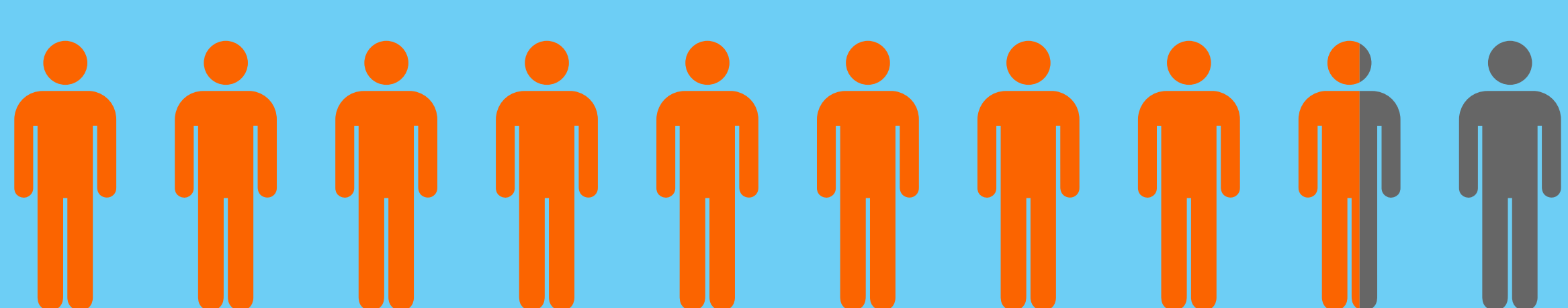


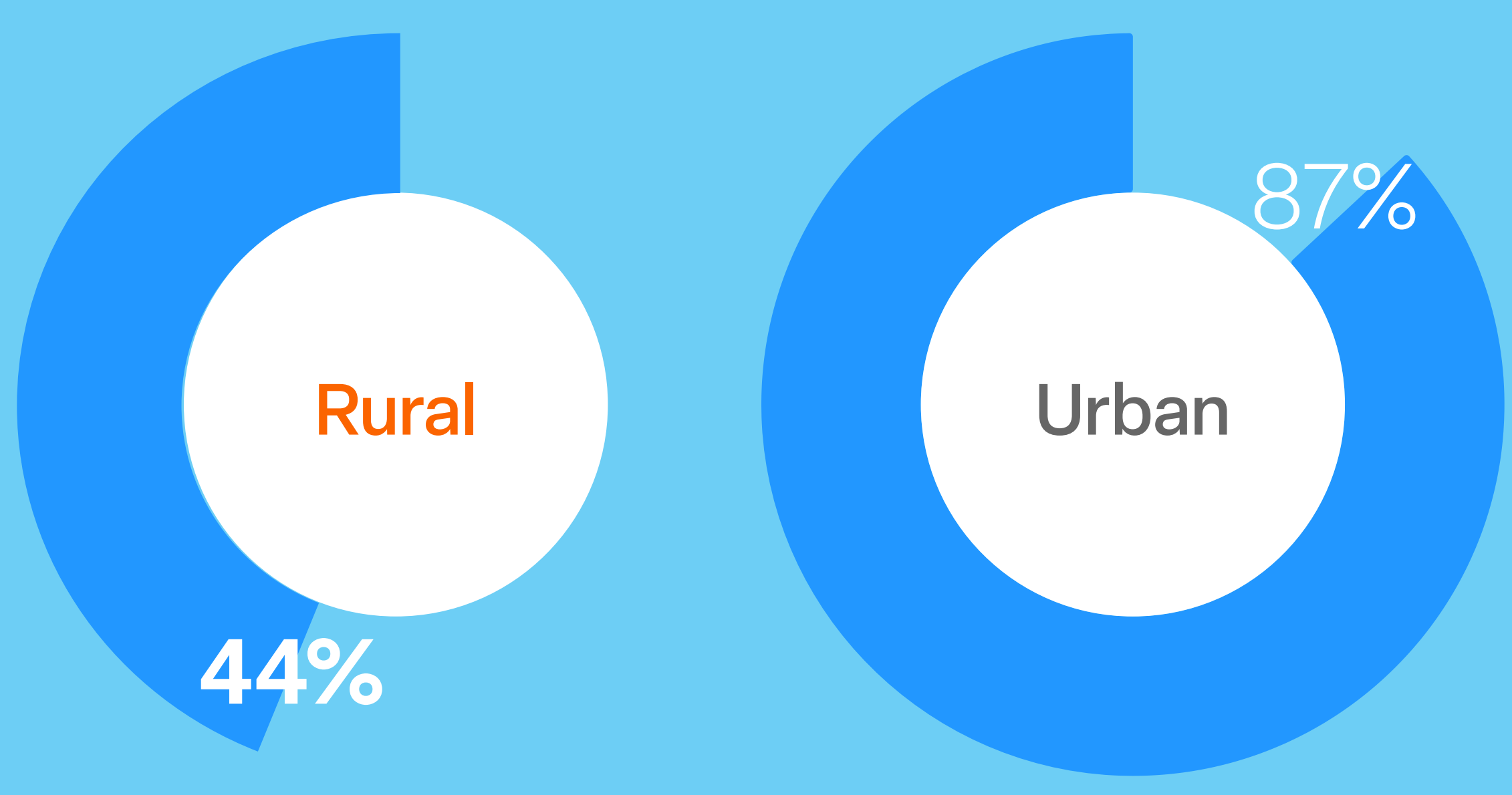
Over 5.5 million people in the Pacific don't have access to a fundamental human right¹: drinking water.²

92% of those people are from Papua New Guinea

The rural population represents the vast majority of the Papua New Guineans³:



And they are also the group of people that are most in need, with significantly less access to safe drinking water⁴:



Considered the 12th most at risk country to climate change by the World Risk Index in 2024⁵, Papua New Guinea's vulnerability to natural hazards turns this crisis into a race against time.

Government support and international aid cannot wait. A \$25 million commitment from the European Investment Bank will help 400,000 Papua New Guineans in the next years⁶, while over 4.6 million people still don't have a clear prospect of safe drinking water access.



Notes:
¹Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is considered a fundamental human right by the United Nations:
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation/>
²drinking water refers to 'safely managed drinking water services', meaning: "an improved drinking water source which is accessible on premises, available when needed and free from faecal and priority chemical contamination." (SDG indicator metadata)
³[https://stats.pacificdata.org/vis?tm=population%20growth&pg=0&snb=11&df\[ds\]=ds%3ASPC2&df\[id\]=DF_NMDL_POP&df\[ag\]=SPC&df\[vs\]=1.0&dq=A.PG.NMDI0004%2BNMDI0001_T.T.T.&pd=,&to\[TIME_PERIOD\]=false](https://stats.pacificdata.org/vis?tm=population%20growth&pg=0&snb=11&df[ds]=ds%3ASPC2&df[id]=DF_NMDL_POP&df[ag]=SPC&df[vs]=1.0&dq=A.PG.NMDI0004%2BNMDI0001_T.T.T.&pd=,&to[TIME_PERIOD]=false)
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⁵<https://careclimatechange.org/where-we-work/papua-new-guinea/#post-content>
⁶<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2026-190-papua-new-guinea-to-expand-drinking-water-networks-with-usd25-million-in-financing-from-eib-global>