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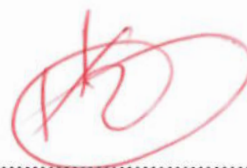
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- FAWEU.....Forum for African Women Educationalists Uganda chapter
- GIZ.....German Agency for International Cooperation
- NVL.....Nicko Ventures Limited
- BSA.....Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
- NCD/IBNewcastle Disease/ Infectious Bronchitis

ABSTRACT

Community and farm practice (BSA2209) is one of the course units (modules) done by BSA two students immediately after their second semester examinations in partial fulfilment for the award of degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture of Busitema University. It requires one to undertake and complete nine weeks of community attachment in a reputable agricultural related institution with community development and extension programs.

This report contains information of activities I carried out in NVL from 28/02/2022 to 27/04/2022. During the community and farm practice I actively participated in the following activities both in animal and crop; draining water from the fish pond, grading fish, feeding fish and chicks, vaccination of the birds, candling eggs, farm visits, welcoming and attending to farmers who to visit, brooding chicks, preparation of nursery beds, raising shades for the nursery beds, washing drinkers and feeders, preparation of the brooder to receive chicks and selling of the chicks.

This community and farm practice enabled me to gain the following skills; Gained knowledge on fish pond management i.e draining water and grading fish, Learnt various ways of administering vaccines, Learnt how to care for the chicks in the brooder and preparing brooder to receive the chicks, Gained skills on nursery bed management, My public speech skills were improved since it involved talking with farmers, Gained skills on marketing of agricultural products, Learnt how incubator works and also how to use egg candling machine. Although I gained I faced the following challenges; Power fluctuation affected the viability of eggs when it was off for the whole week, The office is small yet all the departments share the the same office and company was in economic recovery from lock down.

The company should develop the spirit of saving so that it's not much affected by the pandemics, Proper planning and budgeting so that money for emergencies like powercut off can be catered for since the generator is available and the problem is only fuel, build different offices for different departments, create website for advertising and marketing of products and services products.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Farm and community practice is one of the course modules undertaken by all BSA two students immediately after their second semester and it requires the student/the learner to take and complete eight (8) weeks of community attachment in a reputable agriculture related institution with community development and extension programs but for my case it went up to nine weeks. Its purpose is to expose the student to how the community approach for development works, to give student opportunity to investigate community problems and suggest possible solutions, to allow the student to learn and demonstrate certain agricultural skills from the community and to provide technical advice to the farmers.

As for my case i carried out my farm and community practice at Nicko Ventures Limited, Email; nickoventures@yahoo.com which is located on plot 61 Madera ward sch Rd next to PAG church Otucopi Soroti city 250m a way from Soroti-Moroto High way and was established in the year 2016. It's a sole proprietorship company owned by Eyomu Nicholas

1.1 Products and services

NVL provides the following products and services; egg hatching, fingerlings, chicken, chicks, quails birds, guinea fowls, pigs, ducks

Training farmers on various agricultural skills like fish farming, poultry, piggery etc.

Developing new technological Agricultural Equipment i.e. Hatchery.

Promoting partnerships with other agricultural development agencies in carrying out research, innovation, consultation and advisory services.

Lending agricultural credits to farmers to boost their activities