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I am Phoebe Yaa Anima Yeboah, a proud native of the Ashanti Region of Ghana, where my journey began in the vibrant rural community of New Edubiase. Growing up in an area that faced developmental challenges shaped my deep desire to contribute meaningfully to rural transformation. Witnessing the everyday struggles of farmers and families in underdeveloped communities inspired my lifelong commitment to making a difference through economics, rural development, and good governance. I pursued my Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with a minor in Geography at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). My choice of Economics was driven by my aspiration to work in government ministries and contribute to national planning and development. Studying Geography alongside Economics gave me a holistic understanding of how human and environmental factors shape economic realities—knowledge that continues to influence my interest in sustainable rural growth and policy formulation.



My professional experiences have further strengthened this passion. Working with the Agricultural Development Bank allowed me to engage with farmers and understand the financial challenges faced by the agricultural sector. Later, during my National Service with the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) in the Adansi South District, I supported disaster response initiatives and helped vulnerable communities recover from environmental and social shocks. These experiences deepened my empathy and strengthened my resolve to advocate for inclusive development and resilience in rural Ghana. I possess strong teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills, which enable me to collaborate effectively with diverse groups toward shared goals. I am also self-motivated and passionate about learning new strategies to promote economic empowerment and social inclusion. Currently, I am pursuing further studies in Rural Development, a field that perfectly aligns with my vision of working with local governance institutions and policymakers to design practical solutions for rural communities. My ultimate goal is to help bridge the development gap between urban and rural Ghana by fostering sustainable livelihoods, supporting women's economic participation, and promoting equitable access to resources.

I believe that development begins at the grassroots, and through dedication, collaboration, and evidence-based policies, we can build stronger, more self-sustaining communities across Ghana.

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