## AN UPDATE ON MY STUDIES

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Hi Bente, istep-up Foundation, and our dedicated donors.

Let me start by recognizing your effort, dedication and tireless commitment in ensuring that we achieve our dreams as student, and I hope for continuity in this endeavor.

Getting a support from a responsible organization like istep-up Foundation, has been a blessing on my side since last year up till now, I never thought I was having a realistic dream until I secured sponsorship from istep-up Foundation since last year before I can see the reality in my dream I had before. I am pleased with istep-up Foundation for creating this enable environment for me to achieve my dream. Responding to my enquiries, questions have been very fruitful by this responsible organization. Paying of my fees have been always very prompt through the effort of my hard working treasurer (Nick), I say a very big thanks to you.

I am happy to inform you that I am now a second year student in the study of Higher Diploma in Clinical Medicine at School of Clinical and Health Science in Njala University Kowama Campus Bo in Sierra Leone with a clear outstanding performance. The study have been good for me because I don't have much to worry about as who will pay my fees, as that is one of the most worry for student who are pursuing studies in developing countries, because they are always asked out of class for fees. I am fortunate with istep-up Foundation on my side that I am not part of that worry anymore, so I have more courage to focus on my study.

Lectures have been going on normal for this academic year also, although there are some little challenges like getting some learning materials, poor electricity facilities for studies at night, transportation difficulties when we are posted to different health facilities on practical within the country. I am currently writing to my first semester exam in second year, and after that I will be going on posting to the health facility where I have been posted for one month starting from  $20^{\text{th}}$  February to  $19^{\text{th}}$  March 2023.

Once more, I am very pleased with the service of istep-up Foundation, I would have send my result, but unfortunately, our university doesn't give out individual yearly result, they can only publish the result on the notice board for student to see. You can only get a hard copy of your result after the completion of your program.

Thank your for your service.

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