

## **Student Update Sylvia Kaipa April 2025**

Dear iSTEPup Team,

### **MY SECOND YEAR JOURNEY**

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support you have provided me throughout my nursing education journey.

In April 2024, I commenced my second year, which included a six-week theory component covering Community Health Nursing II and Medical Surgical Nursing II. Subsequently, I was allocated to Mwanza District Hospital for three months, where I gained practical experience in various departments, including the medical surgical ward, Anti-Retroviral Clinic, Under-five Children Clinic, and Sexually Transmitted Clinic. Upon completing my clinical rotation, I returned to school and successfully passed my end-of-semester examinations.

In the second semester, we conducted a community diagnosis project at Chaoneka village in Thyolo, identifying the need for access to clean water. Through fundraising efforts, including mobile clinics offering blood pressure checks and weighing services, we constructed a protected well, improving the community's access to safe drinking water.

Furthermore, I gained valuable practical experience at Limbe Health Center, providing family planning counseling and services, including long and short-term options. My allocation to Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital's Gynecology ward and Major Theatre enabled me to learn about various gynecological conditions and develop my surgical skills as a scrub nurse and circulating nurse.

Our semester two results are not yet out but I'm sure by third week of April the results will be out and I promise to send the results as soon as they out.

I attribute my smooth educational journey to your continued support. Your contributions have alleviated stress and allowed me to focus on my studies. I pray that the good Lord blesses iSTEPup and its team for their tireless efforts in supporting students like me. Thank you for your kindness and dedication.

Attached are photos of me during school and allocation activities.

