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Gender and Time Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa

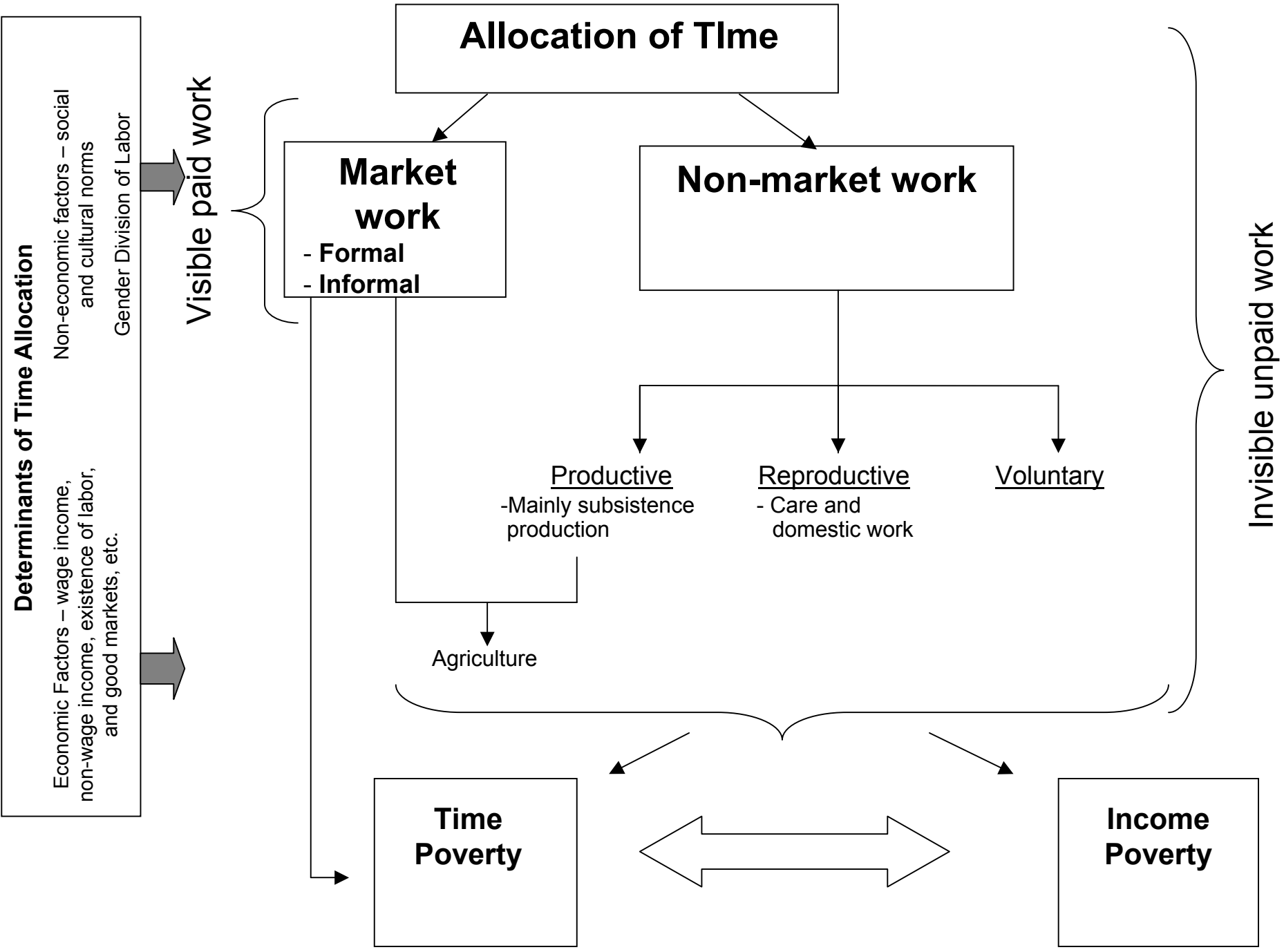
