Rural isolation due to a lack of adequate transport access is a root cause of poverty. 80% of people coping with extreme poverty live in rural areas. Trail bridges are durable, cost-effective, and easily maintained structures that serve pedestrians, motorcycles, bicycles, tuk-tuks, and livestock, and have consistently demonstrated their ability to transform rural economies. Trail bridges and other trail improvements are rarely considered in the development of rural infrastructure investments, despite a high impact and high annual return on investment.

**49% annual return on investment**

- **+75%** in farm profits
- **+60%** women entering the employment market
- **+36%** employment income
- **+30%** overall household income
- **14x** volume of agricultural goods transported across river (+1350%)

**57% of rural households must cross a river to reach a hospital**

Additionally, communities with new trail bridges or rural access improvements saw:

- **+18%** health facility visits
- **+45%** vaccination rate

**More than 30% of rural households must cross a river to reach a school**

Communities with new trail bridge or rural access improvements saw:

- **+60%** literacy among women
- **+12%** student enrollment
- **+200%** attendance among girls
- **+22%** student attendance

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