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INFORMATION ABOUT ACOKE GRAIN MILL;  
ANSWERS;  
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Current crops grown and the quantity 1. crop quantity in kilograms per arches, per year in Lira district only

maize 900

millet 500

sorghum 500

soyabean 650

cotton 450

sunflower 480

simsim 280

G/nuts 500

cassava 8,000

sweet potatoes 4,000

maize is one of the crops which production is decreasing due to lack of processing factory in the northern region yet greater percentage can only produce high quantity of maize since the fertility of this land only favour maize, soya, sunflower, rice more than any other crops only.

2. Water availability [current and potential]

the greater percentage of this population still suffer from lack of clean water but where we intend to put this factory its about 1.km a way from the site.

3. Current storage facilities is not available and there is no any infrastructure of such kind of mill.

4. The local market are the boarding schools, baby's homes, local market, local hotels, surrounding district like Kotido, Gulu, Soroti, West Nile and NGO's buying for the displaced persons and more so Lira Town is the commercial centre of northern Uganda since many route are passing via Lira town eg to Kotido, Gulu, Pader, West Nile, Eastern Uganda..

5. the population of Lira district is about 751,129 with a distribution of 380,127 female and 370,002 male.

6. The government of Uganda has initiated the Plan for modernization of Agriculture to support farmers in the productions of food crops like maize, sunflower, soya, rice etc since these crops do well without expensive mechanism like irrigation, fertilizers, which is in favour of small scale farmers and now Lira is piloting 5 programmes eg PMA, NAADS, NARO, ARDC. ETC

the government is also creating better trade relationship with other surrounding countries like southern sudan,western Kenya,eastern congo etc.more from [www.udg.or.ug/dip/lira](http://www.udg.or.ug/dip/lira)[google.search lira district and its population,uganda.]

7. The potential new market,since over 90% of the population,like school,towns,barracks,hotels feeds on these crops then it has market here,dry area like karamoja also demand grain from lira,southern sudan can now be accessed,COMESA which is a business organization initiated by over 10 African countries to promote market.

8.The grain growing capacity has been the best by growing 1000kgs per acres but due to lack of processing capacity and war it has decreased,annual rainfall is between 1,200 to 2000mm in april to October,savannah vegetation with tropical trees and elephant grasses .the land is also flat with 7251sk.km dry land then 1100 wet land. Suitable for large scale mechanized agriculture.

9.The population of lira is still suffering from electricity shortage .e.c only 5%gets power in the district,but where we have the site it is at a distance of 4kms away from the power.

10.we do not have any fertilizers to support farmers at the moment but it is in the plan of acoke to search it's where about.

11.Currently we have got already 3arces piece of land to start the work but we plan to acquire more when required.

12.Security is not very bad where the land is located and its near town.

13.This will be a commercial mill to be own by the organization call Acoke Rural Development Initiatives registered to operate in lira district currently.it will be run by the qualified people employed by Acoke. While the management will be in the qualified facilitators of Acoke in other words the board members will manage it for a better achievement to what we intend to achieve in future.

#### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REGARDING GRAIN MILL PROJECT FOR ANAI-ACOKE;

1.The grain milling factory is estimated to be processing over 2000metric tones of maize,then other grain will be over 200mt per year since Uganda has got only two grain milling factory which are even small scale while northern Uganda is completely without yet lira district is located in

a commercial centre of northern Uganda.

2. The site we have is located in Orlando trading centre in Anai village. but adjustment can be made when found to be in competent.

3. the capacity of the mill is to be estimated by a Engineer with its approximate cost because we do not hve any design plan by such experts..

4. The electricity is 4kms away from the site to be installed while generator would be necessary for emergency.

5. The facility and land is the property of Acoke therefore this organization will own it and take full control over it.

6. Acoke Rural Development initiatives registered in lira will manage these facility to be operated by qualified staff employed acoke organization.

7. We do not have any trained or experienced personnel for the grain mill as per now.

8. the organization is required to plan for all infrastructures regarding the mill during this planning process.

9. there is no ready access to water hence it must be in the plan.

10. the security required for the grain mill are technical machines like detectors, computer, arminations, guards, etc ..and acoke can only provide the manual part of it which means assistance is also needed.