



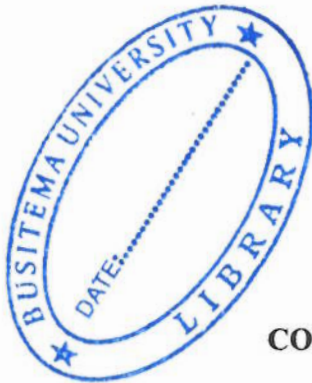
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**A REPORT ON SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS ATTAINED DURING MY FARM
AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE AT FORT PORTAL CITY COUNCIL**



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DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to my mother Miss. Atwijukire Justine who has supported me not only academically but also in all aspects of life and are still supporting me up now when am at the university. I also dedicate it to the agricultural officer of Fort Portal City Council Mr. Mugabe James for the good heart and teaching he rendered me.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

GRFG – Gweri Revolutionary Farmers Group

OWC – Operation Wealth Creation

GOU – Government of Uganda



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ABSTRACT

Farm and community practice introduces the student to community practices and community training. It exposes the student to the community in which he/she learns from it and the community learns from the student. Therefore my objective during this attachment was;

- To explain how the community approach for development works
- To investigate community problems and suggest possible solutions
- To provide technical advice to community farms and farmers
- To learn certain agricultural skills from the community

This attachment covered the whole of Fort Portal City

During my attachment I had enough interaction with famers during both meetings and field works. They conspicuously aired their challenges and I vehemently always gave my advice and alternatives.

Throughout my attachment I discovered there is a quite a similarity between what we are taught in class and what we encounter in the community but there are slight differences especially when you are dealing with informal people the widely known conventional means of teaching don't apply on every community. Communities have different cultures and their own way of doing things, so you have to make sure you blend yourself with community ways that is the through the way of communication using their well-known language, using local materials in training and being patient.

One of the challenges during the attachment was that there was a very large area to cover and it was too hectic for a single agricultural officer to cover all farmers so, in some instances some farmers would be left and I would highly recommend they increase enumeration under the agriculture section.

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CHAPTER ONE:



1.1 INTRODUCTION

Fort Portal City Council is a government entity under the Ministry of Local Government. It serves as the political and administrative head of Fort Portal City.

1.2 BACKGROUND

Fort Portal City Council is located in Booma just 300m off the Fort Portal – Kampala road. Previously it served as Fort Portal City Municipal Council before Fort Portal was upgraded to city status.

Fort Portal City Council was established on the 1st July, 2020 under The Constitution of Uganda Article 179(a) (GOU, 1995) and Local Governments Act CAP.243 (GOU, 1997) which mandate parliament to create cities through alteration of boundaries of existing districts. So, on 20th May 2019 Uganda's Cabinet approved the phased creation of 15 cities across the country and Fort Portal was one of them. Previously it was known as Fort Portal City Municipal Council was established in 1976. Fort Portal City Municipal Council was the main town for the then Kabarole district.

Fort Portal City Council falls within the public sector under the Ministry of Local Government. Like any other city that was created around the country Fort Portal City was envisaged to have the following impacts/mandate:

- Economic development: providing a platform for entrepreneurship, technological innovation and other economic activities to thrive.
- Job creation: to increase job creation beyond the central especially Kampala.
- Increase incomes: with the increasing concentration of productive economic activities in the city, wages will be higher and poverty rate lower to.
- Infrastructure development: to facilitate the development of infrastructure in terms of energy, communication, transportation, education and information.
- Attract investment both local and foreign for physical planning, infrastructure development, solid waste management, ICT, agriculture etc.