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**ASSESSMENT OF DETERMINANTS OF SMALL SCALE FARMER PARTICIPATION  
IN TOMATO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IN KISOKO SUB COUNTY,  
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## **LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

MAAIF: Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

NAADS: National Agriculture Advisory Services

YOP: Youth Opportunities Program

NUSAF: Northern Uganda Social Action Fund

IFPRI : International Food Policy Research Institute

AVRDC : Asian Vegetable Research and Development Centre

SACCOs: Savings and Credit Co-operatives

SPSS: Statistical Package for Social Science

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## ABSTRACT

This study sought to establish the assessment of determinants of small scale farmer participation in tomato production and marketing in Kisoko sub county, Tororo district Uganda. It was guided by the following objectives: To assess the influence of productivity, socio-economic and institutional factors on assessment of determinants of small scale farmer participation in tomato production and marketing in Kisoko sub county. The purpose of the study is therefore to assess and document the most important socio-economic and institutional factors that influence tomato production, and marketing in Kisoko Sub County. In addition to this, it would commit the government to fulfilling its national obligations in development of the youth in relation to the National development plan, the Uganda constitution and Vision 2040. This study employed a descriptive survey design, as it is focused on collecting data to explore, find out and explain the assessment of determinants of small scale farmer participation in tomato production and marketing in Kisoko sub county. The sample size of this study was 50 respondents. Primary data was collected by administering a semi-structured questionnaire. Descriptive and inferential statistics were used to analyse the quantitative data. The study found that economic factors such as inadequate land limited small scale farmer participation in tomato production and marketing in Kisoko Sub County. Further, majority of the youth indicated that they participated in production due to drop out of school. Access to credit had minimal effects on youth participation. The study recommends that the local government should assist in creating ready markets and facilitating linkages to other markets, for agricultural produce, this will encourage the small scale farmers to participate in farming activities since they are assured of making sales and increasing their profits which will contribute to employment, improved income

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