers face and suggest possible solutions.
- ✓ To enable correlation of the theory class work to practical aspect.
- ✓ To equip students with practical knowledge and ideas.
- ✓ To develop the communication skills during community interactions.
- ✓ To create close relationships between students and farmers.
- ✓ To disseminate useful agricultural information and advices to farmers.
- ✓ To ensure adoption of modernize agriculture from the indigenous or traditional ways of agriculture.
- ✓ To build strong interrelationship between farmers and extension technologies.

1.3 Methodology.

Community outreach was carried out by second year students of DCP, DAP and CGA where the university randomly placed students in to groups and distributed to various villages or sub county namely: **Arapai, Aloet, and Arabaka**, further more students were sub divided in to smaller groups by the university field supervisor and were attached to farmer's households. As members of **Arapai A group D** we were attached to four household of **Mr. Ocen Nebuchadnezzar, Mr. Enyimu Moses, Mr. Ewinya Gabriel and Ikara John**. we had to identify activities to be carried out with the farmers, we carried out demonstration in farmers' fields and we promoted transformation of rural agriculture innovations to sustainable livelihoods through activities like simple drip irrigation system, management practices in banana and citrus production, we highly engaged farmers' participation in the activities and trainings were conducted also.