

# PREDICTING FAULTY PUMPS

DATA MINING FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT



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# INTRODUCTION

- Project to predict the status of water pumps in Tanzania
- Objectives of the analysis:
  - Classify pumps in Tanzania as functional, or non-functional
  - Improve water access in Tanzania





# STAKEHOLDERS

- Government agencies and NGOs
- Tanzanian government and international development organizations



# BUSINESS CASE

## **Core objective:**

1. Enable the identification of functional and non-functional pumps in Tanzania

## **Results implications:**

1. Guide decisions on maintenance, investments, and resource allocation
2. Support sustainable water management in Tanzania



# DATA

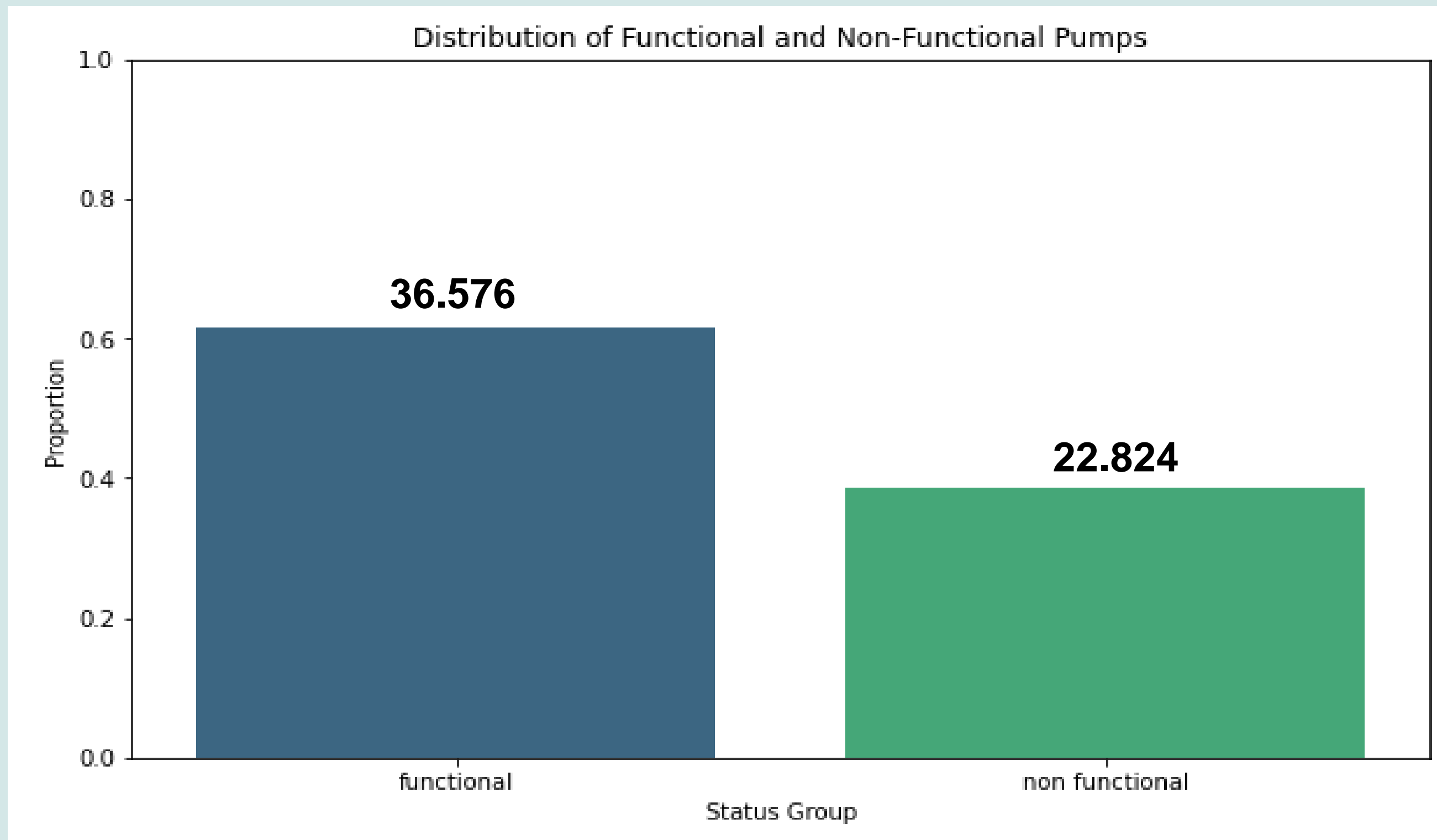
## DATASET OVERVIEW

- Source: DrivenData
- Link to the source: <https://www.drivendata.org/competitions/7/pump-it-up-data-mining-the-water-table/page/23/>
- Training dataset: 60000 records
- Testing dataset: 15000 records

