

WaterAid in Tanzania

“Let’s Get These People Water”



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Business Problem

16 million¹

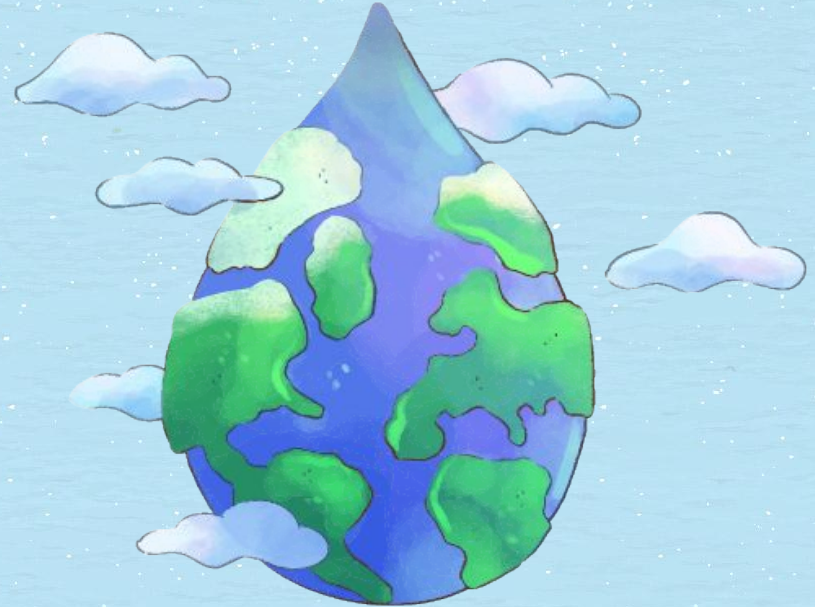
People without clean water

4 thousand²

Children under 5 die each year from
preventable water-borne illness

70%³

Health budget spent on
WASH-related diseases



1. Water.org (<https://water.org/our-impact/where-we-work/tanzania/>), 2. WaterAid (<https://www.wateraid.org/us/where-we-work/tanzania>)
3. Unicef (<https://www.unicef.org/tanzania/what-we-do/wash>)

Approach



Data

59k+ Wells



Status

1. Working
2. Not Working
3. Working but
Needs Repair



Features

40 features like:

- Location
- Management
- Year Built



Predict?

Using Machine
Learning

Modeling

	Training Accuracy	Testing Accuracy	Testing Log Loss	“Functional” Recall	“Non-Functional” Recall	“Needs Repair” Recall
Dummy	54.2%	54.5%	15.70	100%	0%	0%
Simple LogReg	76.7%	75.9%	0.58	88.1%	69.5%	17.1%
Polynomial	76.4%	75.5%	0.58	87.9%	69.2%	15.1%
SMOTE	67.8%	66.3%	0.74	64.4%	68.2%	70.4%
Grid Search LogReg	76.7%	76.0%	0.58	88.5%	69.5%	15.8%

