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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BUAC:	Busitema University Arapai Campus
CGA	Certificate in General Agriculture
DCP	Diploma in Crop Production and Management
DAP	Diploma in Animal Production and Management

ABSTRACT

Outreach is one of the course modules offered at BUAC by second year students of programs, CGA, DAP and DCP that involves reaching out to farmers in various locations covering three zones of Arapai, Aloet and Arabaka. From these, I was allocated to Arapai A, Amoru parish I as a member of Group B. With my main objective of delivering extension work to farmers, hereby correlating theoretically what is learnt by putting it into practice at different farmer's homesteads. As an aim of exposing students to the surrounding communities as a way of improving their communication skills through interacting with farmers this contributes greatly to bridging the gap between the university and the farmers in the surrounding areas. In Arapai A, the area is generally flat with scattered coconut plantations and sandy-loamy soils. The climate in the region is presented to be semi-arid. From 12th march to 23rd April our outreach sessions were initially commenced in amour parish, Arapai Sub-county, Soroti District. Emphasis was basically put on enriching farmers with appropriate knowledge and practical skills in animal and crop production and management. Practices carried out included; management of banana plantation, management practices in the orchard, weeding around the banana plantation, pruning, planting bananas in the planting holes we dug, nursery bed establishment among others as broadly discussed in this dissertation. Livestock management practices included; deworming treatment of the animals. A number of skills were attained throughout the entire outreach program experience and some of them include; improving of our communication skills, proper ways of establishing banana plantation, treatment of animals in both crop and animal sections. However, challenges as well were encountered like, language barrier, long distances, shortage of tools, etc. Despite the negatives, we were able to successfully complete the outreach program as slated. Though we recommend that the university should provide aids in teaching to smoothen the outreach sessions and allocate more time for the entire program as a way to maximize dissemination of knowledge to the farmers

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction

Outreach is among the course modules conducted by 2nd year students pursuing the following programs; Diploma in Animal Production and Management, Diploma in Crop Production and Management and Certificate in General Agriculture at BUAC. It's aimed at exposing students to farmers in the aspect of transferring knowledge, skills and new innovations in different communities surrounding the university.

The Outreach program commenced on the 12th of March and ended on 23rd April, 2021. It is scheduled to happen every Friday and it's conducted once in a week.

The activities carried out during this program comprise of both animal and crop practices depending on the farmer's available enterprises. My location of operation was in Arapai A, Arapai Sub county, Soroti district where I carried my activities at one (1) household at Mrs. Akello Frances

1.1 Background of outreach program

The Outreach Program is a university initiative that addresses the development to meet the needs of communities around or far away from the university by engaging students into design solutions with the beneficiaries so as to help them solve their problems.

Students are put into different groups and allocated to different zones, villages and farmers to whom they are supposed to conduct their sessions. Apparently, the outreach program is now included in the process of teaching and learning addressed by the university.

1.2 Objectives of outreach study

- ❖ To help farmers and students acquire practical skills.
- ❖ To influence change in farming systems of farmers.
- ❖ To help students build their confidence with the general public through exercising their communication skills with farmers.
- ❖ To create close relationship between the university and the neighboring farmers.
- ❖ To transfer new innovations from the university to the local communities