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**Poor access = subsistence
= poverty.**

Cambodia:

- Poorest have the worst physical access and for Travel:**
 - spend 450% more time,**
 - 3 times farther.**

Improve Access = surpluses = grow economy + reduce poverty

- Rural markets:
 - Trade in local agriculture products.
- RT infra links farm to market.
 - Improvements = expands agricultural production.

Improved Access

Local vehicle loads increase:

- two to five times; and**
- agricultural surpluses
61% of the load**

Improved access

Market efficiencies:

- 80% of market traffic - villages;
- 55% of vendors sell goods at lower prices
 - Important to the poor;
- 600% increase in volume traded;
and,
- New markets often established.

Improved Access

Increase capital from:

- Off-farm income;
 - Business opportunities
- = more investments in agriculture.

Cambodia: Rural transporters

- 68% operators are farmers.

Reducing transport costs is highly pro-poor.

- **Deterioration**

= Benefits quickly reversed.

- **Chronic problem:**

- Insufficient knowledge;

- Poor practice.

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