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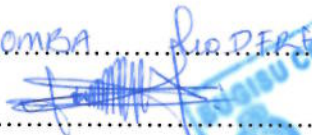
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- BCU Bugisu Co-operative Union
- BOD Board of Directors
- BUAC Busitema University Arapai Campus
- CAN Calcium Ammonium Nitrate
- DAP Di Ammonium Phosphate
- Ft Feet
- Gm Grams
- HON Honorable
- HR Human Resource
- IT Industrial Training
- M Meters
- Mr Mister
- Mrs Miss
- SSP Single Super Phosphate
- UCDA Uganda Coffee Development Authority



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ABSTRACT

Industrial training is a course module that is conducted from either within or outside the University with the intension of imparting practical or hands on skills to the students. For my case I conducted my IT from BCU Ltd located on plot 46 Pallisa road Industrial area, Mbale district for ten weeks from 20th May to 26th July 2019. The key objective of this training is to enable us we students apply the theory learnt at the University and put it into practice, get more knowledge in the field so as to know how to work with the community and the challenges they are facing outside. When I was in the field for my training I carried out a lot activities specifically on coffee production and they were nursery bed preparation, nursery bed management practices such as shading, watering, gap filling and spraying, pot filling, potting, transplanting, hole making, planting, weeding fertilizer application, mulching, training, pruning, pest and disease identification, harvesting, coffee processing, quality analysis, buying of coffee, value addition for example roasting, grinding, weighing, packaging , sealing and marketing of coffee and its products. During the period of IT, I gained a lot of skills in both pre and post-harvest handling of coffee. Despite of the activities and skills gained in the field, I faced some challenges such as off season since serious harvesting of coffee had not started and hence limiting me from some activities. Inadequate materials to be used in the field, processing and value addition section and also a challenge un favorable weather conditions such as heavy rain fall and too much sunshine that made me miss out some important information. However, these challenges can be over came by the Union preserving some coffee by storing it in silos for study purposes by IT students, purchasing of more materials to be used by internees in the field and having another form of power such as a generator other than relying only on electricity which is never stable. Conclusively the training was successfully done due to the co-operation and the maximum efforts maintained between Internees, field supervisors and the rest of the staff of BCU.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION.

During my industrial training, I was attached at Bugisu Co-operative union limited located on plot 46 Pallisa road industrial area Mbale district which was formed to grow, buy, process and market high quality Arabica coffee. I was welcomed very well by the staff of BCU which made me feel at home and in so doing, this made me develop a lot of moral which boosted me to carry out my activities and finish them in time.

1.1 Objectives of industrial training

- ✓ To acquire knowledge and skill in agriculture most especially in coffee growing and the various post-harvest technologies.
- ✓ To identify the pests, diseases, and the major losses that occur in coffee production.
- ✓ To interact with the communities and provide information about the major constraints affecting coffee farming.

1.2 Historical background of BCU

BCU limited was formed in 1954, by the members of four local unions who felt the need to form one big central union. Consequently, one union was founded and registered as Bugisu Co-operative union limited in July 1954. Shortly after wards, a new Bugisu coffee ordinance was enacted in 1955 providing for BCU Ltd to take over all the marketing functions from the Bugisu coffee scheme as well as the schemes assets except the reserve funds, which were still held by the Bugisu coffee board.

1.3 Vision

TO produce high quality coffee for socio-economic development of Bugisu and Uganda at large.

1.4 Mission

BCU Ltd was formed to grow, buy, process and market high quality standard Arabica coffee mutual benefits to both farmers and consumers.

1.5 Objectives of BCU

- ✓ To encourage better farming particularly through improved methods of agriculture and land utilization.
- ✓ To engage in the co-operative processing and marketing of agriculture produce of farmers.
- ✓ To obtain on behalf of members agricultural and building requirements.