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Abdul-Jalilu Haruna is my name. I read Bachelor of Pharmacy in the University of Ghana (Legon). For the first few months of my stay in the school of pharmacy, I only probably was there because Pharmacy had been prescribed for me by my parents and guardians and I had read that it was a great programme with good job prospects since almost everything in school hinges on these in my society. I had only less than three transient interactions with a pharmacist then so my entire decision to read the programme was based on the literature I read, and the advice offered by others. However, when I got on the Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship and had to fulfill the mandatory internship policy coupled with one-on-one

interactions I have had with our Program Director, I began to appreciate and realized what I truly signed up for. I was privileged to intern with a total of 6 companies in four years and have been mentored by some of the very best in the profession in the country.

I have from my experiences so far decided to go for postgraduate studies as soon as possible and get into clinical practice at the hospital and community pharmacy settings. I also have a long-term plan of going into the supply chain in a bid to make pharmaceuticals available and accessible everywhere in the country especially northern Ghana. I have also already started plans to establish a chemical shop in my home village which I intend to upgrade to a pharmacy as soon as possible as there are less than 4 pharmacies in my entire district, all situated in the district capital. I plan to replicate this in many other vantage points of the region and beyond as soon as I have enough financial muscle God willing.

My studies as well as the plans and goals I have now would not have been possible without the financial, social and psychological support from the entire EPI family. It is and will forever remain an honor to be a part of this family.