

**Testimony from Ms Ambia solar technician and entrepreneur trained by Grammeen Shakti, who was awarded the PlaNet Finance Environment category prize at the 2008 "International Microfinance Awards"<sup>1</sup>**

"It was like a dream for me to be at the Conference at Sheraton Hotel. Nobody from my family or my village has ever had any opportunity to attend such an International Conference before... This was my grate privilege to be with many dignified persons and I could speak in front of them. When I returned my village my family especially my son and my husband and my villagers are very excited."

"I have been encouraged a lot with this opportunity and it has increased my zeal to work hard with solar and other renewable energy technologies in the coming days. More women like me should get this opportunity in my country and believe that it will increase the confidence and social status of many others."

"I am grateful to Planet Finance and Grameen Shakti for all their support for me.

Please pray for me."

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<sup>1</sup> Testimony collected by Grameen Shakti in January 2010