



**Bridges to
Prosperity**

2023 Build Report

Nyagafunzo

Suspended Trail bridge in Rwanda



Dear Tony Gee and Knights Brown Executive Team,

We are excited to report the successful completion of the Nyagafunzo suspended trail bridge project. Thanks to generous support and engagement from Tony Gee and Knights Brown, together with the local communities we were able to complete the construction of a 77 meters long trail bridge, inaugurated in July of 2023.

The Nyagafunzo trail bridge now serves two communities with over 3,300 beneficiaries in the rural Nyamasheke District in the Western Province of Rwanda. The bridge connects these communities to the nearest hospital, government services, markets, and both primary and secondary schools. The Nyagafunzo trail bridge will now provide safe access for individuals who were once putting their lives in jeopardy to seek opportunity.

The following pages of this report will show the incredible impact your support has had on the communities surrounding the Nyagafunzo bridge. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come. Thank you, once again, for your support in providing safe access.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nivi Sharma" with "CEO" written in a smaller font below the name.

Nivi Sharma
CEO
Bridges to Prosperity



We envision a world where poverty caused by rural isolation no longer exists.

MISSION

We build bridges to better lives in rural communities.

THE CHALLENGE

Globally, one in seven people lack safe, year-round access to the services and opportunities in their immediate surroundings, due to the lack of transportation infrastructure.

WHY TRAILBRIDGES?

Trailbridges link resources and services to the people who benefit from them the most, serving as a single intervention that addresses a myriad of symptoms. Safe, reliable access impacts day-to-day behavior and influences long-term decision-making. Connecting rural communities is a cost-effective, efficient tool for improving livelihoods and well-being.



+200%

School Attendance
for Girls



+36%

Labor Market
Income



+60%

Women Entering
the Labor Force



+75%

Farms
Profits



+32%

Health
Facility Visits



RWANDA TRAILBRIDGE PROGRAM

By 2024, 220+ bridges will be completed by B2P in Rwanda, connecting 660,000+ people to critical resources. In July 2019, Bridges to Prosperity launched a five-year program to connect communities across Rwanda through a partnership with the Ministries of Infrastructure, Finance, and Economic Planning, and Local Government, with the common goal of providing connection for over 1,100,000 residents.



UGANDA TRAILBRIDGE PROGRAM

B2P has been building bridges in partnership with the Ugandan government since 2017. In the first years of implementation, B2P Uganda focused on laying strong foundational partnerships with the Uganda National Roads Authority and Ministry of Works and Transport. Currently, B2P and the Government of Uganda are strategically planning an expanded partnership to drive development of rural transport infrastructure across Uganda.



ETHIOPIA TRAILBRIDGE PROGRAM

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust has provided a generous grant in support of a three-year partnership between Helvetas and B2P in Ethiopia. The TRAIL-Ethiopia program seeks to replicate Helvetas' successful government-owned Amhara program in five additional regions, building the enabling environment to resource the construction of thousands of trailbridges and millions of kilometers in feeder trails in the country in the future and developing a global platform to share learnings and innovations. By the end of the program, we will have built 150 bridges, connecting over 1.3M people to critical resources.

SAFE ACCESS IS CRITICAL



Safe access is necessary to thrive.

The Mugonero is often flooded during the rainy season, being very dangerous to cross. The members of the communities surrounding the bridge would try to cross the river risking their lives to reach the health center, the school, and the market.

Many people were injured while trying to cross the river in the past, and there are 4 official records of people who died trying to reach the opposite shore of the Mugonero.



NYAGAFUNZO TRAIL BRIDGE PROJECT

In June 2023, Bridges to Prosperity staff, the local community, and an amazing team of volunteers from Tony Gee and Knights Brown worked for two weeks to complete the construction of the Nyagafunzo Suspended Trail bridge.



NYAGAFUNZO TRAIL BRIDGE IMPACT

TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE: INCOME

3,320 people served



722 households



\$ 361,000 pre-bridge income



\$108,300
in new annual income



4.6 average household size

\$500 average Rwanda household income

30% increase in annual income post-bridge

EDUCATION

3,320 people served

X

37% Rwandan population of school age

1228

more children with safe access to school



HEALTHCARE

3,320 people served

X

52% female Rwandan population

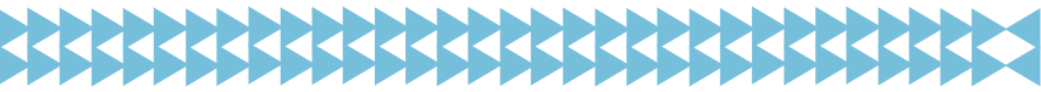
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20% female population who give birth annually

345

more women with access to attended births

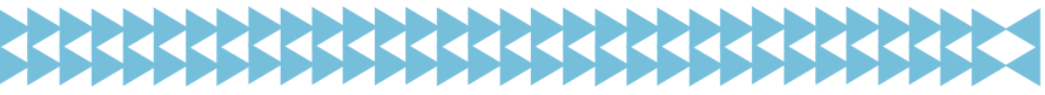




The Nyagafunzo trail bridge will have a lasting impact on the surrounding communities for the decades to come. From increased farm profits to safe access to education, to attended births, the support of Tony Gee and Knights Brown will improve the livelihoods of the more than 3,300 individuals impacted.







STORIES FROM THE BUILD TEAM



Blue Duvigneau



Just wanted to say that it was an amazing experience from start to finish. I came out hoping to be humbled, and I definitely was. Everybody was extremely kind and helpful. The workers were extremely hard working, funny and kind. It was great to help the community the way that we did. Luckily, we were able to get on well with everyone and put a smile on most people's faces we interacted with.

Sam Smith



I was both excited and nervous when I was successfully chosen to be part of the corporate team, for the Nyagafunzo bridge build in Rwanda. After 6 months of intense fundraising, planning and organizing, it was finally time to fly to Rwanda. The two weeks that I spent in Rwanda was not only life changing for the locals, but also for myself. It was so much more than I had anticipated. Such a beautiful country and amazing people. I am so happy to have made such a huge impact on the villages that the bridge will serve. Building the bridge was hard work and the days were long, but working alongside the local workforce on site was so much fun. Learning Kinyarwanda words and phrases really helped me, and my team members, become a part of the community.

I am so grateful to have handed over the bridge, which was a great success, to the district. I would really like to thank the whole local community, as well as the B2P reps, the cooks, drivers and site engineers/foreman. Without all of those people it would not have been as enjoyable as it was.



Joseph Tucker



Nyagafunzo Bridge has been an increasingly humbling experience, the local community, the workforce and B2P team became family over the 2-week project. The local workforce has been some of the hardest working people I've ever met and every single person was friendly and happy. The B2P chefs and Eric were fantastic hosts and cooks, the food was one of the highlights of the trip. Innocent and Olivier were amazing drivers, advisors, translators, workers and friends which added so much value to the time here. Ange did an amazing job of holding this all together, leading, giving fantastic advices, suggestions and looking after us both on and off site, the perfect host!

NYAGAFUNZO INAUGURATION



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THANK YOU!

The Bridges to Prosperity team is deeply grateful for your generosity, commitment, and support in building the bridge.

The team's dedication and tireless efforts have made a significant impact in improving the lives of countless individuals in the community. The contribution has created reliable access to transportation, which is essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The SDGs are a set of 17 goals adopted by the United Nations to end poverty, protect the planet, and reduce inequality. The work with B2P has directly influenced the achievement of 10 of these goals, which is a testament to the importance of the team's efforts.





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