## DATASET DESCRIPTION

- Certain fields: Geographic location, water access point, quantity of water

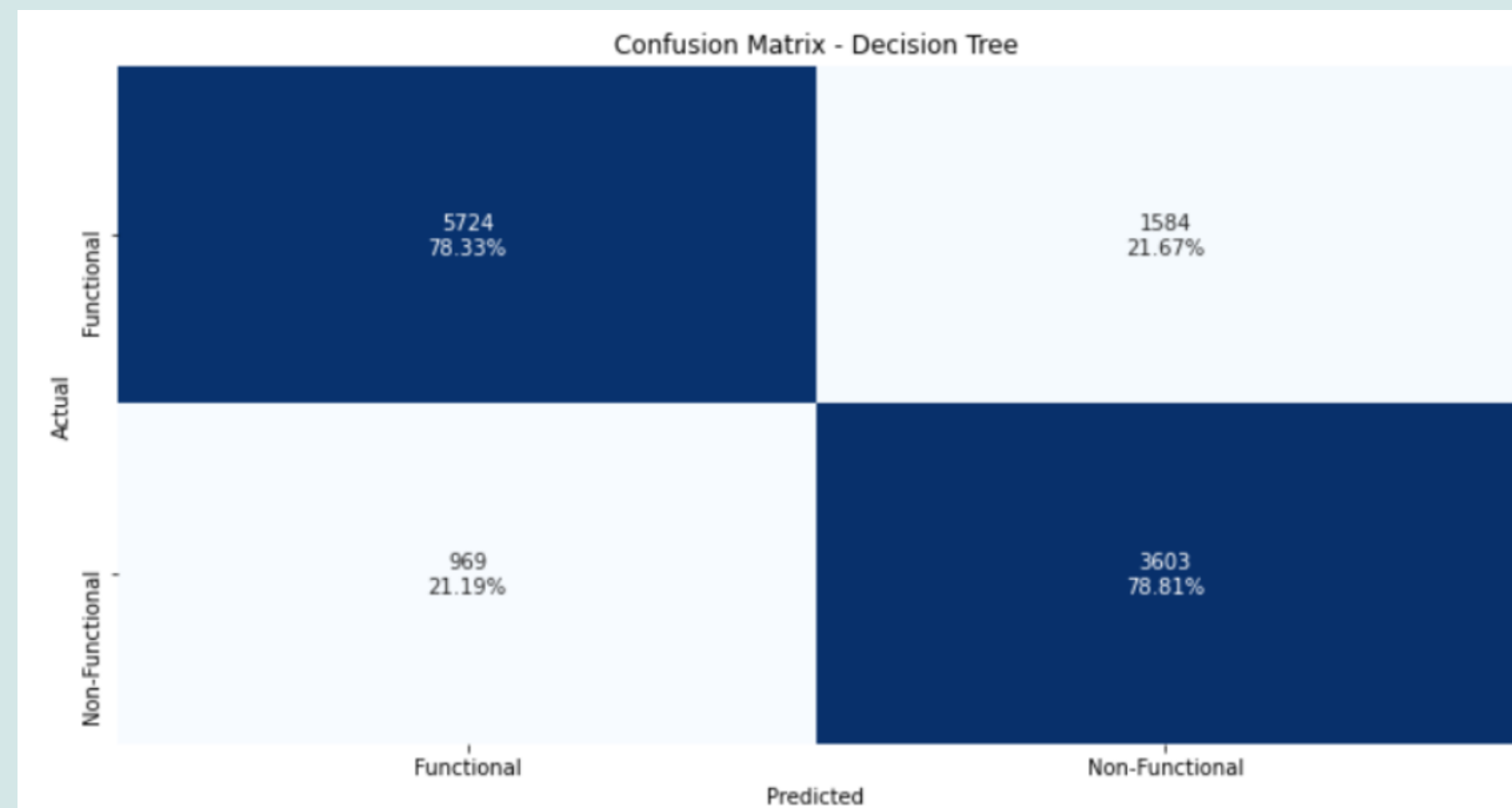
# PUMPS STATUS



# MODELING APPROACH

Models