

Data Circle 2025 ReDI School

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Goal: Build models to classify Tanzanian water pumps as "functional," "needs repair," or "non-functional."

Why it matters: Reliable pumps \rightarrow better maintenance planning \rightarrow sustained access to clean water.





a typical hand pump in Tanzania



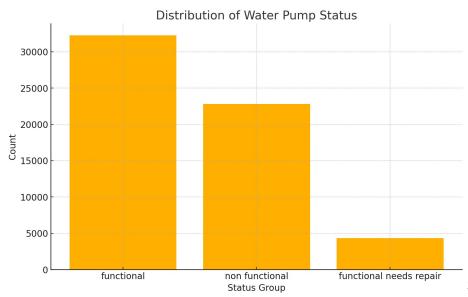
Dataset at a Glance

• Samples: 59,400 pumps

Features: 40 predictors (numeric, categorical, geospatial, temporal)

Label: status_group (3 classes)







Overview of data:

- 1. Handling Missing & Raw Features
- 2. Numeric Transformations: amount_tsh, yearsq
- 3. Categorical Encodings
- 4. Feature selection: Keep only:
 - Numeric: amount_tsh, gps_height, longitude, latitude, population, construction_year
 - Binary/coded: extraction_type_class, payment, water_quality, quantity, source, waterpoint_type, scheme_management
 - **Dummies**: basin_*
- 5. Engineered Interaction Features

Feature Name	Computation			
tshXpayment	amount_tsh × payment			
extractXsource	extraction_type_class × source			
popXtsh	population × amount_tsh			
popXquant	population × quantity			
popXsource	population × source			
extractXheight	extraction_type_class × gps_height			
typeXsource	waterpoint_type × source			
typeXyear	waterpoint_type × construction_year			
yearXpop	construction_year × population			
quantXsource	quantity × source			
yearsq	√(construction_year + 1)			

Model selection

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Best Estimator: XGBClassifier( ...
  eval_metric=auc,
  gamma=0,
  learning_rate=0.3, max_bin=None,
  max_delta_step=1,
  max_depth=8,
  min_child_weight=None,
  num_class=3, ...)
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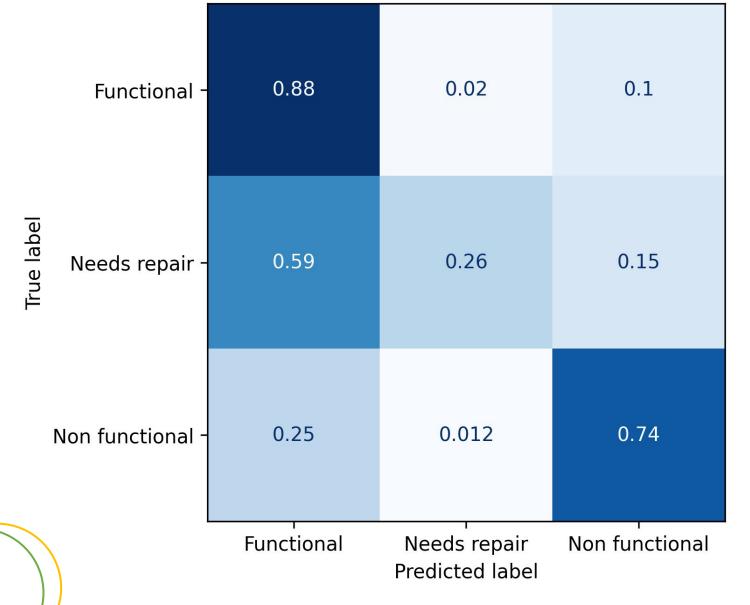


Classification Report on Test Set:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
functional	0.77	0.88	0.82	9678
functional needs repair	0.55	0.25	0.34	1295
non functional	0.81	0.73	0.77	6847
accuracy			0.78	17820
macro avg	0.71	0.62	0.64	17820
weighted avg	0.77	0.78	0.77	17820

