

Graduation Update Momoh Jawara, Nursing student in Malawi

To iSTEPup,

Looking back, the last semester was one of the most difficult periods of my academic journey. Balancing intense coursework, practical, and the pressure of preparing for the national/state board exams was incredibly demanding. On top of that, financial hardship often cast a dark cloud over my dreams. There were times I nearly gave up, unsure whether I could continue my studies.

But then your organization stepped in and changed everything. Your timely support with my college fees was not just financial assistance it was a beacon of hope. Your generosity gave me the chance to keep going, to fight for my dreams, and to aim for excellence without fear of being held back by circumstance.

Motivated by your belief in me, I committed myself fully to my studies. I spent long days and late nights studying, revising, and working hard not just for myself, but also in honor of the faith you placed in me.

I am proud to say that your investment has yielded great results. **I emerged as the best nursing student in the entire country, earning a distinction in the national/state board examination, a highly competitive exam taken by students across various nursing institutions in the country. The result, which I have shared in the pictures attached, is a testament to what can be achieved when determination meets opportunity.**

Even more humbling, I am now serving as an Assistant Lecturer at the same Tonkolili District College of Health Sciences, Masanga, where I once sat as a student. The knowledge I gained here, empowered by your support, is now being passed on to others. Some of the photos attached show me during the exam period, others show me currently teaching our future nurses, while some capture the lively and vibrant spirit of our students around the campus.

Dear ISTEPUP, this achievement is not mine alone it is a shared victory. You believed in me when it mattered most. You helped shape not just a student, but a professional who is now teaching and serving others in return.

From the depths of my heart, I thank you. I pray that God blesses you abundantly for the lives you continue to touch. I pledge to keep carrying the light you lit in me to serve with compassion, teach with patience, and nurse with dignity.

Thank you once again.