tested: Logistic regression and Decision tree classifier

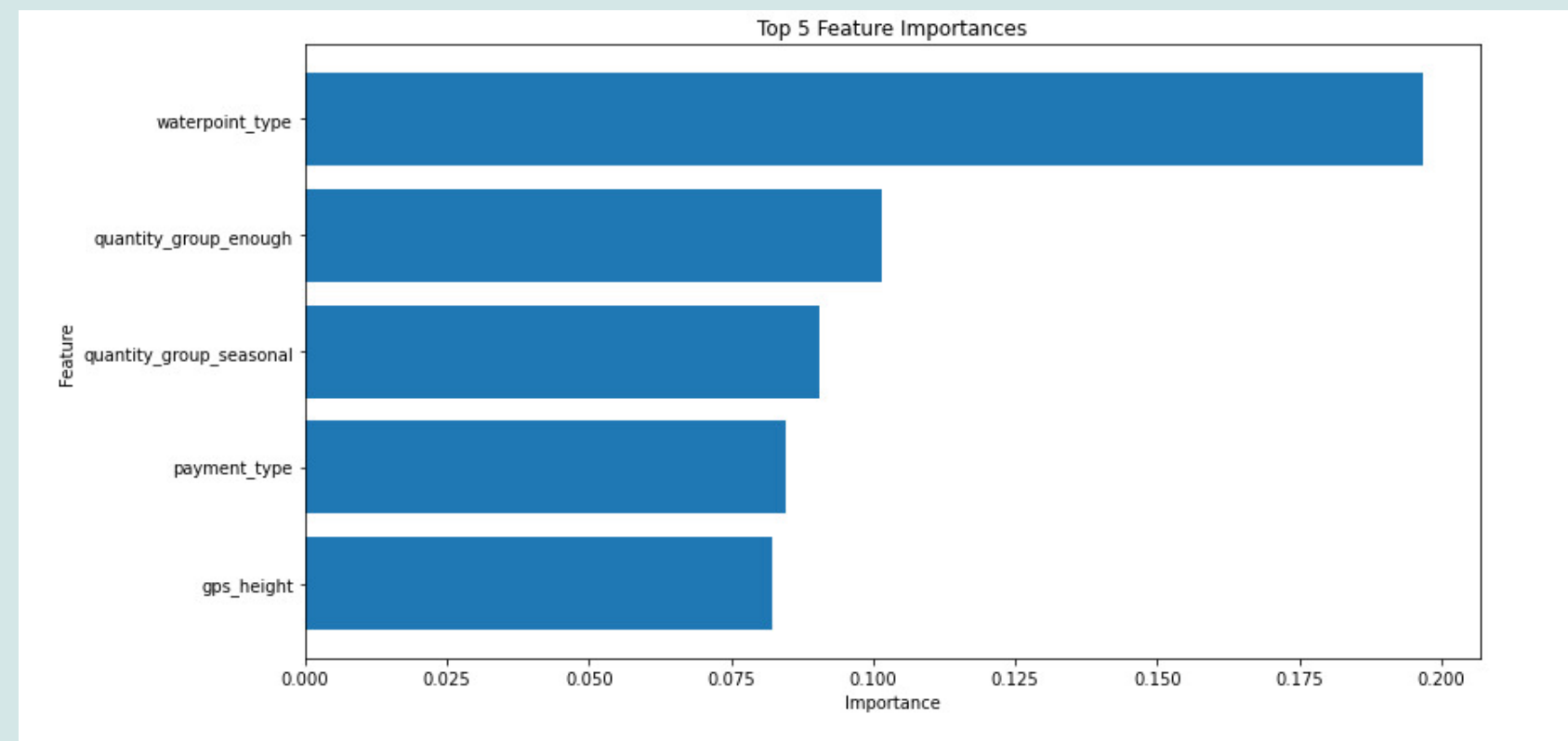
**Best model: Decision tree classifier because of low false positive rate (ie 21.19%)**



