

# 2025 Build Report

## Butare

### Suspended Trail Bridge in Rwanda



**Bridges to  
Prosperity**





Dear Traylor Construction Group Executive Team,

We are excited to report the successful completion of the Butare suspended trail bridge project. Thanks to generous support and engagement from the Traylor Construction Group, together with the local communities we were able to complete the construction of a 58 meters-long trail bridge, inaugurated in April of 2025.

The Butare trail bridge now serves 4 communities with over 2,700 beneficiaries in the rural Huye District in the Southern Province of Rwanda. The bridge connects these communities to the nearest hospital, government services, markets, and both primary and secondary schools. The Butare trail bridge now provides 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 the Butare bridge has had on the communities surrounding it. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come.

Thank you, once again, for your support in providing safe access.  
Sincerely,

Nivi Sharma  
Bridges to Prosperity





# TRAYLOR CONSTRUCTION GROUP & B2P

Traylor Construction Group has supported Bridges to Prosperity with building bridges to better lives since 2016, sending more than 30 volunteers to help our construction team connect over 15,000 people to what matters most.



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**Bridges Made Possible**



15,000+

**People Connected**



30+

**Volunteers Sent**







# About Us

**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 TRAIL BRIDGES?

Trail bridges 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 TRAIL BRIDGE PROGRAM

Since 2012, hundreds of bridges have been built in partnership with local partners, also thanks to the program launched by Bridges to Prosperity in 2019, which aims 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 thanks to the construction of more than 300 bridges by 2027.



## UGANDA TRAIL BRIDGE 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 TRAIL BRIDGE 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 trail bridges 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 Miguramo river is often flooded during the rainy season, being dangerous to cross. The members of the communities surrounding the bridge were risking their lives to reach the health center, the school, and the market on the other shore.

In the past years, several people were injured and at least one died while trying to cross the river to reach essential services.



# Butare Trail Bridge Project

Bridges to Prosperity staff, the local community, and 8 amazing individuals from the Traylor Construction Group team worked for two weeks to complete the construction of the Butare Suspended Trail bridge.





# Butare Trail Bridge Impact



## TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE: INCOME

2,760 people served



600 households



\$ 300,000 pre-bridge income



**\$90,000**  
in new annual income



4.6 average household size

\$500 average Rwanda household income

30% increase in annual income post-bridge

## EDUCATION

2,760 people served

X

37% Rwandan population of school age

**1,021**

more children with safe access to school



## HEALTHCARE

2,760 people served

X

52% female Rwandan population

X

20% female population who give birth annually

**287**

more women with access to attended births





The Butare 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 Traylor Construction Group will improve the livelihoods of the more than 2,700 individuals impacted.



