

I am Amara Musa from Sierra Leone, a final year student pursuing a Higher Diploma in Clinical Medicine at Njala University Bo Campus in Sierra Leone.

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It had been a long time dream for me to study clinical medicine, but my difficulties have always been how to get the finance, so I was so pleased to have iSTEP up Foundation by my side through the recommendation of my Buddy (Dr. Heelen) for which I appreciate her also for that.

iSTEP up Foundation have been very timely in term of payment of fees and also response to questions especially our student managers and our able treasurer (Nick), thank you for your quick financial respond.

The studies have been very hectic in term of studies materials, electricity, transportation and even accommodation because I left the rural to the city, but with all the challenges, I thank God, I was able to overcome them.

My academic performance have been outstanding irrespective of my challenges.

I am now in final year of my programme and I have just sat to the first exams in final year class, this exams will qualify me to sit to another 3 more exams before I can graduate. This is the only exams in our studies that you are not allow to even have a single reference and the exams is called "Primaries".

After the exams I will be going on posting at one of the regional hospital for 3 months on internship which is also going to be a challenge to me because of transportation, feeding and accommodation, until after this posting, and having

pass my primaries exams, then I can now sit to my 3 other exams, vival, comprehensive and OSP and I will now be asked to write my dissertation.

After all these exercise, I will expect results in December 2024 and graduation in January – February 2025.

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