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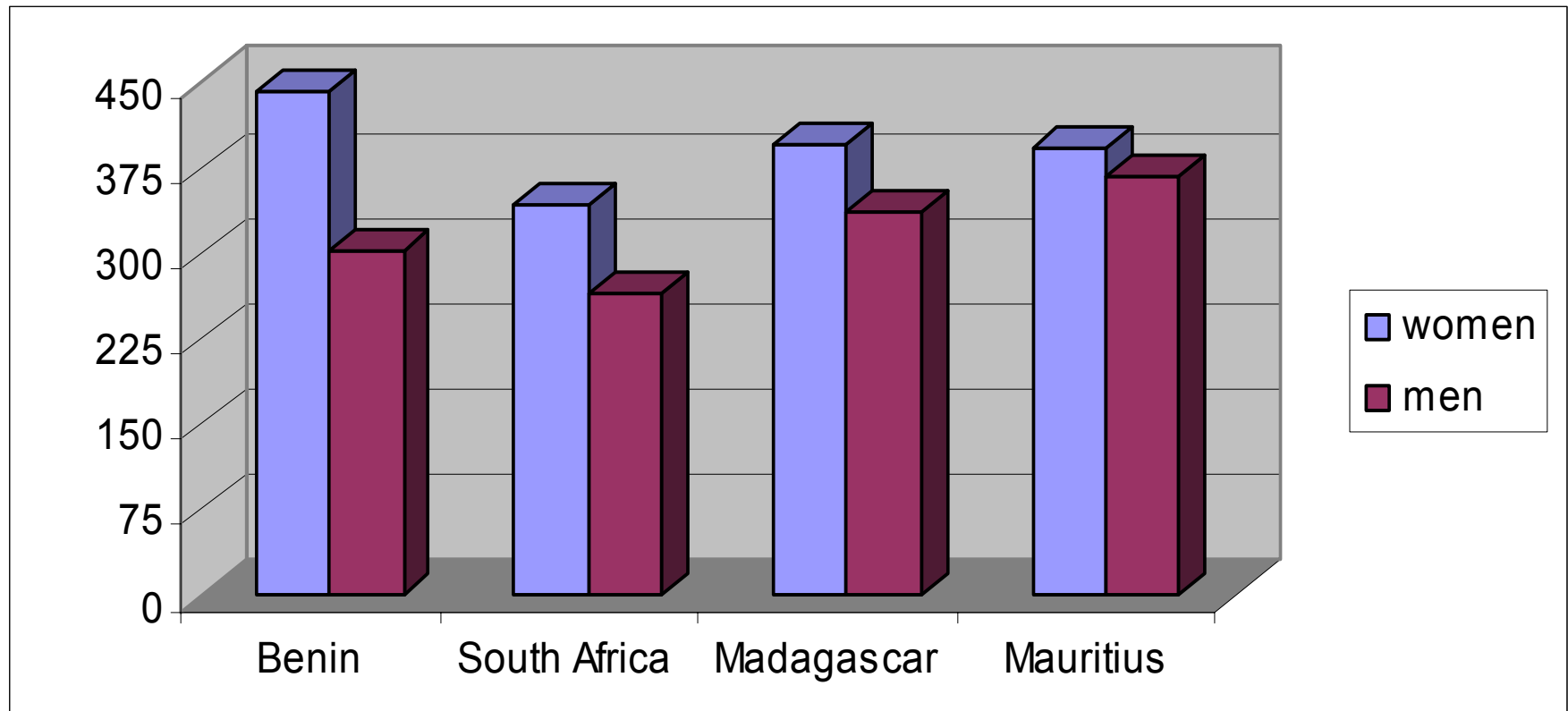
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Defining Time Poverty