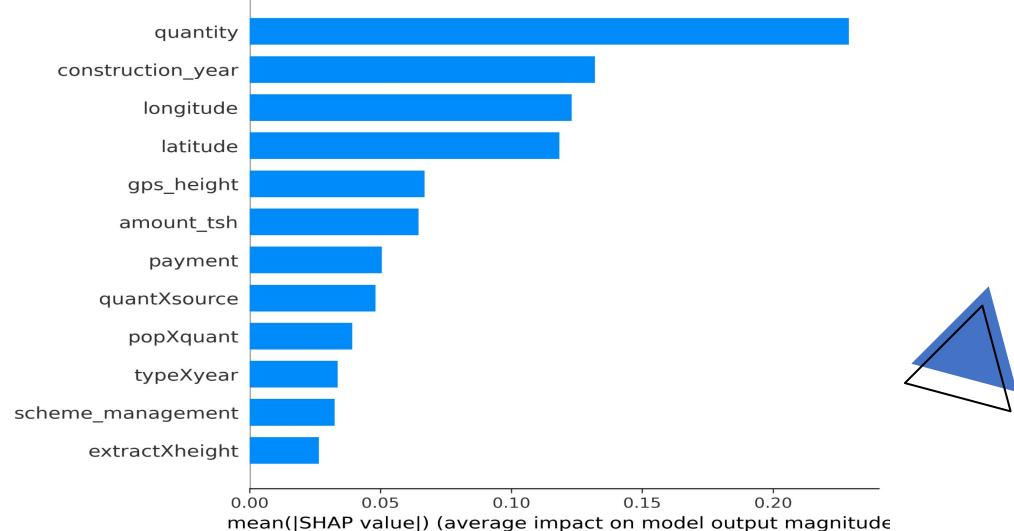




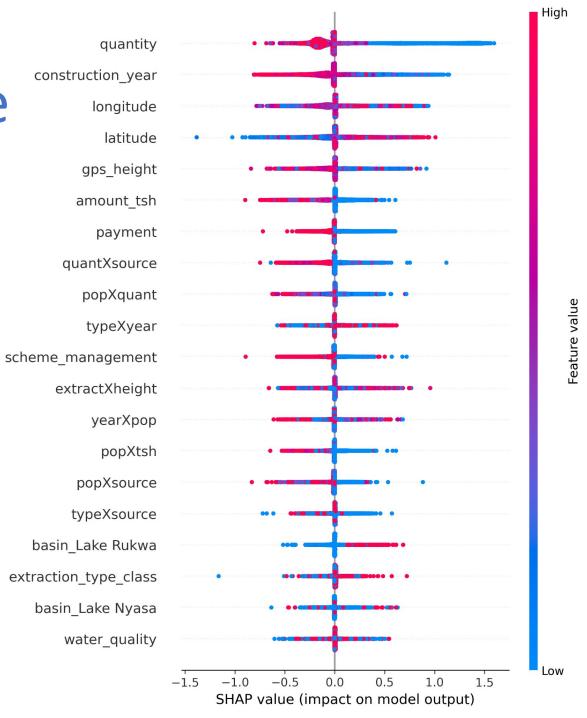




Feature Importance

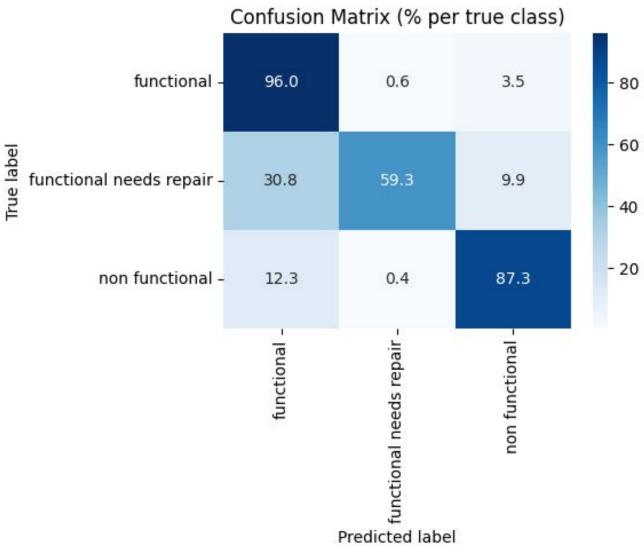


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7 Submission score for XG-boost

Best score

0.7047

Current rank

#6939



