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LIST OF ACRONYMS

NARO: National Agricultural Research Organization.

NaSARRI: National Semi- Arid Resources Research Institute.

MAAIF: Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries.

D.V.T: District Variety Trial.

ICRISAT: International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics

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ABSTRACT

This report provides information on the activities that I participated during the course of training at NaSARRI. This include importance of groundnuts production, and aspects of crop improvement as applied to groundnut improvement program at NaSARRI this include scouting of flowers, emasculation, crossing, tagging, pests and disease identification was done. Diseases like early and late leaf spot, rust, witches broom, rosette and pests such as aphids, leaf miner, thrips, termites were visually identified in the field practically, varieties identification such as Serenut series (released varieties, advanced lines, crosses. And also aspects of Aflatoxin management, harvest and post harvest management in the field and in the store, germplasm maintenance of different genotypes assembled. This report also summarizes aspects on data collection at the store like dry pod yield in Kg per plot, a hundred seed yield in kg per plot and in the field i.e. rosette count, first flower appear, 50% and 75% flower, leaf spot data collection at 4 week, rosette count at 4 weeks.

It is essential because it has given me a chance to participate fully in various aspects being done in the field and makes one well acquainted with practical skills. This report also provides information on observations and achievements during the training.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

1.1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

During the period of May to July 2016, I had the opportunity to conduct my industrial training at NaSARRI under Groundnut production and I explored practical opportunities. The training was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Kalule Okello David the researcher. The activities which I participated during my industrial training are well discussed in the next chapters

1.2 LOCATION AND BACKGROUND OF NaSARRI:

NaSARRI is one of the research institutes of NARO. The institute is located in Eastern Uganda, 27 kilometers south west of Soroti town. It was established in 1919 using funds from tax levied on ginned cotton. Initially it was used as experimental station for ox cultivation technology that was designed to support cotton production in Teso and training staff of department of agriculture. In 1994 it was fully upgraded to a research institute following formation of NARO under MAAIF. It is located on 700 hectares of land in which all the institute structures, equipments facilities lie.

1.2.1 NaSARRI's VISION:

A market leader institution in generation and dissemination of appropriate technologies for sustainable development in the semi arid regions of Uganda.

1.2.2 NaSARRI's MISSION:

The mission is to generate package and dissemination of appropriate agricultural production technologies and information for improved and sustained crop and natural resource management in Semi-Arid regions in partnership with other stake-holders.

1.2.3 MANDATED AREAS:

NaSARRI's mandate is to undertake research in crop production for Semi-Arid production system in the areas of seed research production, product, management,