- There are only 24 hours in a day
- Competing claims on individuals' time require tradeoffs
 - paid work, subsistence production, domestic work, care work etc.... and physical/physiological replenishment.
- Households at the margin



Duration of Work for Men and Women in Benin (1998), South Africa (2000), Madagascar (2001) and Mauritius (2003) *minutes per day*



Sources : table elaborated on basis of the results of national time-use surveys : INSAE/PNUD (1998), Enquête emploi du temps au Bénin, Méthodologie et résultats, Cotonou, 32p. + 156 p. annexes. ; Statistics South Africa (2001), How South African Women and Men spend their time, A survey of time use, Pretoria, 118p. ; INSTAT- DSM/PNUD-MAG/97/007: EPM 2001- Module Emploi du Temps, Antananarivo; Ghana Statistical Service (2000), Ghana Living Standards Survey, Report of the 4th Round (GLSS 4), Accra, 192p. Charmes 2005

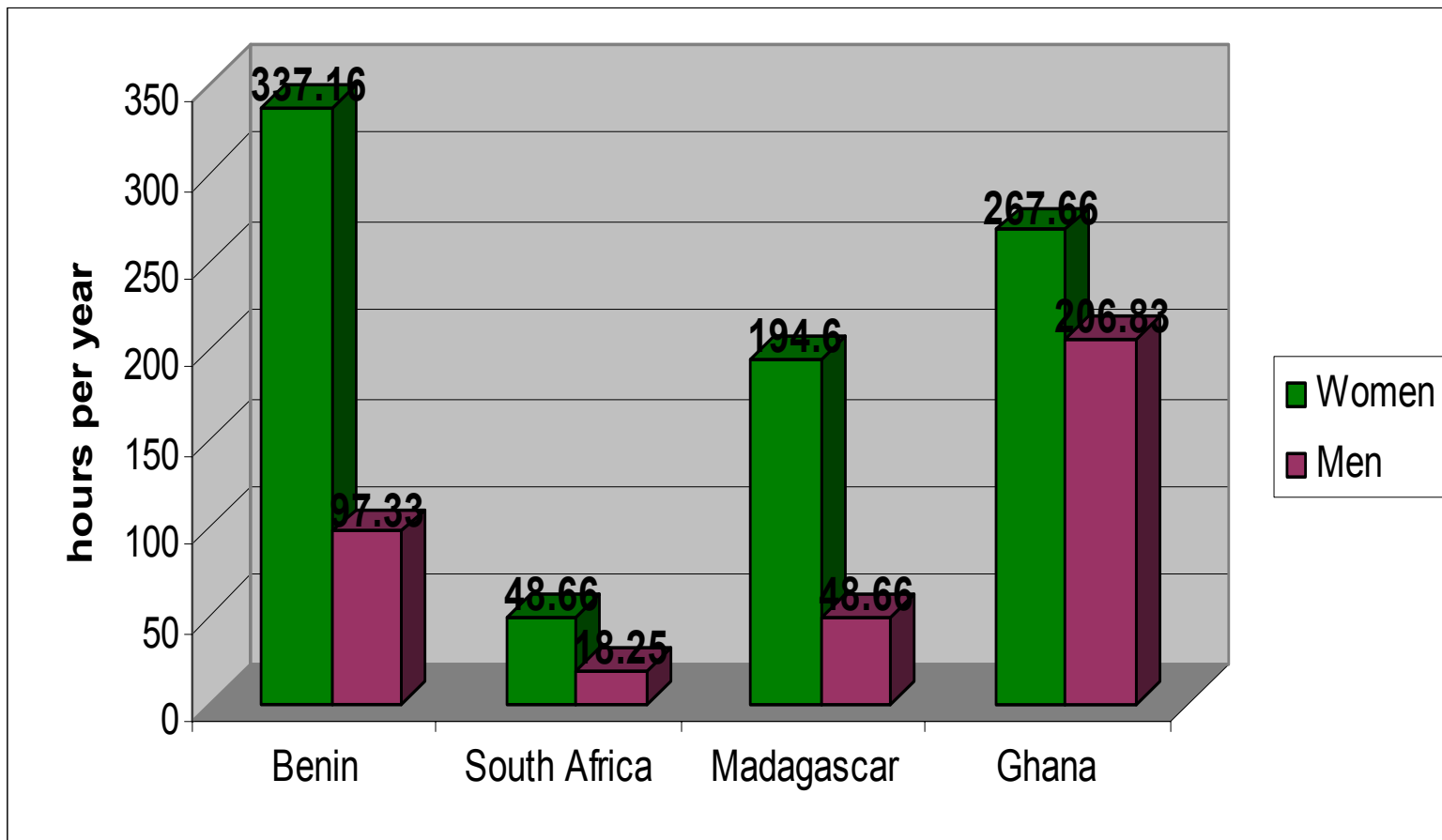
Time spent on care activities in Benin (1998), Ghana (1998-99), South Africa (2000), Madagascar (2001), and Mauritius (2003), minutes per day

