The dream of becoming a medical doctor is slowly becoming an achievable dream with the help of the ISTEPup scholarship.

After I was awarded the scholarship to pursue medicine. I starting with a Bachelor of science in Clinical Sciences. The plan is to continue after this with the proper medicine studies.

On the 9th of December 2023, I started attending lectures at Njala University, Bo campus. Where lectures are commenced on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and sometimes Sundays, while Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays are set aside for Hospital Rotations to build our clinical skills.

Lectures have been going on smooth with a lot of presentations and assignments. On campus, I was able to meet with old friends from my initial programme, make new friends and interact with new lecturers who are serving as District Medical officers or Medical Superintendent in different district or referral hospitals.

On the 23rd February 2024, I wrote to the last paper of the first semester exams, having to write eleven papers to complete the first semester. It ended successfully after sleepless nights with colleagues.

On the 26th February 2024 after spending weekend with mama and papa in Kambia District on my return trip I was involved in a Road Traffic Accident in which I was hospitalized for days due to deep lacerations and bruises. Alhamdulillah, I'm coping from the horrible accident, though my motorbike got broken from the accident, which is a serious concern for me when lectures resume.

I will update the ISTEPup scholarship as soon as my results is published.

Thanks, ISTEPup, for the scholarship.

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