Floods in Nicaragua lead to lost wages for villagers, but constructing a bridge helps eliminate those losses



All in all, a bridge eliminates the loss of income during floods.

The presence of a bridge

•increases agricultural productivity and profits as farmers redirect resources toward investment

 increases labor income in non-flood periods by bridging villagers and outside labor markets

•benefits villagers by making them more able to mitigate risk

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