

# Transforming rural mobility

Regina Marekesa uses a **Mobility for Africa** electric tricycle to deliver her transport and logistics services in rural Zimbabwe.

"I didn't have anything to do before the Hamba, I just sat at home waiting for the sale of my annual crops to get money." At first, Regina was afraid because she had never driven before, but training from Mobility for Africa and her growing experience have increased her driving confidence.

Regina rents the electric three-wheeler as part of a women's cooperative called "Money Maker," a nod perhaps to the increased income they now earn through offering transport services. "We share the Hamba two weeks on and two weeks off. Some days you are constantly on the move carrying people!" She says, "We are happy that it gives us income and the community is also happy. We assist people who need to go to clinics and we also take those who want to go shopping or do farming activities, transporting them and their inputs to houses, shops and gardens." The Hamba also helps Regina with domestic tasks "I use it for fetching firewood and water and also for taking my three young children to school."

Reflecting on the benefits for her family she says, "My farming has improved because I can save money when I get my commission and use that to buy my farming inputs which I store until I need them. I farm with the help of my husband; he can manage while I am using the Hamba for transport and logistics.

In the future, I would like to save money to do other projects, maybe doing small businesses when I go to farms - transporting my passengers and then selling my stuff while I wait for other customers to come - that's what I'm looking forward to."

