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A portrait of a smiling man, Abdul-Malik Chantimah Abdul-Latif, wearing a blue and white striped headwrap and a blue shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

In loving memory of Abdul-Malik Chantimah Abdul-Latif



“Education brought us together, a common purpose sustained our friendship; although we’ve lost him today, we will never forget him”. Zarina, LSE 2020

On 31st August 2023, the Programme for African Leadership (PfAL) lost one of its own. Abdul - Malik Abdul - Latif was a 2020 PfAL alum whose passion for serving his community was evident in his words and actions.

Having dedicated over seven years of service to working in Ghana’s health sector, Abdul-Malik was awarded the UK Government’s Chevening Scholarship to study a Master of Science in Health and International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in 2019. Subsequently, he worked on multiple research projects which were focused on developing positive outcomes in Ghana’s health sector.

Most recently, Abdul-Malik worked as an Associate Researcher and Project Development Manager at Innovations for Poverty Action, a non-profit research and policy organisation. His academic and professional background are a testament to his commitment to help improve health systems, and support sustainable policies in Ghana. While at the LSE, he was intentional about building strong relationships with fellow Africans and inspired his peers to take initiatives that contribute to the development of the African continent.



Abdul - Malik's passions were focused on health, education, poverty alleviation and empowering young people to become their best selves; this inspired the founding of Impact Aid Africa (IAA), a youth-led organisation aimed at empowering young people while "addressing humanity's most pressing needs in any little way possible".

Being a beneficiary of the Chevening Scholarship, Abdul - Malik introduced IAA's flagship project, the EduScholar Project, which since 2021 has provided mentorship to about 100 young people from various countries in Africa including Ghana, Nigeria, Sudan, South Africa, and Namibia. This mentoring programme has enabled some beneficiaries to secure global scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies in top universities in the world.

As the Founder and Executive Director of Impact Aid Africa, Malik believed that every young person deserved access to formal education regardless of their socio-economic background; this, he sought to promote with the EduScholar project.

"This initiative is part of our commitment to unlock the potential of African youth through quality education, and we shall not rest until we achieve our goal of supporting 500 young people to apply and win postgraduate scholarships to study abroad"- Abdul-Malik Abdul-Latif.



Abdul - Malik died after a short illness, leaving behind a wife and two children. Although his beautiful life was short-lived, he exhibited meaningful purpose, inspired many and left a trail of progression for us to follow; one of fellow feeling, love, kindness, and commitment to our communities. We will miss him.

Condolences from 2020 PfAL cohort

“I remember how as a full-time student, Malik saved money from his student budget to buy a computer for a ‘brilliant but needy’ student who was a beneficiary of an initiative by his non-profit organisation, Impact Aid Africa. I have never met a young man as selfless, inspiring, kind, positive and at the same time playful as Abdul - Malik. He was a brother whom I went to for advice, perspective, inspiration and to share my good news with; I take solace in the fact that just as he was there for me, I did my best to be that person to him too.”

– Zarina, LSE 2020



“I am profoundly saddened by the news of the loss of my dear friend, Abdul Malik. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends – We will truly miss you, Malik.

The first time I met Malik was during the kick-off event of the Programme for African Leadership (PfAL) LSE, back in September 2019. Full of spontaneous dreams, we were extremely excited to go back to University and -at the same time- joking how we were joyfully struggling to navigate and settle down in London. Always with his gentle smile and humorous way, Malik has taught us a lot about Ghana and about his powerful vision for a society in which people care about “collective good”. Malik will be remembered as a very talented public health professional with a great passion for constructive criticism and deep dedication to help his friends growing.

***Rest in peace, my friend. You are greatly missed.”
-Amin Ghrabi, LSE 2020***



In solidarity the PfAL community set up a system for sharing funds with Malik's family.

Kindly make all donations to the PayPal- the email address zeestudyhub@gmail.com.

Please use 'Abdul- Malik' as the reference.

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