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I am Dr. Joseph Junior Abrokwaah, and I am a proud distinction (First Class) graduate of the Doctor of Medical Laboratory Science program from the University for Development Studies (UDS), Tamale, Ghana. Hailing from a remote farming community in the Eastern Region of Ghana, my academic journey has been both challenging and rewarding, and it has been greatly shaped by the support and mentorship I received through Educational Pathways International (EPI).

Since joining the EPI scholarship programme, my life has been transformed in many meaningful ways. Beyond the financial assistance that paid for my six years' university education and enabled me to focus on my studies, EPI provided

mentorship and personal growth opportunities that have molded my character and broadened my perspective about service and responsibility. Through various mentorship sessions and interactions with other scholars, I developed discipline, confidence, and a strong sense of purpose. When my career dreams seemed dimmed, EPI revived my hope and encouraged me to dream bigger while reminding me that education is a tool for transforming not only my life but also the lives of deserving Ghanaians.

I chose to study Dr, of Medical Laboratory Science because of my passion for understanding diseases at the molecular and cellular levels and contributing to scientific discoveries that improve healthcare. Medical laboratory professionals play a critical role in diagnosing diseases, monitoring treatments, and supporting biomedical research that advances medicine. My curiosity about how diseases develop and how scientific research can lead to better diagnostics, treatments, and the general health of my community, Ghanaians and Africans, motivated me to pursue this programme.

My career goal is to build a strong career in biomedical research, where I can contribute to the discovery of new knowledge about infectious and non-communicable diseases that

affect populations in Ghana and across Africa. Currently, I'm working with the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research for my one-year mandatory National Service, where I am being trained and mentored in the field of biomedical research. In the long term, I hope to contribute to scientific knowledge and advancements in health, and the fight against disease, especially Malaria, Ebola, HIV-AIDS, and Cancer.

I am deeply grateful to EPI and its associates for believing in my potential and investing in my academic journey. The mentorship, financial support, and opportunities I received through EPI have played a significant role in shaping who I am today. I sincerely appreciate EPI's commitment to empowering African students and transforming lives through education.