

The impact of rurality on women's opportunities



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Individual characteristics of rural women

Less educated Rarely have a driver's licence

Household characteristics

- Limited time budget
- A man is the first in line for a car
- A man controls budget
- A man makes decisions

Rural community characteristics

- Modest public transport service
- Insecurity
- Discrimination of women regarding the use of certain transport modes
- Few facility/opportunities

Less chance of finding a job

Giving up trips

Cannot afford an individual car or public transport

Access to workplaces is difficult

Giving up activities

Losing contacts

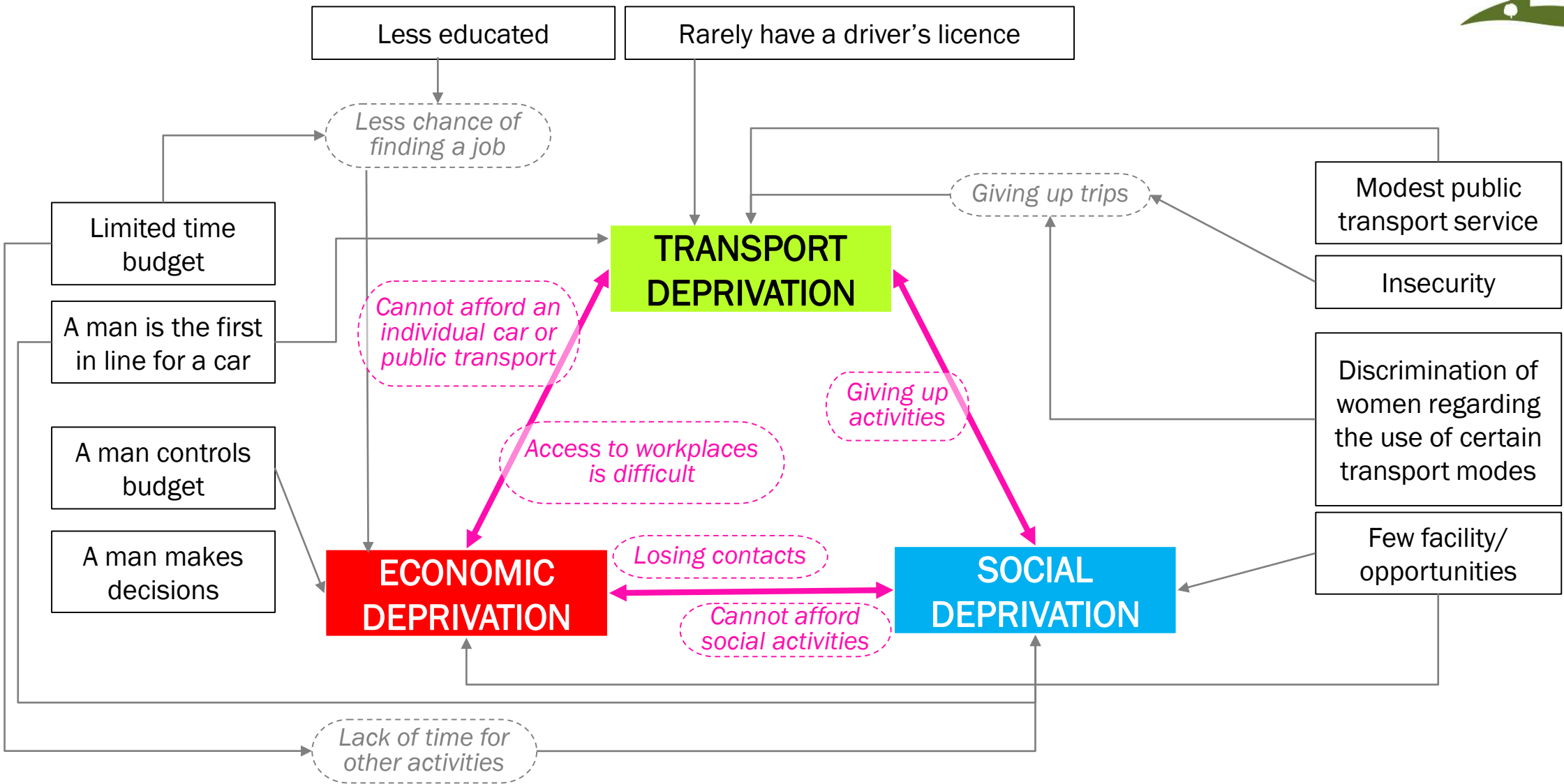
Cannot afford social activities

ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION

TRANSPORT DEPRIVATION

SOCIAL DEPRIVATION

Lack of time for other activities





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Basic demographic data according to gender

