



EASTERN & SOUTHERN AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACEII)

African Centre for Agroecology & Livelihood Systems (ACALISE)

UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY Progress Report for Jan-May 2021

For TAM, 7-11 June 2021



BACKGROUND TO ACALISE

Development Problem

- Low agricultural production & productivity
- Unhealthy r/p with nature
- Population growth rate vs economic growth
- Decadent moral fibre



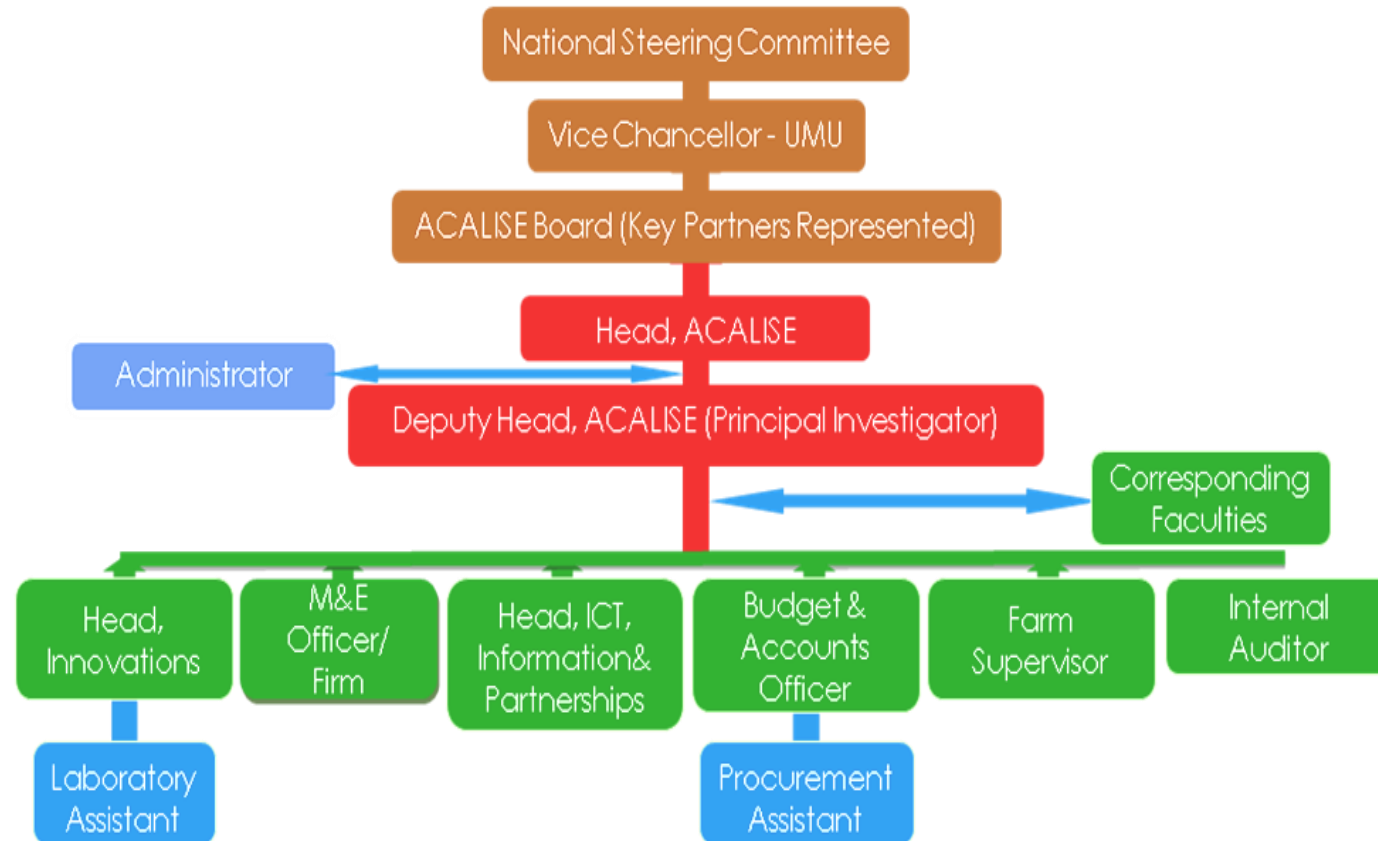
Mission of ACALISE

To enhance agroecology and livelihood systems through Training, Research, and Community Outreach, to contribute to the transformation of the agricultural sector and sustainable livelihoods in the region