	Benin		Ghana		South Africa		Madagascar		Mauritius	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
Preparing meals	75	6	107	55	84	19	94	7	116	12
Washing up	17	4			22	4				
Caring for children	29	4	204	108	24	2	32	5	39	11
Teaching of household children					2	0	1		3	2
Accompanying children					1		2	1		
Household maintenance	28	10	20	14	48	24	23	4	1	7
Caring for adults, handicapped, elderly	2	0			6	2	2	1	2	1
TOTAL	151	24	331	177	165	47	176	22	161	43

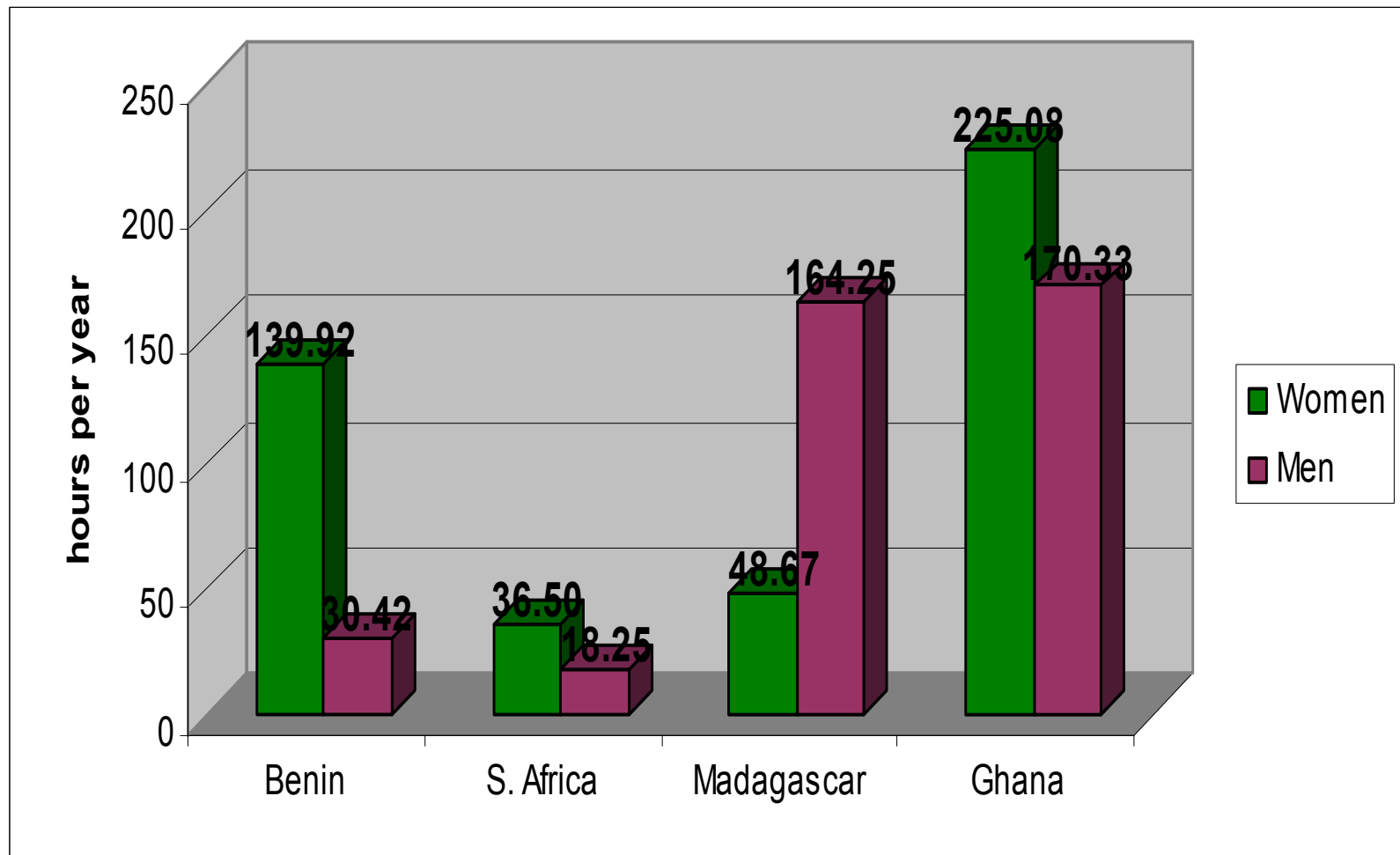
➤ **Poor infrastructure contributes to women's time poverty**

