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The mismatch between needs and services

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Rapid cycle testing

Real-time monitoring
Data-dashboards
Adaptations

Fund-Mapping

Existing expenditure of
children's services
Redirect 1-2%

Place-based approach to system reform

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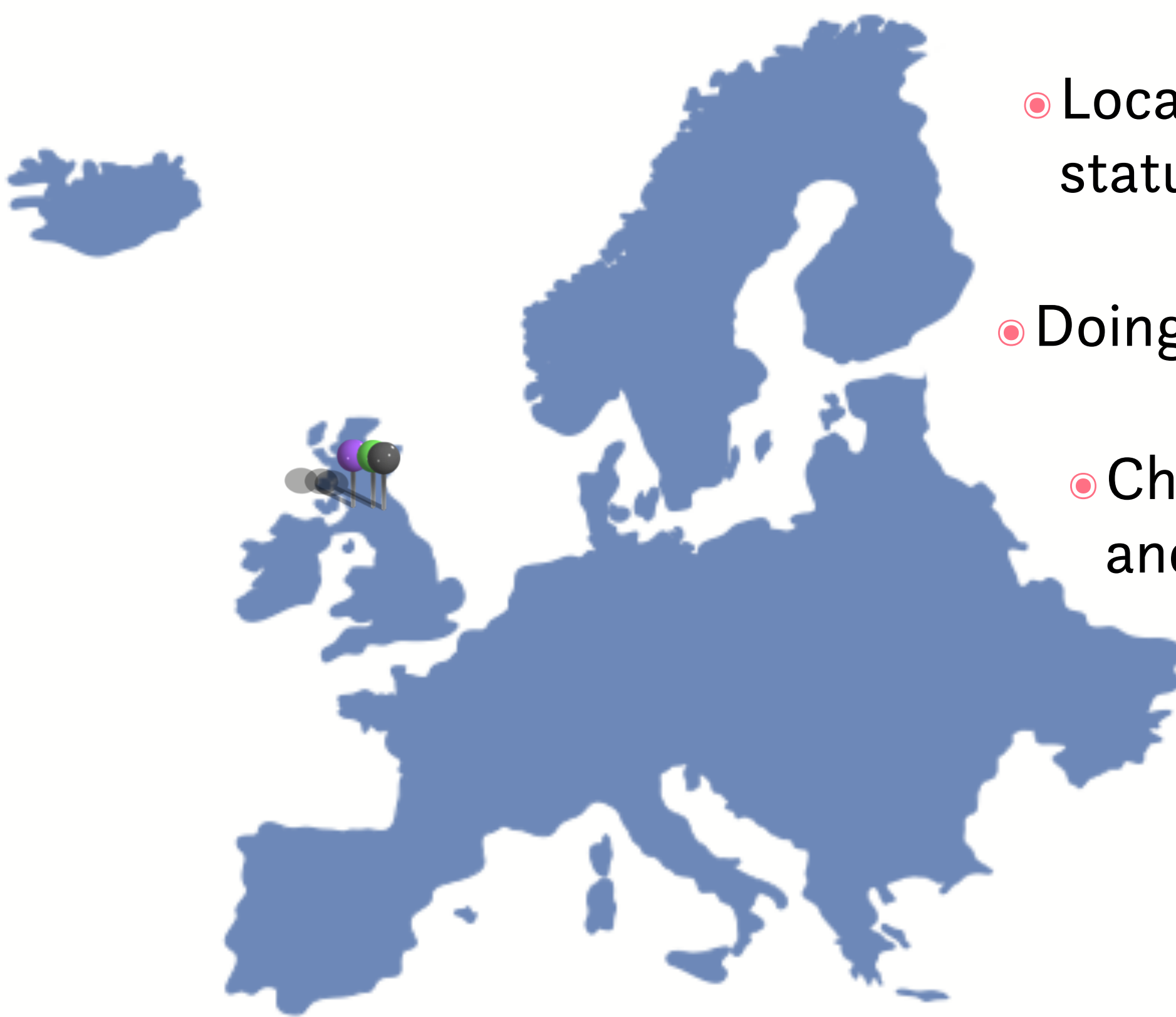
Programmes
Policies
Process
Practices

Wellbeing data & service use

Robust data 0-16
Mismatch between N&S
Prioritisation of outcomes



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- ◉ Local government statutory obligations
- ◉ Doing more with less £
- ◉ Change is essential and urgent

The Scottish context...



