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Hello, my name is **Amna Zandy**, the oldest of three siblings and we live in Kibera (Kenya). I am fond of delicious foods and desserts as my mom is a great cook! I also enjoy reading, meeting new friends, serving in my community, and swimming.

I attended Nairobi Primary School from grade 1 through grade 8 before earning my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam with high marks. This offered me the opportunity to attend Moi Girls Secondary School where I was a champion for equality for Muslim students and a member of the Go Green Environmental Club that championed nurturing Mother Earth.

Between it all, I have been an active member of my community. I volunteer as a mentor to young girls at Sunflower Global (Kenya) through their Pathways to Alternative Learning and Education (PALE) program. There I was also able to participate in several online software courses as well as build my interpersonal skills.

This journey has not been easy by any means. The COVID pandemic forced me to miss nearly two years of my education and caused grave financial struggles as my parents lost their jobs as casual workers. I finally got the opportunity to sit for my Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exam in 2021. This qualified me to attend Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) in March 2023 pursuing a diploma in Health Records and Information Technology.

I am truly grateful to We One Action Network (USA) for offering me a one-year full academic scholarship to continue my journey at KMTC! Thank you for believing in me and I won't let you down!

Amna



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Hello, my name is **Abigael Isack** and I am originally from Singida, Tanzania. I am currently living in Nairobi, Kenya to attend Pan Africa Christian University (PACU). I am the fourth born of seven children. I enjoy playing football (soccer), and volleyball, and in my spare time, I enjoy cooking and baking! I am an active member of the PACU Christian Union serving as leader of our praise and worship team! I am also a member of the PACU Mission Team and Life Champion Care Group where I am privileged to evangelize to my fellow students.

I graduated high school from Msungua Secondary located in the village area in Tanzania. I come from humble beginnings and believe that all forms of education allow doors of opportunity to open. The transition from Tanzania to Kenya has been met with many challenges that began with the burden of tuition payments. Over the last few years, especially during the COVID pandemic, I have witnessed many youths headed down a path that has led to substance abuse, depression, transactional sex, youth suicide, and mental instability.

This is what ultimately turned me toward Counseling Psychology as my major and my calling to help my community solve or mitigate this gap. I am currently in the last semester at PACU first pursuing a certificate before I begin at the diploma level. I have a great desire and passion to understand human behavior and other human tendencies that continue to plague our society. My ultimate mission and vision is to study these obstacles and barriers that lead to destructive families and communities.

I am thankful to say that my father continues to support me with what little he has but the weight has been lifted off of him because of the emotional support I receive from PACU and now the financial support from We One Action Network (USA) which I am very appreciative of. Thank you so much!

Abigael



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Hello, my name is **Brown Nyangoto** and I am from the village area of Kisii County in western Kenya. I enjoy playing volleyball, and being part of an officiating team that referees rugby matches! With me hailing from the village area, there is a strong sense of pride that I am representing more than just myself. My dream is to soar beyond my wildest imagination to achieve great heights!

Unfortunately, my most significant hurdle has been a lack of school fees and tuition payments. Being the youngest of three siblings has its benefits and drawbacks. My parents have struggled financially as the cost of inflation has risen as they are casual workers. However, despite those challenges, I still completed my primary school education at Birongo Mixed Academy in Kisii, receiving high marks on the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam (KCPE). This allowed me to continue my education at Kisii Secondary School and earn high marks on the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exam.

My journey has been marked with resiliency and an unwavering commitment to excellence in the classroom and my community. Education is a personal path to achieving my goals and making a lasting impression on my community. I have actively remained a devoted church member, facilitating Bible studies and volunteering with my older brother and best friend whenever needed. I am participating in community cleanups, tree-planting endeavors, and campaigns to raise awareness of the adverse impacts of climate change.

I was excited to learn I was a finalist for this one-year academic scholarship from We One Action Network. I will do my best at Catholic University of East Africa to pursue a diploma in Information Technology. **Thank you for believing in me! God bless you all.**

Brown



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