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Bicycle Ambulance Project At BEN Namibia



The BEN Namibia Bicycle Ambulance can help sick people access health care when transportation is otherwise inaccessible or unaffordable. The ambulance has a removable stretcher with an adjustable backrest, a sun/rain canopy, and a handle for pulling manually or with any bicycle.

These ambulances are often managed and used by Home Based Care workers. Our production ambulance is designed based on information received from a five-month prototyping process, in which four ambulance prototype iterations were tested by several Home Based Care groups and an overnight-care centre near a hospital. The Fourth Prototype, pictured here, was delivered to Catholic Aids Action Home Based Care volunteers at the Oshikuku Office. The ambulance delivery includes training in operation, repair, and management.



The Bicycle Ambulance can transport a client laying down or sitting, depending on the medical condition and comfort preference.