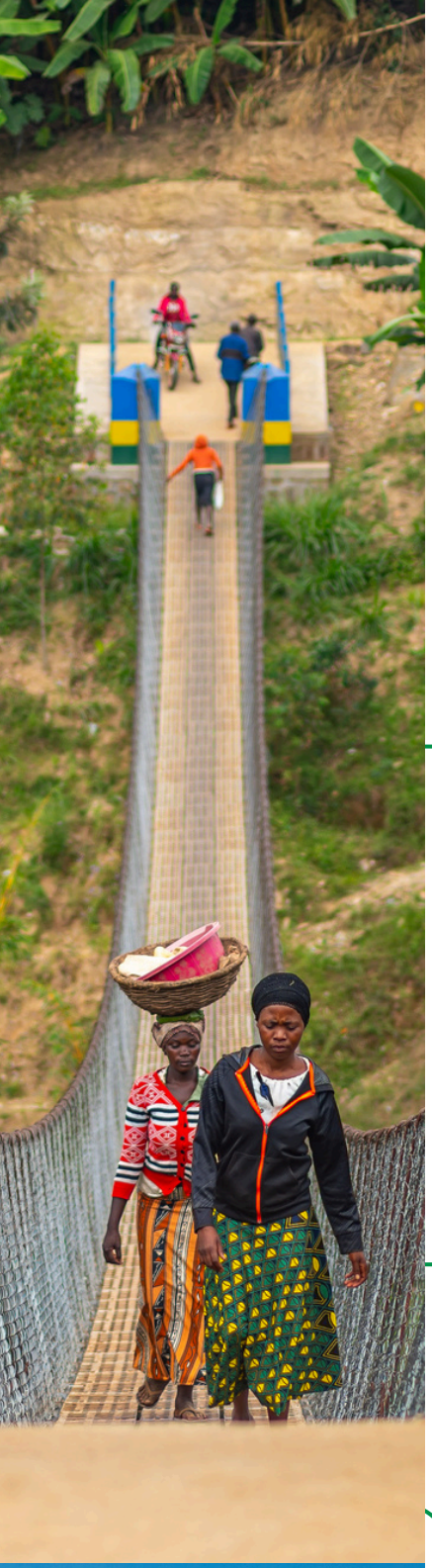

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Rural isolation due to a lack of adequate transport access is a root cause of poverty.

80% of people coping with extreme poverty live in rural areas.[7] 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[8]

+75% in farm profits[1]

+60% women entering the employment market[1]

+36% employment income[1]

+30% overall household income[1]

14x volume of agricultural goods transported across river (+1350%)[2]

57% of rural households must cross a river to reach a hospital[9]

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

+18% health facility visits[2]

+45% vaccination rate[3]

More than 30% of rural households must cross a river to reach a school[9]

Communities with new trail bridge or rural access improvements saw:

+60% literacy among women[4]

+12% student enrollment[2]

+200% attendance among girls[5]

+22% student attendance[6]

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