ACE Management



Main Achievements and Highlights in the Last 5 Months

- Recognized for research and training in Black Soldier Fly Larvae as an alternative source of protein in Animal feed
- Hosted the Executive Director of the Private Sector Foundation of Uganda in recognition of our contribution to capacity development and economic development among the youth in Uganda – 21 May 2021
- Restocking with new breeds of cattle(Sahiwals and short horn Zebu) and poultry (Kroiler, Black Ruster, Nyoro indigenous) for learning, research and commercialization
- Successfully switched lectures from face to face to online teaching platforms
- Succesfully conducting the second virtual graduation ceremony on 21 May 2021
- Approval by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology for the opening of up a radio in collaboration with GoU to enhance training and research dissemination in the COVID 19 situation





Host University features

- Private, not-for-profit University
- Student population of 5,300
- A community University with robust outreach
- Host to UN Regional Centre of Expertise for ESD
- E. African pioneer in Organic Farming and Postgraduate courses in Agroecology
- Among the 5 most highly reputed Universities in Uganda
- 3 Schools, 1 Institute, 6 Faculties
- Managed by a team of seven, assisted by Directors, Deans, and Heads of Department. Management team report to the Governing Council and Senate



New and/or Revised ACE Ph.D., Master Courses to be developed

- BSFL Training (short course in breeding Black Soldier Fly Larvae being worked on)
- MBA Entrepreneurship for Impact (new international course being worked on with the Catholic University of Milan)
- MSC Agroecology (being revised for international accreditation)
- PhD Agroecology&Food Systems (being revised for international accreditation)



ACE Targets & Results Achieved for YEAR 2020/21 (you can use figures and charts to illustrate progress of selected results)

Indicator	Value	Year # target	July-Dec 2020	Jan-May 2021
Regional students enrolled in ACEs	Masters (Total)	30	2	0
	Masters (Female)	10	0	0
	PhD (Total)	7	0	0
	PhD (Female)	4	0	0
	Short-term courses (Total)	60	22	0
	Short-term courses (Female)			0
Total students (regional and national) enrolled in ACEs	Masters (Total)	100	103	0
	Masters (Female)	30	22	0
	PhD (Total)	11	0	0
	PhD (Female)	5	0	0
	Short-term courses (Total)	80	48	0
	Short-term courses (Female)	25	20	0

NB: At UMU we have one students' intake at the beginning of the academic year/Semester 1.

ACE Targets & Results Achieved for YEAR 2020/21

Indicator	Value	Year # target	July-Dec 2021	Jan-May 2021
MOUs on partnerships for	Total	3	0	1
Accredited education programs offered by the ACEs	Total	8	1	0
	Masters (National accreditation)	1	0	0
	Masters (Regional accreditation)	2	0	0
	Masters (International accreditation)	2	0	0
	PhD (National accreditation)	1	1	0
	PhD (Regional accreditation)	1	0	0
	PhD (International accreditation)	1	0	0
Direct Project beneficiaries	Total	206	160	74
	Female	60	44	26

ACE Targets & Results Achieved for YEAR 2020/21

Indicator	Value	Year # target	July-Dec 2020	Jan-May2021
Faculty and PhD students exchanges to promote research and teaching	Total	15	9	74
	Female	5	2	26
Amount of externally generated revenue by the ACEs	USD	100,000	52,335	62,000
Internationally recognized research publications in disciplines supported by the ACE Program and with regional coauthors	Total	20	11	25
	No. co-authored with regional collaborators	7	2	2
No. of institutions hosting ACEs participating in the PASET benchmarking exercise	Total	1	No PASET call	1

PROCUREMENT PROGRESS

Items procured (Works, goods, and consultancies)	Current Status
Multipurpose Tractor	Purchase completed
Implements of the multipurpose Tractor	All implements delivered
Hostel purchase	Purchase done but yet to complete civil works and furnish
Soil Lab equipment	70 % of equipment delivered
Visiting Professors (Mentoring PhD students)	Appointed and remunerated

Reporting and Compliances-Status of:

- Annual Work Plan status: **currently still working on the AWP for 2021/2022**
- Interim Financial Report status: **timely submission**
- Annual audit report status: **timely submission of reports**
- Procurement plan/progress/audit: **timely submission of report**
- Social & Environmental safeguards and compliance: **report submitted**

Challenges and/or Reflections

1. Verification challenge: Many students and staff on exchange filled the verification form but the form could not be accept submission
2. Limited cashflow thereby affecting some activities
3. Effect of COVID 19 restrictions on:
 - regional activities esp. exchanges
 - Research activities
 - Timely completion of teaching and learning

PARTNERSHIPS

