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Transportation stands at the core of a nation's foundational infrastructure and the planning of its communities. The more meticulously and purposefully it is designed, the greater the resilience of both the community and the nation. Nonetheless, this crucial element is notably deficient in developing nations. In these regions, the difficulties of community mobility and transport have persistently been neglected, particularly for women and minor individuals. The absence of safe and reliable transportation systems adversely affects their opportunities for education, job retention, and career advancement during critical periods of vulnerability in a young woman's life. The researcher conducts an in-depth analysis of the communities in developing nations, exploring the current situation, underlying issues, challenges, and the development of solutions through technology. Her research aims to enhance the safety and accessibility of transportation for all using the rideshare technology and social business approach, contributing to the fulfillment of Sustainable Development Goals Numbers 5, 8, and 11, and advancing the mobility and overall well-being of women in developing countries.