

**MANIFESTO DELIVERED BY MR. COLLINS DAPAAH ON THE OCCASION OF
MANIFESTO READING ORGANIZED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF
THE MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, UDS - 23RD JUNE, 2023**

THE TIME IS NOW FOR US TO STAND UP, UNITE AND MAKE UDS MSA STRONG AGAIN. OUR WELFARE AND THE WELFARE OF THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON IT. WE MUST FIGHT THE SCOURGE OF TIMIDITY, FEAR AND NEGATIVITY THAT DWINDLES THE PROGRESS OF THE MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ON UDS CAMPUS. THE FUTURE OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS IN OUR HANDS AND ITS PROGRESS WILL BE SECURED WITH GOOD LEADERSHIP.

Mr. Chairman, Dignitaries on the High table, Fellow Aspirants, the UDS MSA family present, all protocols observed, I bring you warm greetings. My name is **COLLINS DAPAAH: a fourth year Medical student in UDS and** I am aspiring to serve in the office of the **HEALTH OFFICER** of this great association. I deem it a great honor and privilege to be before you today and to be given the chance to elaborate my vision and mission and to solicit for your votes in this year's election.

The UDS-MSA over the past years has risen to a reputable state through its activities and contribution towards nation building and therefore needs vibrant, committed and responsible leaders to continue and improve upon its legacies to uplift the association in terms of its impact on the Health needs of its members and the nation at large. After several consultation with authorities and the 'people who know road' I believe I have been well prepared and tested to occupy this position to bring on board my leadership experiences, skills, abilities and connections to move this association forward.

Mr. Chairmen, several standards have been set in UDS MSA which at least need to be maintained. One of such standards is the organization of the HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION. When given

the mandate, I intent to improve upon it by seeking for sponsorships and motivating members to fully participate by bringing on board catchy programs

One of the mandates of UDS MSA and specifically the Health Community is to improve the health of the communities it serves. This mandate however starts with making sure we ourselves are in a healthy state. I bring on board yearly medical examination for MSA members especially the freshers to help identify our health needs for prompt redress. Another project dubbed; ‘Walk for Life’ is in the pipe line. All these projects are meant to ensure MSA members are sound and healthy to carry out its activities.

We shall collaborate with TTH, GHS, Tamale RHD and Metro, Days Foundation and other NGOs to organize outreach programmes, health screening exercises, Blood donation exercise, Radio/TV health programmes among others to help identify the health needs of the people we serve in selected communities for proper action to be taken when the mandate is given me.

‘Until Tamale is clean’ is another project meant to improve the environmental sanitation of the Tamale Township. Sections of Tamale will be selected at a time to help improve their sanitation and we shall continue until Tamale is clean.

Continuity of projects is key in every good association or organization. I will ensure all the good health projects of the previous administration are continued and one I admire so much is the ONE-FOR-ONE project introduced to help renew the health insurance of children in some selected communities in the Northern region. This will go a long way to improve the health status of this children.

Mr. Chairman, I shall not work in isolation but in a team when voted into office. I shall work in collaboration with the President, other executives and committees of MSA, UDS SRC and other

association to fulfill the goals and ambition of this association. I will diligently carryout all my constitutional assigned duties to the admiration of all. Members of the association will also be involved in decision making since the backbone of every strong association depends on protecting the interest of its members using the people-centered approach.

As I end this manifesto, I will like to thank all present for your audience and to iterate that a leadership with **Collins Dapaah** as your **Health Officer** is a leadership for all. It will be a governance of the people, with the people and for the people. Each and every member of the association will be involved and my doors will be widely opened for all critics, advice and corrections. Our voice must be heard as a united front to push forward our agenda and by this, the best of decisions will be reached not only to be build the association, but to impact the health of the entirety of Northern Region and Ghana at large.

Vote **YES** for **COLLINS DAPAAH** and you will never regret it.

LONG LIVE UDS MSA, LONG LIVE FGMSA, LONG LIVE IFMSA AND LONG LIVE GHANA

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS US ALL