Gender	Male	Female
Percent of population	50%	50%
Percent of population aged 15 or more, without any qualifications	2%	7%
Percent of illiterate people among those aged 65 or more	2.5%	18.1%
Household heads	73%	27%
Single-person households	37%	63%

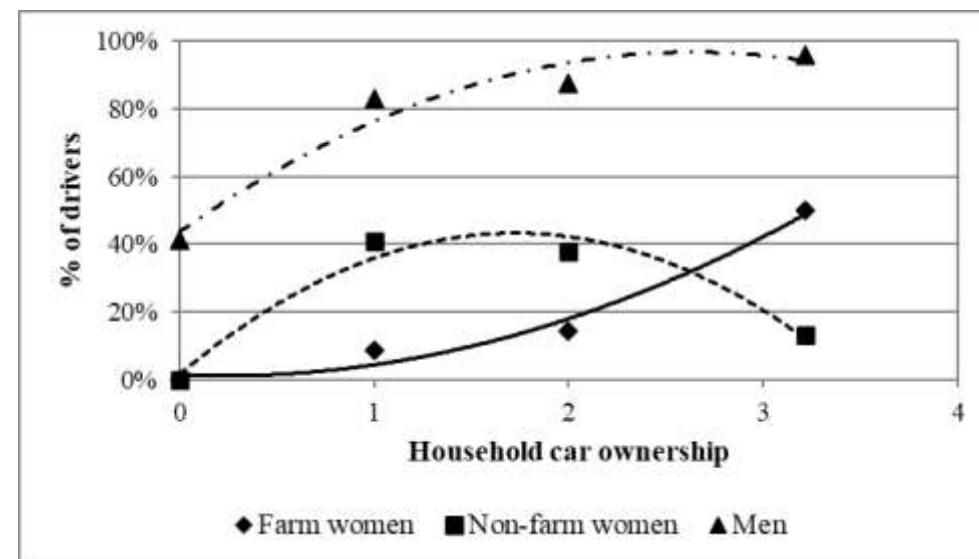


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POSSESSION OF A DRIVER'S LICENCE BY AGE AND GENDER

Gender	Age				Total
	18-25	26-45	46-60	>60	
Percent of drivers in male population	78%	92%	88%	56%	81%
Percent of drivers in female population	50%	42%	19%	2%	26%





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DAILY MOBILITY

Trip characteristic	Men	Women	
		On-farm	Off-farm
Average daily mobility	1.67	0.74	1.02
Number of respondents with no trips	39%	67%	57%
Dominant trip purpose	Work	Other	Work
Percentage of trips within local environment	27%	50%	20%
Average trip distance	9.9 km	4.1 km	8.1 km
Dominant transport mode	Passenger car (as a driver)	Walking	Passenger car (as a passenger)
Dominant purpose of trip to town	Work, shopping	Other	Work

