There are nearly a billion rural people worldwide that lack adequate transportation access.

This results in a devastating number of communities living in poverty caused by isolation. As Bridges to Prosperity's trailbridge program has evolved, we've identified a direct link between transportation access and gender inequality.

Women shoulder a disproportionate burden when it comes to transport and care for children and the household, in addition to generating income:

- Women spend 3x as much time on transport activities than men, while carrying loads 4x the volume.
- Women take on 80% of the total time cost of transportation for the household.
- Women make up 45% of the agricultural labor force but hold only 20% of the land.

As Bridges to Prosperity works to eliminate poverty caused by rural isolation, gender and how transportation access is crucial to women continue to be an essential component of our ongoing efforts.

**Empowering Women Workers**

Trail bridges create a reliable link to labor markets. New opportunities for women to enter the workforce lead to financial independence and the ability to provide for their family. Rural communities with new trail bridges saw:

- 60% increase in women entering the labor force
- 30% increase in overall household income
Gender Parity through Education

There is growing evidence that women and transport are inextricably linked, and if we care about one, we must care deeply about both.

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