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- Data on those known to services
- Unmet need
- High-end services are not enough
- Lacking robust data on all children that can inform local service provision

What we think we know



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- High quality data on wellbeing @ low cost
- All children 9-16 years, mainstream school
- Online DSRU ChildrenCount survey
- Data-linkage

What we did...(i)



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- Snapshot of child well-being (9-16 years)
- Response rate = 86% (n = 26,100)
- Timely feedback, approx. 2 week period

What we did...(ii)



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What is the (mis)match between needs and services?

Key question



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- Poor engagement with school
 - Substance misuse
 - Likely anxiety or depression
 - Offending behaviour
 - Hyperactivity or ADHD
 - Bullying victimisation
 - Friends use of drugs
 - Permissive parental attitudes to antisocial behaviour
 - Permissive parental attitudes to substance use
 - Poor family management
 - Family conflict
 - Interaction with antisocial peers
 - Overcrowded accommodation

High need (5+ risks)



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- Social work services (e.g. currently being ‘looked after’ by the local authority)
- Educational support (above monitoring)
- Mental health (CAMHS)

Universal services are not counted!

Target services



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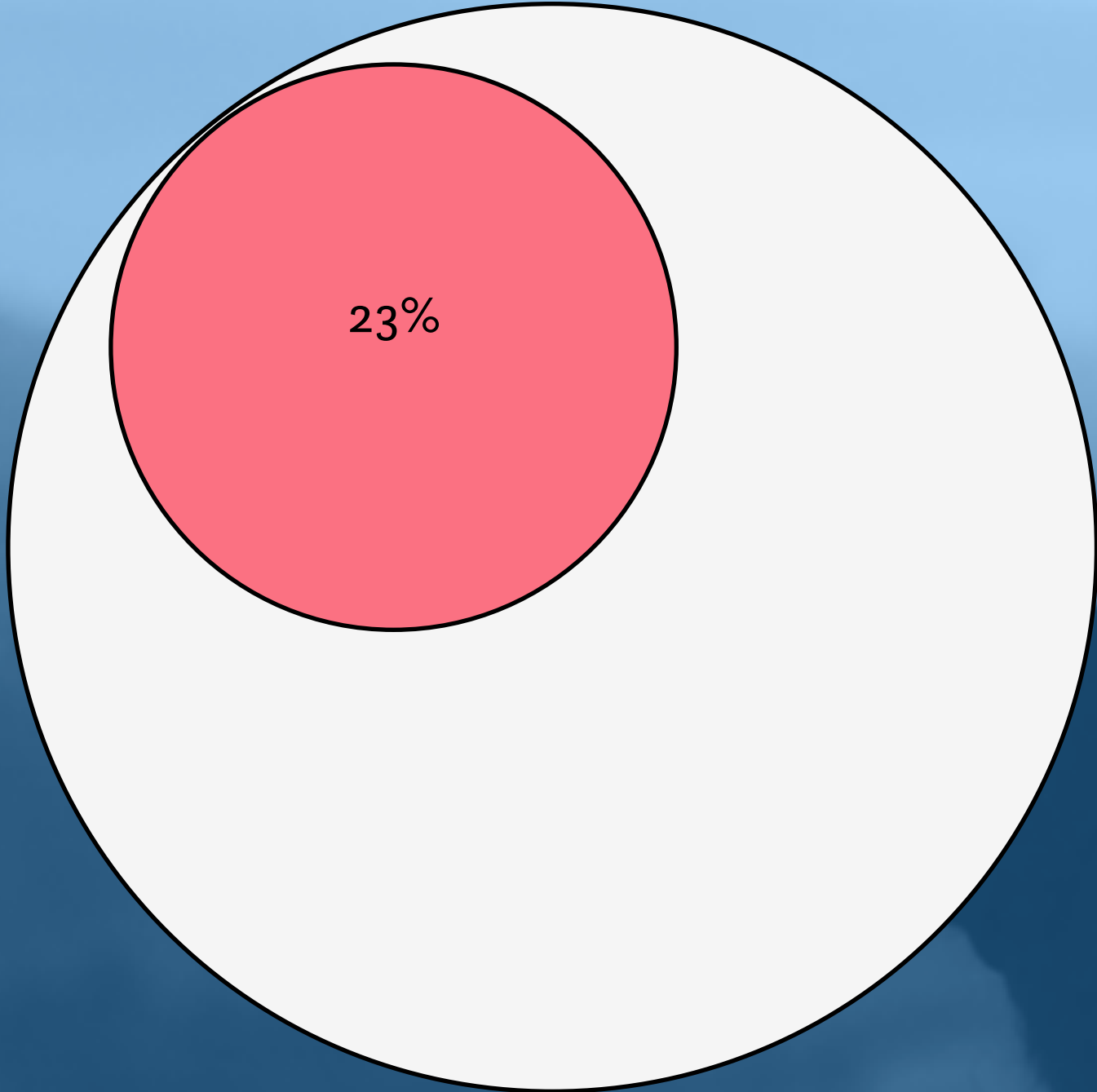
Children 9-16 years