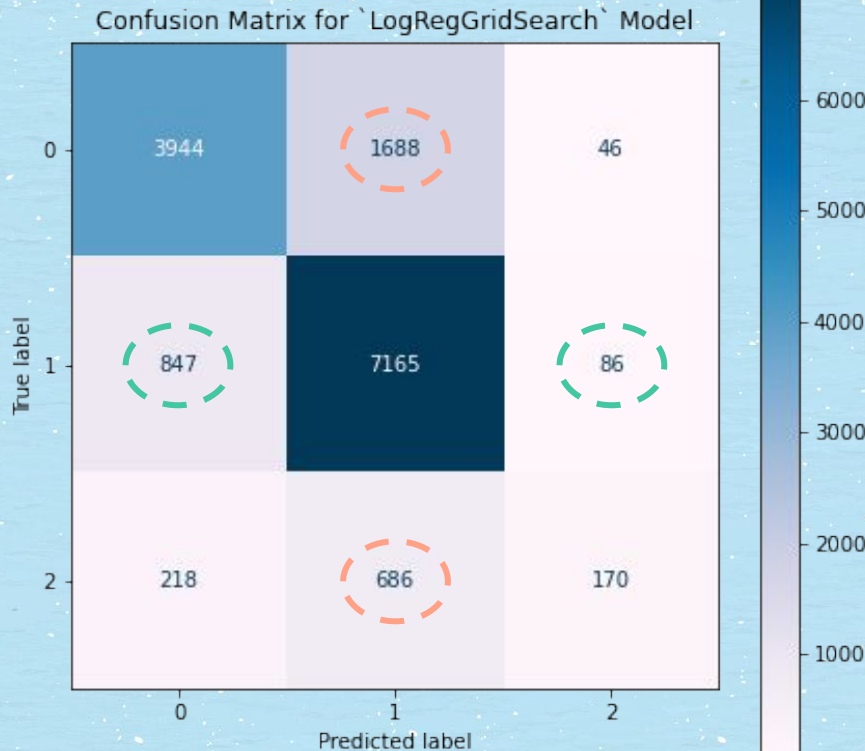
Evaluation – Logistic Regression

0: Non-Functioning
1: Functioning
2: Needs Repair

Positive: Needs Attention (0 or 2)
Negative: No Attention Needed (1)

False Positives →
Waste resources

False Negatives →
People in need



More Efficient

False Positives: 933

Less Safe

False Negatives: 2,374

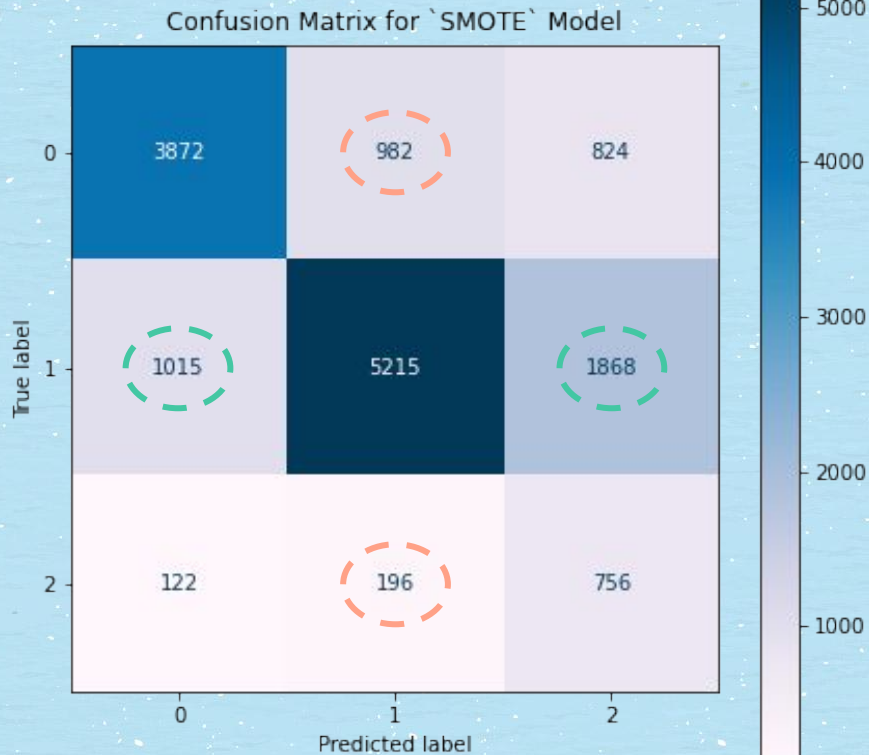
Evaluation – LogReg with SMOTE

0: Non-Functioning
1: Functioning
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Positive: Needs Attention (0 or 2)
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False Positives →
Waste resources

False Negatives →
People in need



Less Efficient

False Positives: 2,883

Safer

False Negatives: 1,178

Conclusion

What's our priority?



Efficiency

Simple Logistic Regression



Safety

Logistic Regression with SMOTE

What can we afford?



Next Steps

Decision Tree?

K-Nearest Neighbors?

Random Forest?

Thanks!



Do you have any questions?

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