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"I grew up in Kenya, and we were never taught how to ride a bike. It takes forever to get to my clinicals, my classes, or from point A to B using public transportation, so I got motivated to learn."

-Kulthum

"Back home in Afghanistan women were not allowed to ride bikes. When I ride my bike, I feel free as a human being, I am proud of being a woman and I feel that biking gives me more confidence and motivation, I love it."

-Morsal

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- Currently funded by the Metropolitan Council
- Aim: reduce vehicle miles traveled, pollution, congestion
- Expanded the program to 13 cities in Metro Area
- In 2022: 25 classes, 120 students, distributed 75 bikes
- In 2023: will offer more classes, distribute 300 bikes



## **Community Partners**

- African Career and Education Resources
- **African Community Services**
- St. Paul Public Housing
- International Institute
- Huellas Latinas
- **Ukrainian American Community** Center



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## **Our Vision**



- Expand Learn to Ride state-wide!
- Train-the-trainer model
- Utilize BikeMN chapters
- Connect with local organizations
- Pilot program in Rochester, St. Cloud, Mankato



Thank you!