# FEATURE IMPORTANCE

Here are the most important variables that better discriminate between functional and non-functional:

1. Waterpoint\_type (ie. Water Access point)
2. Quantity\_group (ie. Quantity of wáter)
3. Payment\_type (ie. Payment method)

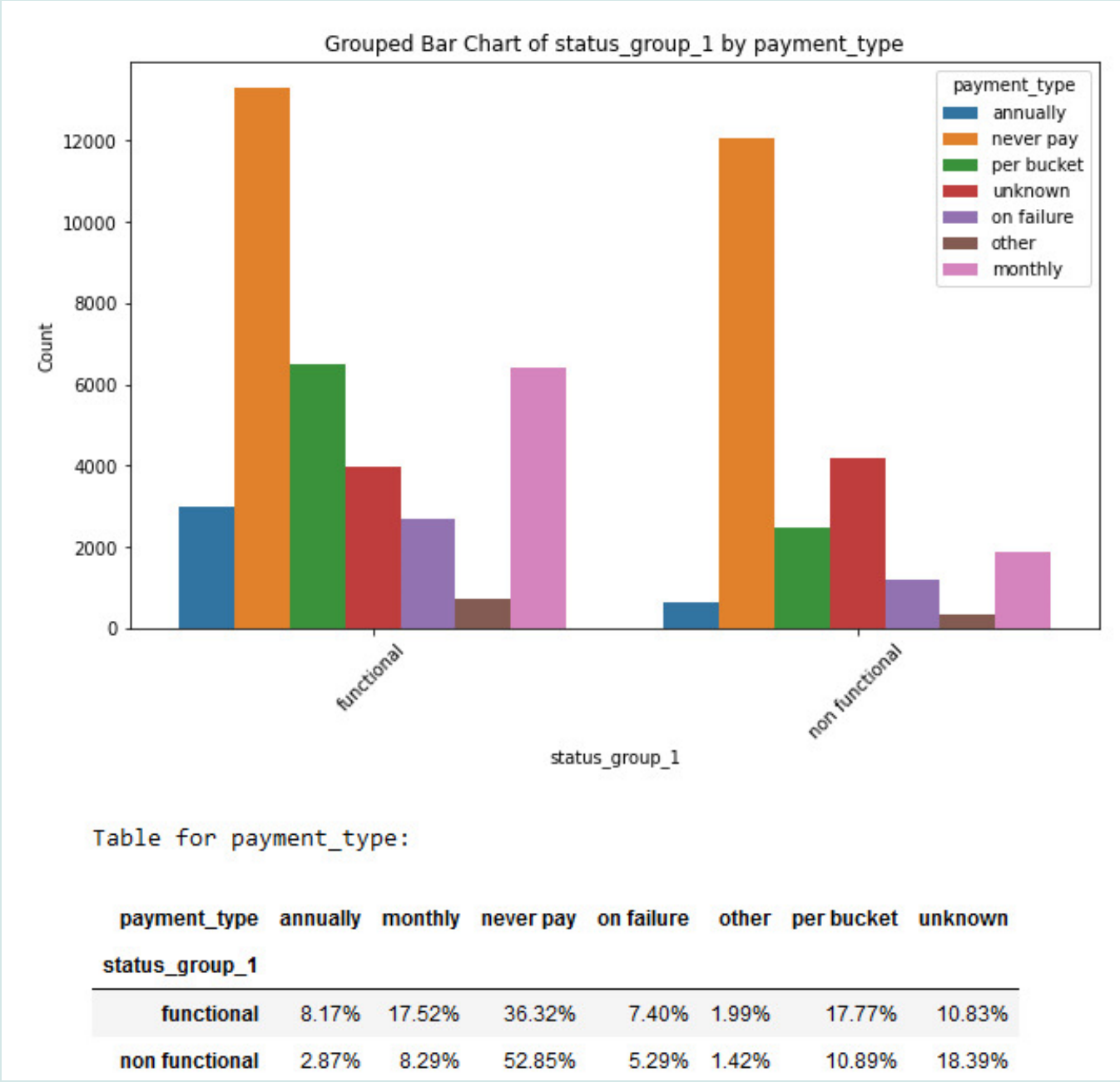




# RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1. Align Payment Plans:

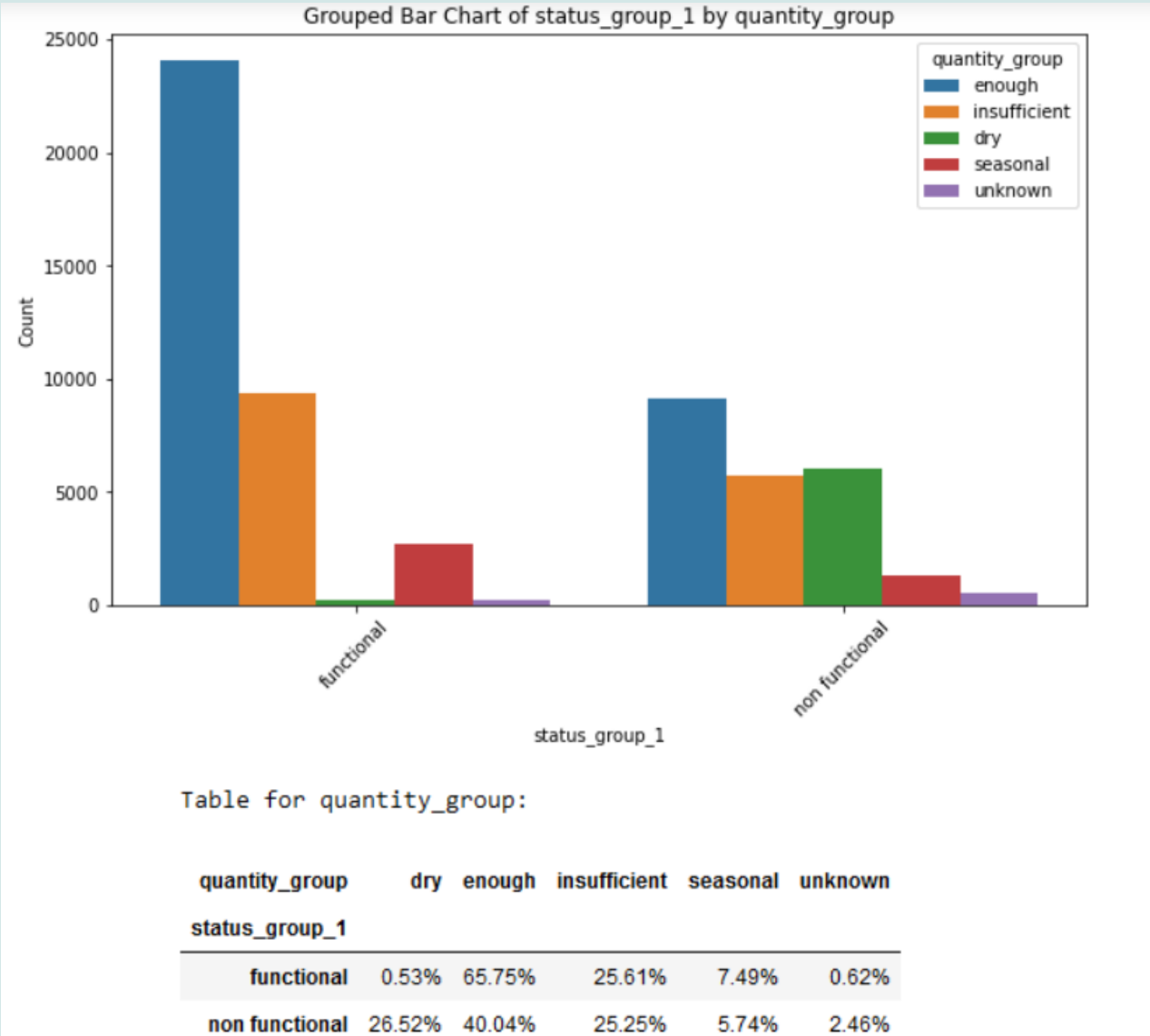
Providing financial assistance more accessible (with monthly or per-bucket payments)



