

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RURAL ROADS IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS, CASE OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD 1510

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ABSTRACT

Provincial Road 1510, made in the Second National Program of Rural Roads, is a construction project of a rural track of 36 km in the province Ouarzazate (located in south-east of Morocco). The road link concerned by the project develops in two rural communes "Ighrem Nougdal and Tidili". It is intended to open up the surrounding towns and douars and allowing more economic exchange and trade and to the improvement of tourism.

The purpose of this communication is to show, through socio-economic indicators, how the road can contribute to changing the welfare of mountain people.

The study methodology is advanced on a literature review, analytical support of statistics, a field research was conducted on the basis of interview guides and questionnaires, with the population in rural communities and interviews conducted with heads of government in direct or indirect relationship with the road sector.

The evaluation showed that the Provincial Road 1510 has several impacts on improving the conditions of the beneficiary populations.

These impacts will be presented in this communication in three essential points:

- Impact on transport services ;
- Social impact ;
- Economic impact.