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Hiring Manager
CIFOR-ICRAF Uganda

Dear Hiring Manager,

RE: Application for Research Assistant - Agroforestry Scaling

I am excited to apply for the position of Research Assistant - Agroforestry Scaling under the Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development (IFPA-CD) Project. With a BSc in Forestry (First Class) from Makerere University and currently pursuing a Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics (Third Best in Africa for three semesters), I bring a strong background in agroforestry, research, and extension services that align with the project's objectives.

My experience in data collection, analysis, and extension services is extensive. I worked with CIFOR-ICRAF's related initiatives such as the EURECCCA Project and SURE-WET Project, where I conducted research, engaged with stakeholders, and contributed to impact assessments. Additionally, my role in the World Bank e-Voucher Program under MAAIF equipped me with skills in farmer engagement and agricultural extension.

I have a strong command of GIS (QGIS), R, STATA, SPSS, and digital data collection tools which are essential for monitoring agroforestry adoption and assessing impacts. My ability to train and interact with smallholder farmers was demonstrated in my roles at Besepo Company Limited and Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited, where I provided technical training on tree management and nursery operations. Beyond research, I have honed my communication and leadership skills, including preparing training materials, facilitating workshops, and leading teams in field activities. My experience in nursery management and pole treatment at Nabyeya Forestry College and Uganda Electricity Distribution Company further strengthens my ability to support agroforestry interventions in refugee-hosting communities.

I am eager to contribute my expertise in agroforestry scaling, data analysis, and field extension to ensure the success of this project. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with your needs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Ronald Ssembatya