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## 2. Use Dry Pumps as Indicators:

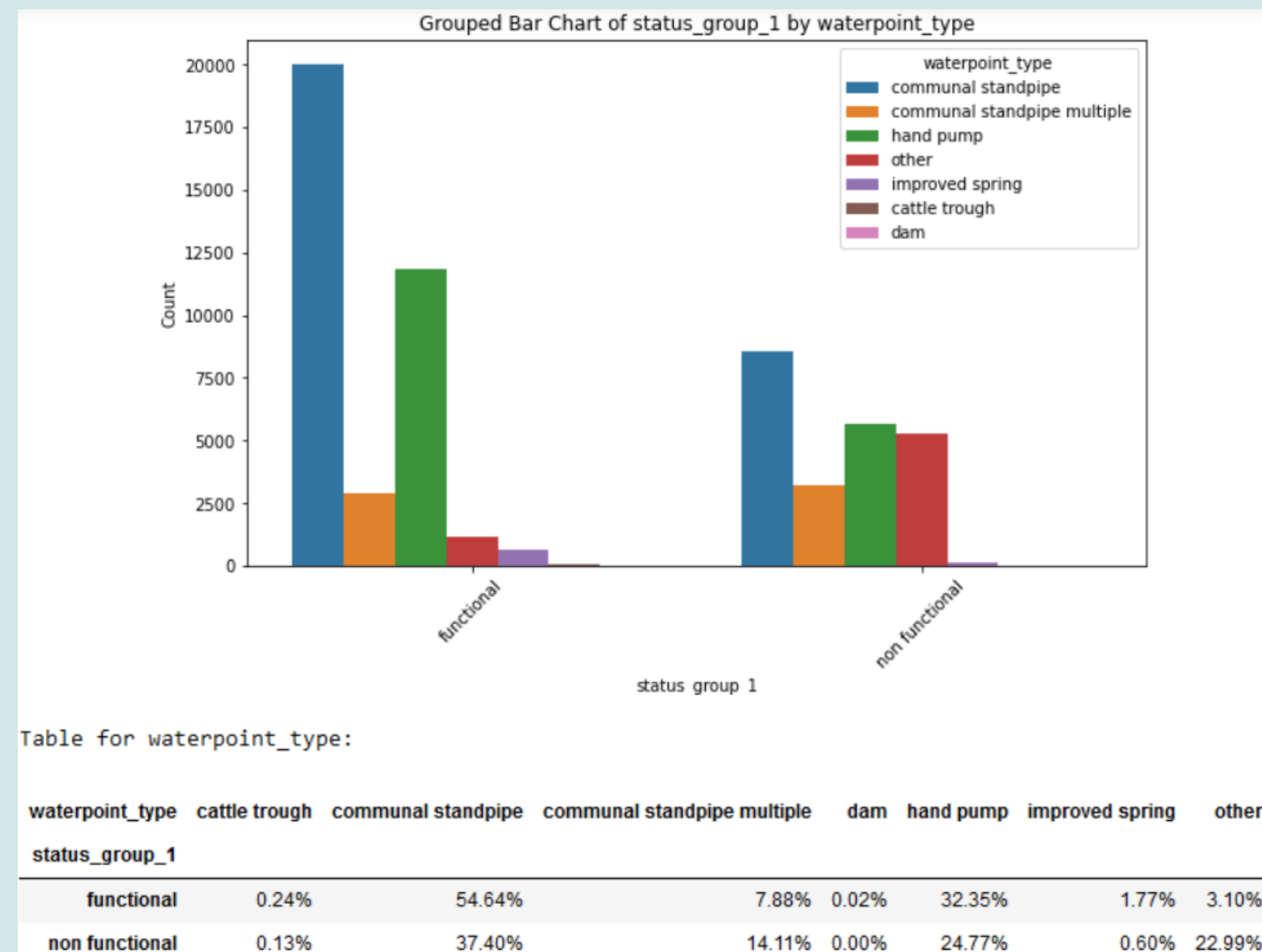
Using dry as an indicator helps identify non- functional pumps for targeted repairs



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## 3. Identify Non-Common Types:

Invest in communal standpipe multiple as it best detects pump functionality



# THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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