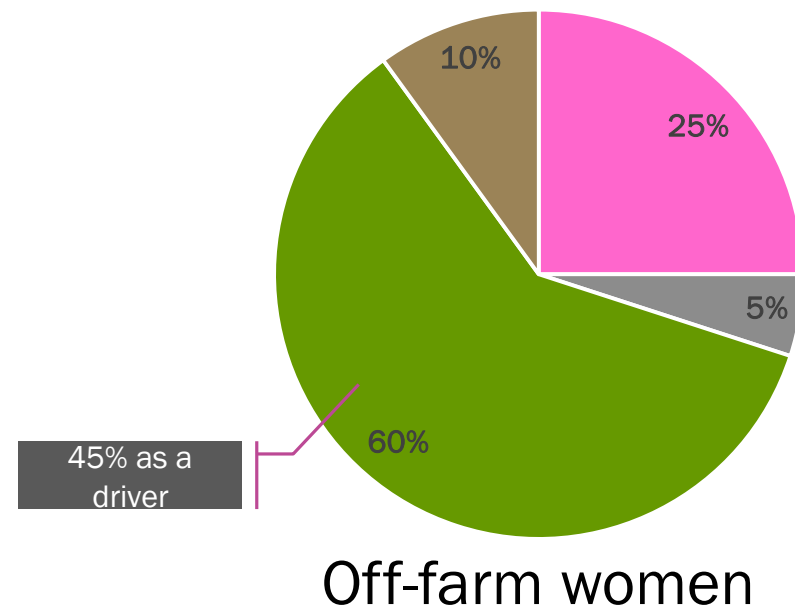
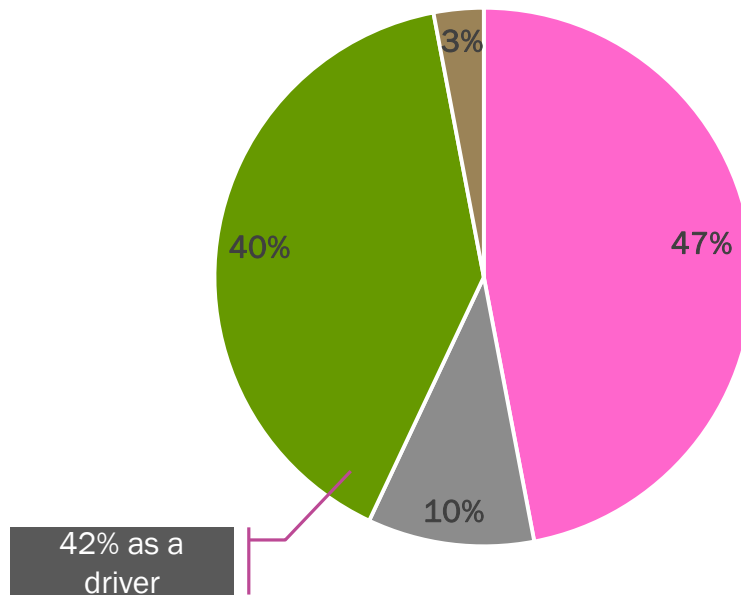
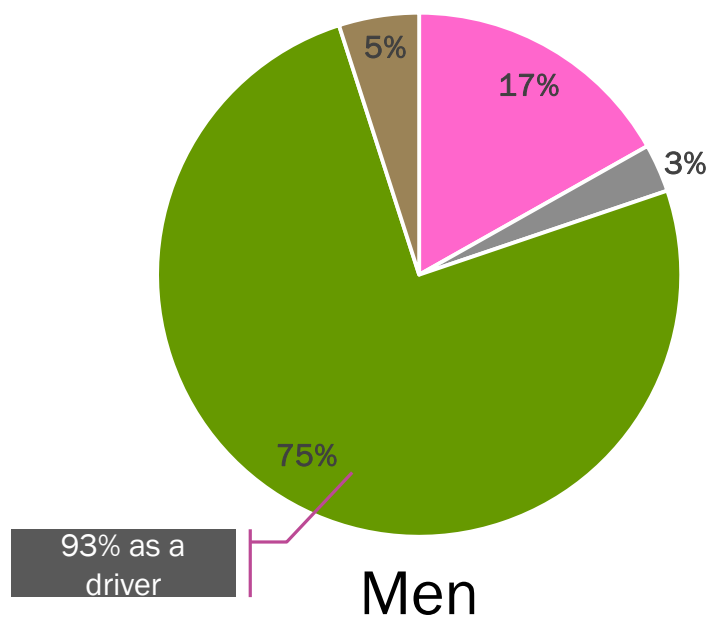


