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I also dedicate it to the management of NaCRRI- Namulonge, more especially the field supervisors who devoted whole heartedly to essentially offer me all the necessary guidance and assistance throughout the period of attachment.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NaCRRI National Crops Resources Research Institute.

NARO National Agriculture Research Organization.

ZARDs Zonal Agriculture Research Development Institutes.

GMOs Genetically Modified Organisms.

IPM Integrated Pest Management.

ATF Applied Tropical Floriculture.

NARS National Agriculture Research Systems.

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency.

IITA International Institute of Tropical Agriculture.

ARTP Agriculture Research and Training Project.

NPK Nitrogen Phosphorous Potassium.

SPVD Sweet Potato Virus Disease.

CBB Common Bean Blight.

BCMV Bean Common Mosaic Virus.

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BUAC Busitema University Arapai Campus.

DCP Diploma in Crop Production and Management,

NE North East

MAAIF Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

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ABSTRACT

This industrial training report contains four chapters and clearly describes the details of activities both practical and lectures that we performed at NaCRRI and these include; CEREALS, HORTICULTURE & OIL PALM, ROOT CROPS AND LEGUMES programmes as presented below;

Chapter one;

This chapter describes NaCRRI, the historical background, vision, mission and purpose, objectives of the training, the Organization structure of NaCRRI is in the appendices.

Chapter two;

Here, I described the set of activities I got involved in the four programs at NaCRRI for example Cereals (maize and rice), Root crops (cassava, sweet potatoes), Legumes (beans and soya beans), Horticulture (solanecious vegetables and fruits). Under each section, various activities are done such as pathology, entomology, agronomy, data collection and breeding.

Chapter three;

This chapter summarizes the impacts of the attachment ie skills acquired, responsibilities undertaken, influence of the attachment to my future career plans, correlation of the attachment activities with class room knowledge and the various challenges faced during the period of the attachment.

Chapter four;

This chapter contains the recommendations from NaCRRI and BUAC which includes conclusions, appendices, work plan and references.

CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

Description of NaCRRI



NaCRRI- Namulonge is one of the public agricultural institutes under the policy guidance of NARO which comprises of 4 programs namely Cereals, Root crops, Legumes and Horticulture.

The director of the institute is Dr. Godfrey Asea (PhD) and the administrator is Mr. Luzira Francis.

Location of the Institution (NaCRRI)

NaCRRI is one of the six NARIs under the policy guidance and co-operation of the National Agriculture Research Organization (NARO). It is located at bimodal rainfall region at latitude 0032° NE. it is located north of Kyadondo constituency, Wakiso district and 27km north of Kampala city, central Uganda.

The place has a tropical wet and dry mild climate with slightly humid conditions with an average of 65%. The area has savanna vegetation with tall trees and the most dominant type of grass called Pannicum maximum. The institute has 1188 hectares of land, of which 187 hectares are found at Sendusu where it hosts another organization IITA.

Historical background of NaCRRI

The NaCRRI formerly known as Namulonge Agricultural and Animal Production Institute, is one of the research institutes under the policy guidance of NARO which was established in 1949 by the empire cotton growing cooperation of Britain.

It was established to sole investigate problems related to cotton production with the countries of the British Empire.

It served Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, and Yemen among others.

Uganda was chosen to be the regional center because it was centrally placed with exception of India, and was the largest producer of cotton in Common Wealth.

The Cotton Research Cooperation handed the institution to the Uganda government in 1972 and the institute continued as a cotton research station until 1980s when the research on other community crops and animal production was introduced. The crops that were introduced included; maize, cassava, sweet potato, soya beans, sunflower, ground nuts, simsim and wheat among others. Fruits were also introduced such as mangoes, oranges and lemons.

The institute also got involved in weather forecasting, data collection, processing and transmission of information to the departments of metrology and agriculture.