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#### **ABSTRACT**

Irrigation refers to the process of providing controlled amounts of water to a specific land area to aid in the growth of lawns, landscaping plants, and crops. Irrigation has attained increasing importance over the world because of the growing demand for food by a rapidly growing world population. Water pumps are currently vital tools for farmers, especially for those who live in regions with little or no rainfall. Diesel, solar, and electric water pumps are the most often used. An electric pump operates under the theory that electrical energy is transformed into mechanical energy, which is then used to transport fluid from one place to another. The pumping system takes water from open wells, bore wells, streams, ponds, canals, etc. (W. Kiprono & Ibáñez Llario, 2020).

The existing diesel and petrol pumps for irrigation would solve this problem but they are not affordable to most farmers in terms of initial purchase and maintenance. Solar and electric pumps are however not well adopted due to uneven electricity distribution and higher initial costs for solar systems. The major purpose of this study was to design a hybrid pedal and engine-powered water pumping system that enables local small-scale farmers to irrigate their gardens in different locations at reduced costs, and increase crop yield, and food production.

The study therefore entails analysis of design requirements for a hybrid pedal and engine powered water pumping system, fabrication, and assembly of every part of a hybrid pedal and engine powered water pump for small to medium size farmers, carrying out cost benefit analysis of the system.

## DECLARATION

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## **ACRONYMS**

AMI	Agricultural Mechanization and Irrigation Engineering		
MWE	Ministry of Water and Environment		
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industries and Fisheries		
UN	United Nations		
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals		
ASABE	American Society of Agricultural and Bio systems Engineers		
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization		
NIR	Net Irrigation Requirement		
GIR	Gross Irrigation Requirement		
NPV	Net Present Value		
BCR	Benefit Cost Ratio		
CWR	Crop Water Requirement		
ETo	Reference Evapotranspiration		

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#### **CHAPTER ONE**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter briefly gives the general information relevant to the design topic whilst clearly showing the problem of interest for the design. It as well shows how this study helps to reduce the problem through the fulfillment of several objectives and activities listed therein.

#### 1.1 Background

Irrigation refers to the process of providing controlled amounts of water to a specific land area to aid in the growth of lawns, landscaping plants, and crops. Irrigation has attained increasing importance over the world because of the growing demand for food by a rapidly growing world population.

According to projections made by the United Nations in 2013, the world's population currently at 7.2 billion, will reach 9.7 billion by 2050, rising at a rate of roughly 1.14% annually. Africa's population, currently estimated at 1.1 billion, is expected to reach roughly 2.1 billion by 2050. The population of Uganda is predicted to be about 45 million, growing at an average annual rate of 3%. (Wanyama et al., 2017). Correspondingly, pressures on earth's finite natural resources, of which arable land is one, are rising in tandem with this growing human population

The majority of the world's agriculture is rain-fed, and as a result, climate change and variability, manifest as unpredictable rainfall patterns and extended dry spells. (Gitz et al., 2016). currently, Irrigation agriculture accounts for 20% of all agricultural land worldwide and generates only 40% of global food production(Transformation & Irrigation, 2017). By allowing for greater crop diversification and production intensification, irrigated agriculture is typically twice as productive per unit of land as rain fed agriculture. (Documented et al., 2022).

The total area in Uganda that is equipped for irrigation expanded from 4,000 hectares in 1971 to 11,000 hectares in 2020, expanding at an average annual rate of 2.40%.(Guanabara et al., n.d.) Despite prior attempts by the Government of Uganda (GoU) to promote irrigation through several supportive programs like the Ugift micro-scale irrigation program, and BADEA, among others, less than 1% of agricultural families in Uganda employ irrigation.(Wanyama et al., 2017).

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