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MODAL SPLIT

On-farm women



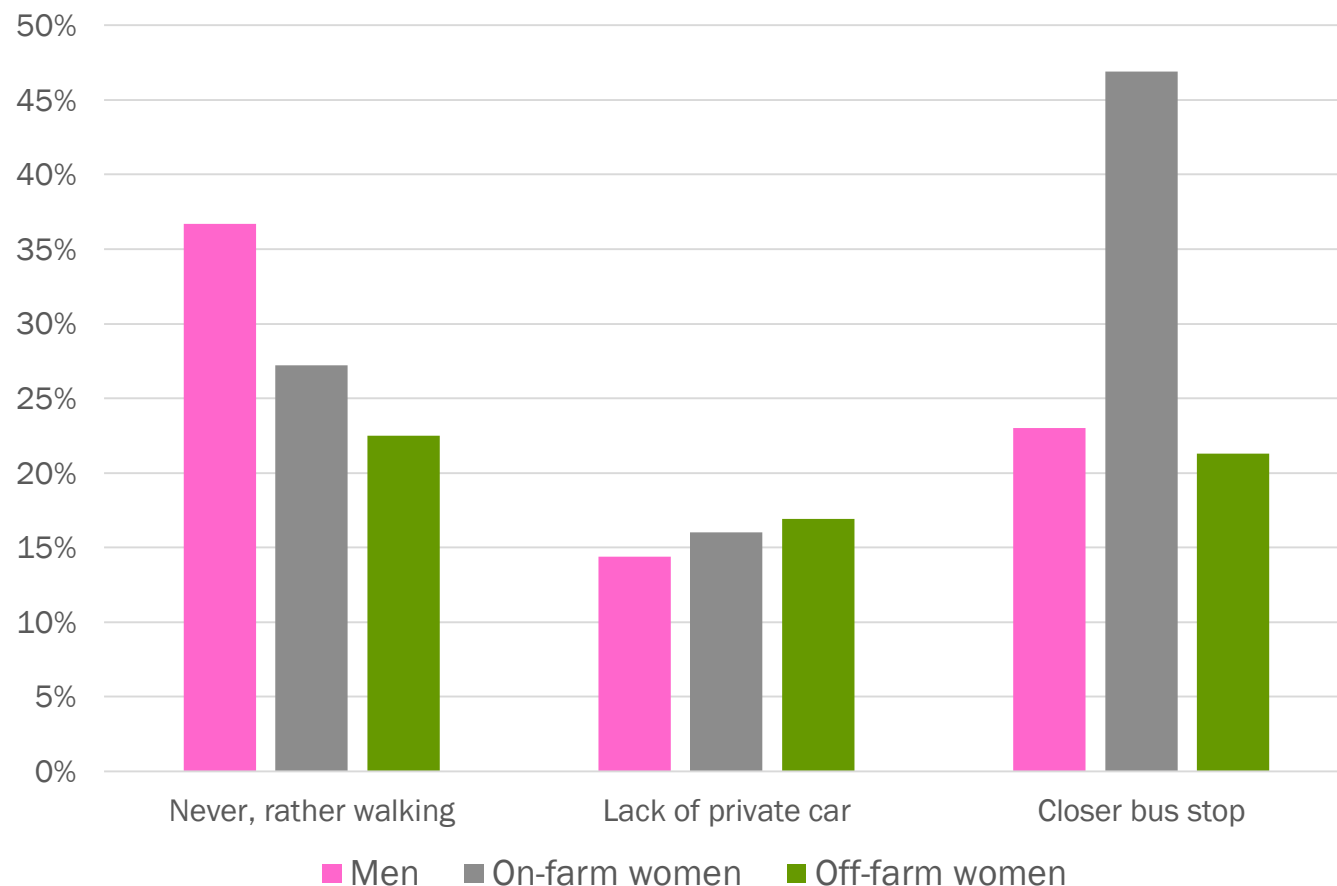
■ Walking ■ Cycling ■ Private car ■ Public transport



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THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
THE RESPONDENTS WOULD
USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT





Discussion and conclusions

- ❖ Female rural population is disadvantaged in comparison with the male rural population
- ❖ On-farm women – particularly disadvantaged
- ❖ Traditional understanding of a woman's role in the family implies that it is difficult to tap into contemporary social and cultural trends and thus achieve gender equality
- ❖ The activity space of on-farm women is confined to the local environment

TRANSPORT DEPRIVATION ? SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Thank you for your attention

QUESTIONS?

