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Gift Kamanga believes in his potential to contribute to the well-being of his society. He remembers having that goal as early as age 10, and having it clarified when his grandmother died of antepartum hemorrhage in a place where there was no hospital. Many of his relatives — some of them family bread winners — also have died from preventable infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

“When I joined the Malawi College of Health Sciences,” he says, “I saw a way to contribute. I am particularly passionate about advancing interventions with vulnerable groups in the areas of sexual and reproductive health. Public health requires multi-sectional collaboration and good leadership. I am aspiring to be one of the top leaders to bring about this effective coordination.”

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This mother and child took part in a UNC malaria vaccine trial in Lilongwe, Malawi, in August 2011. One child in Africa dies every minute from malaria, according to the WHO.