The findings



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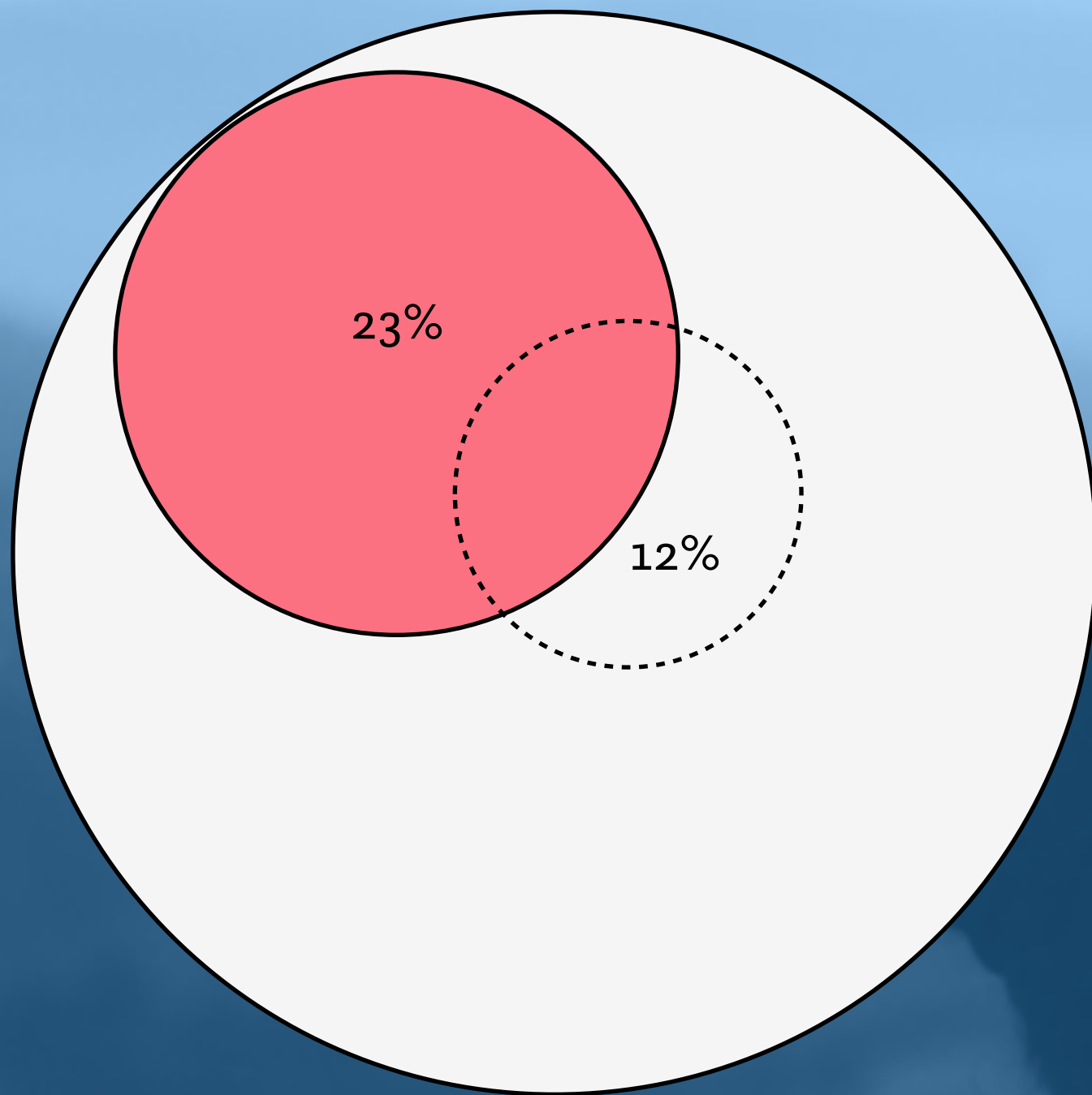


