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My name is Susanna Awinson Anovunga, a third-year biochemistry Student of the University for Development Studies (UDS), Navrongo campus -- CK-Tedam University of Technology and Applied Sciences (CK-T UTAS) located in the Upper East region of Ghana.

My tertiary education has been taken care of by EPI from my first year in the University. And truth be told, funding for school would otherwise have been impossible. Having lost my father and my mother just a seamstress, my siblings and I were in danger of missing out on the many advantages and opportunities brought about by education. However, EPI gave me the chance to pursue my education in the University and build myself up in many other ways.

Apart from the financial support from EPI Scholarship, we are also taken through training on various topics like leadership and personal development, entrepreneurship just to mention a few so that we can take up opportunities, offer services and gain a source of livelihood from, preparing oneself for the corporate world among others. As a beneficiary of the scholarship, I am also privileged to be taken through counselling sessions and given support in courses that I face problems in so that I can perform well in our academics.

The previous academic year was a very challenging one for everyone and especially for students due to the Covid 19 pandemic. However, we had periodic checkups from EPI, and we were encouraged to keep calm, help in educating our societies on Covid and keep doing our best as students and citizens of the country Ghana. Though faced with anxieties, the year also gave us an opportunity to learn outside the classroom, got other experiences, learn how to cope with the uncertainties of life and also allowed us to give ourselves up for service to our communities during the intense panic periods. Some activities I personally undertook during the period were sensitization of people on the pandemic and helping the younger ones to keep up their school lessons since they were all home.

I love Biochemistry. And I especially love the possibility of helping in research of various health conditions particularly in the area of genomics. My career ambition is to do health research and help bring better understanding and enlightenment to people on genetic issues and disorders.

As a beneficiary of EPI and seeing how EPI has enabled me to pursue my tertiary education, I am also drawn and will be an advocate of giving back to society and helping the underprivileged to also be able to develop their potentials and become assets to society. Educational Pathways International (EPI) is truly an organization that has people at heart and helps to bring the best out of them.