- Transport
- Water and sanitation
- Energy

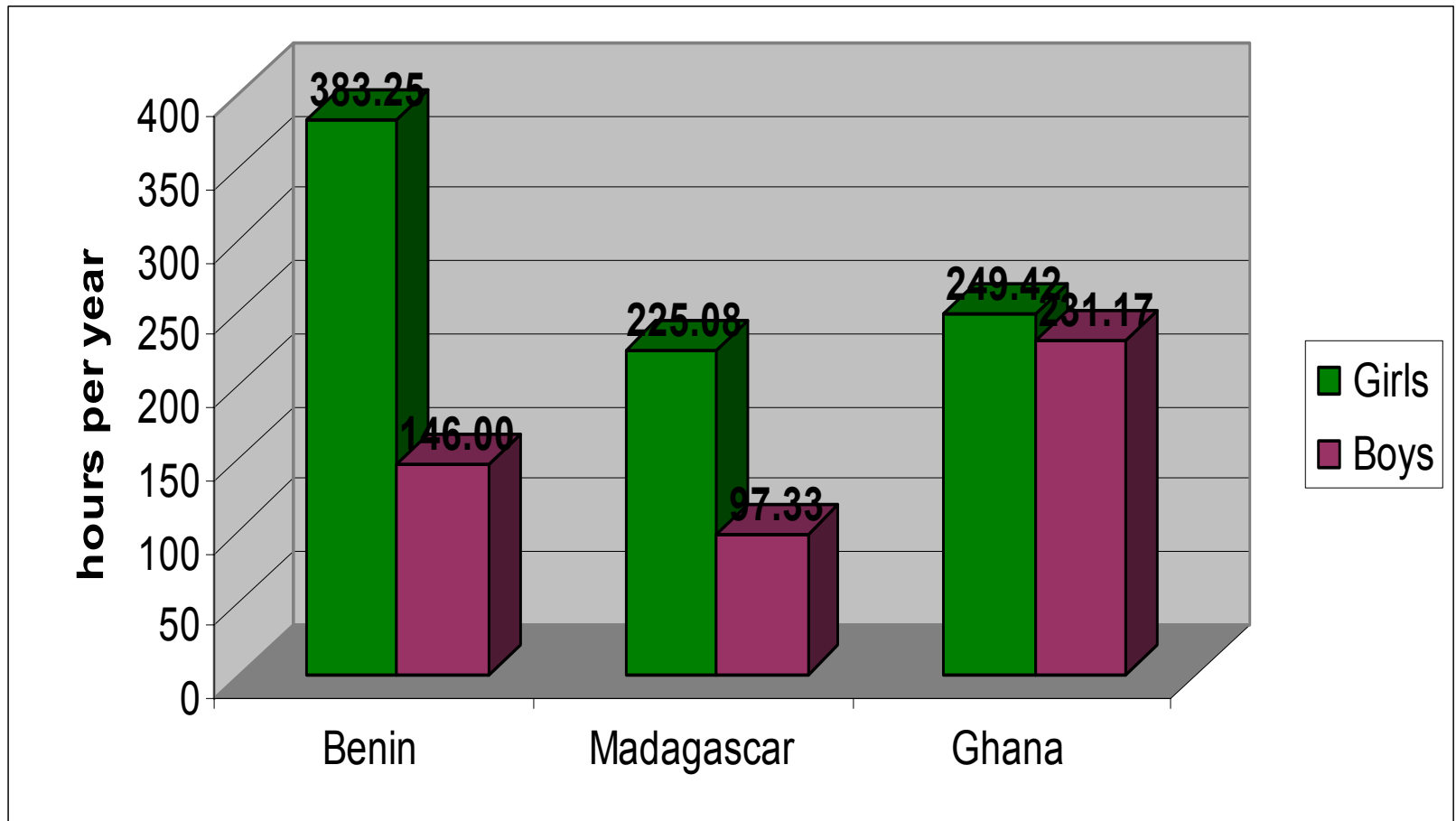
Time Spent Fetching Water by Women and Men in Benin (1998), South Africa (2000), Madagascar (2001), and Ghana (1998-99)