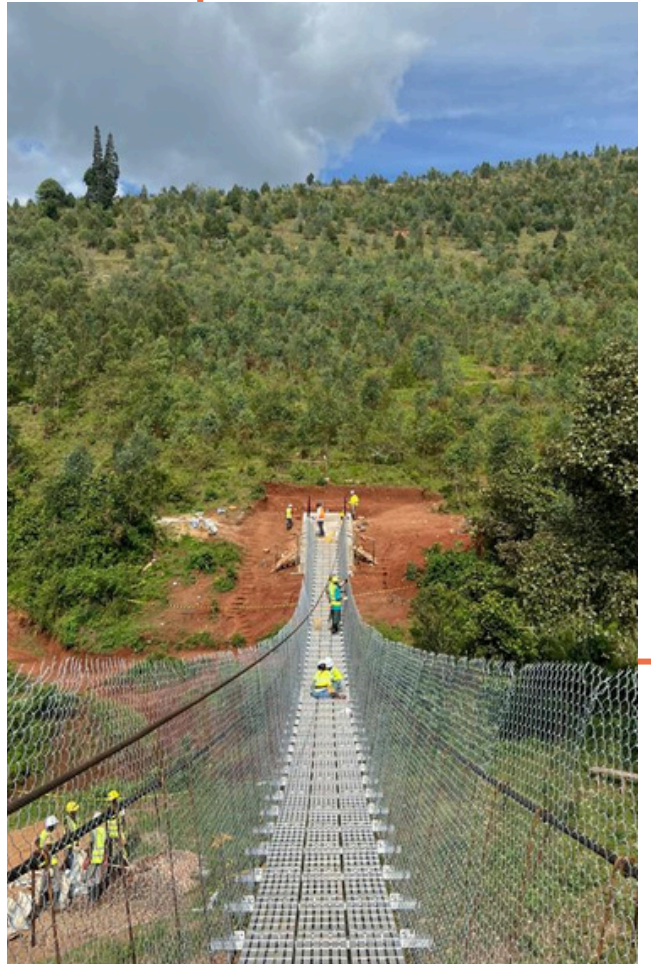














# Butare School Visit





# Stories from the Team



**Crispin Ewen**  
**Communications Lead**

The Bridges to Prosperity initiative, has had a significant impact on the Butare community. The team, including the local crew, was trained in various aspects of the project, including using power tools, hoisting cables, installing decking, and bolting it into place. The team also demonstrated their ability to build a suspension bridge themselves. The bridge, provides safe access to education, nutrition, and opportunity for the entire community and their kids in particular. The support staff and team have been instrumental in guiding the project, setting clear expectations, and ensuring the its success.

**Patrick Shuler**  
**Project Lead**



In Butare, Rwanda, Bridges to Prosperity partnered with local children to build a bridge. Despite language barriers and technical intricacies, the team worked together to overcome obstacles. The camaraderie developed through shared smiles and silent understanding, fostering unity and shared joy. The bridge, built between Rwandan children and the local team, was a testament to human connection and collective achievement, demonstrating the power of building bridges between hearts.

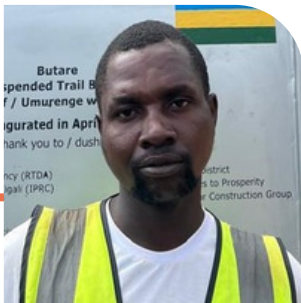


**Justin Deig**  
**Supporting Team Member**

Rwanda was a meaningful experience for me, as I partnered with local community members to build this trail bridge. The project provided safe, year-round access and taught the community valuable skills. The experience reinforced the importance of collaboration and mutual respect in meaningful development, fostering resilience, teamwork, and empowerment. The bridge's completion has a direct impact on lives in Rwanda.



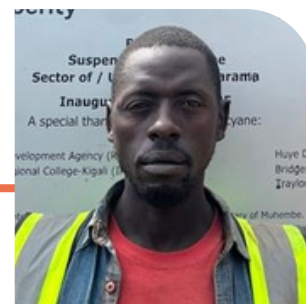
# Stories from the Community



**Byiringiro Emmanuel**  
Community bridge builder

The steep hills make even simple daily tasks exhausting. Carrying water, getting to the fields, or visiting neighbors on the other side becomes a long and difficult journey, taking up valuable time and energy. A more accessible pathway will ease these burdens, and it will give us more time for productive activities and allow us to move around our community with greater ease and comfort.

**Ntakirutimana Athanase**  
Community bridge builder



The hills often isolate families and limit our access to opportunities beyond our surroundings. Traveling to the market, accessing training programs, or seeking employment in neighboring communities has always been hard due to the unsafe river crossing. This bridge will break down these barriers, connecting us to a wider range of possibilities and allowing our community members to pursue education, jobs, and new ventures that were previously out of reach.



**Kirano Vestine**  
Community Stone Mason

Attending important gatherings, supporting each other during difficult times, and simply spending time together becomes a challenge. The Butare bridge will make it easier to visit one another, fostering a stronger sense of community and allowing us to support and celebrate together more often. It will help us all feel more connected as one community, despite the hills and the rivers.



# Butare Trail Bridge 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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