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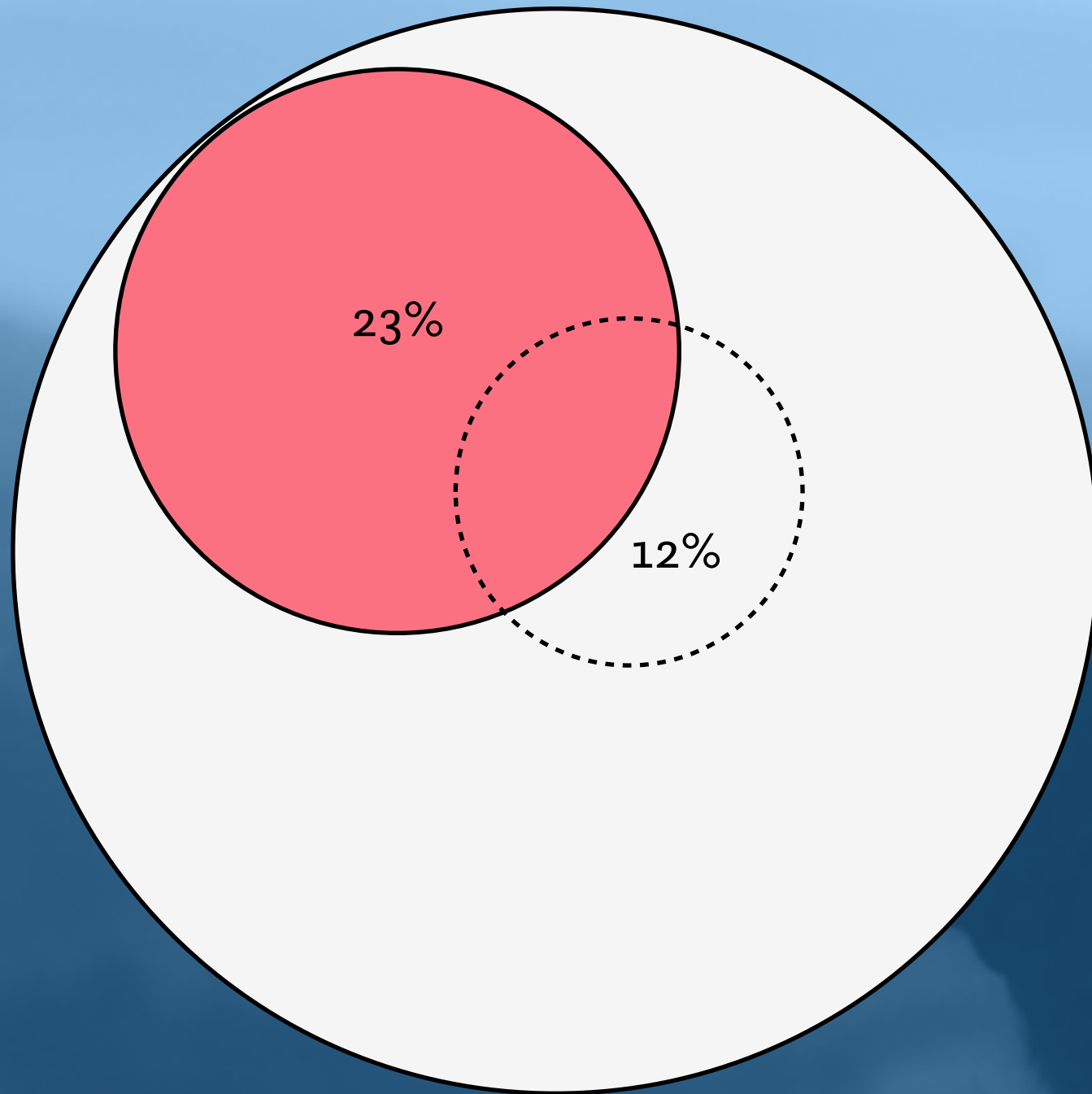
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