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Dear Sir,

### APPRECIATION FOR THE ISTEPUP SUPPORT

I would like to appreciate for the IstepUP support during my Diploma Tertiary Education.

I am Leonard Kamwendo a student at St. Luke College of health Sciences. I would like to let you know that I have finished the level of Diploma in Nursing and midwifery.

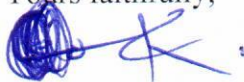
Honestly, the journey wasn't easy till your support came in. during my last year of the programme I learnt more about midwifery. I really enjoyed the year as it was first to work in labour ward and help women to deliver babies. On April 2023 we enrolled our second semester of third year which was also a last semester at college. This semester wasn't easy as we learn more about high risk midwifery. We were supposed to recognize pregnant women with minor problems which can led to complications during their delivery, interventions we can do to avoid complication during delivery e.g. When to refer pregnant women in theatre for possible caesarian section. I put much effort on practical site than theory time in order to learn more. We had our last semester examination on July 2023 and luckily I passed the examinations which was released on September, 2023. That marks the end of our third year which was also the final year at college. Our class waited some months for graduation day ceremony. Then college management scheduled 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 as the date of our graduation and indeed I graduated in the year 2024 on 05<sup>th</sup> April.

I wrote Malawi Nurses council Licensure examination on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Luckily, I worked hard and manage to pass the examination and now am a new qualified nurse and midwife in Malawi waiting for vacancies to be employed.

Special thanks to Gea (my Buddy) and Wandy for much guidance and counselling. Once again, I and my family we are saying thank you so much for your support.

On behalf of other needy students let me request Istepup team and management to keep supporting all needy students all over the world. We are nothing without your support.

Yours faithfully,



LEONARD KAMWENDO