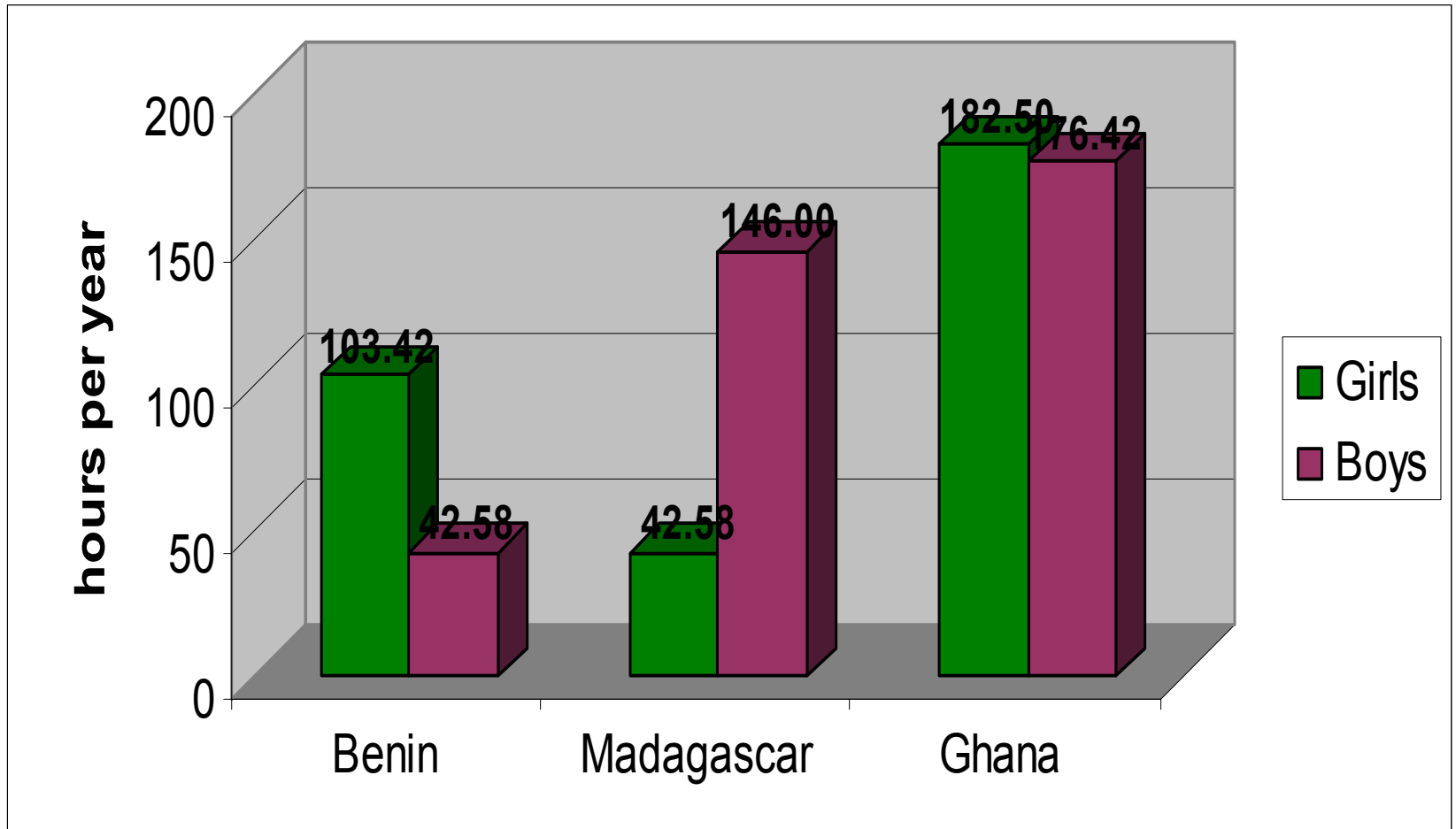
Time Spent Collecting Firewood by Women and Men in Benin (1998), South Africa (2000), Madagascar (2001), and Ghana (1998-99)



Time Spent Fetching Water by Girls and Boys Aged Six to Fourteen (Benin, 1998 and Madagascar, 2001) and Seven to Fourteen (Ghana, 1998-99)



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➤ **Better infrastructure can alleviate women's time poverty**

- Improve women's involvement in planning and implementation of infrastructure projects
- Increase access and affordability of infrastructure for poor women.