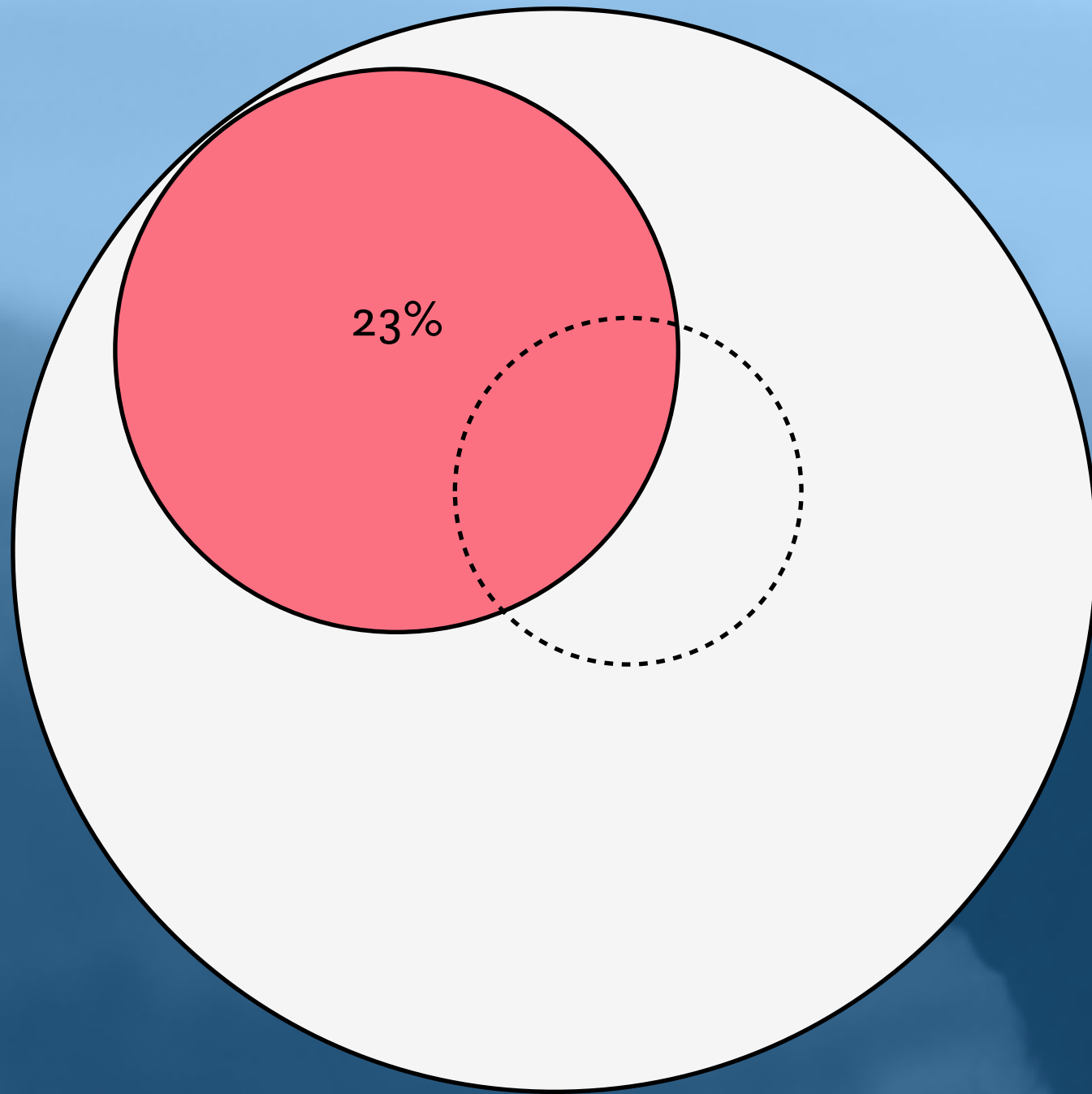


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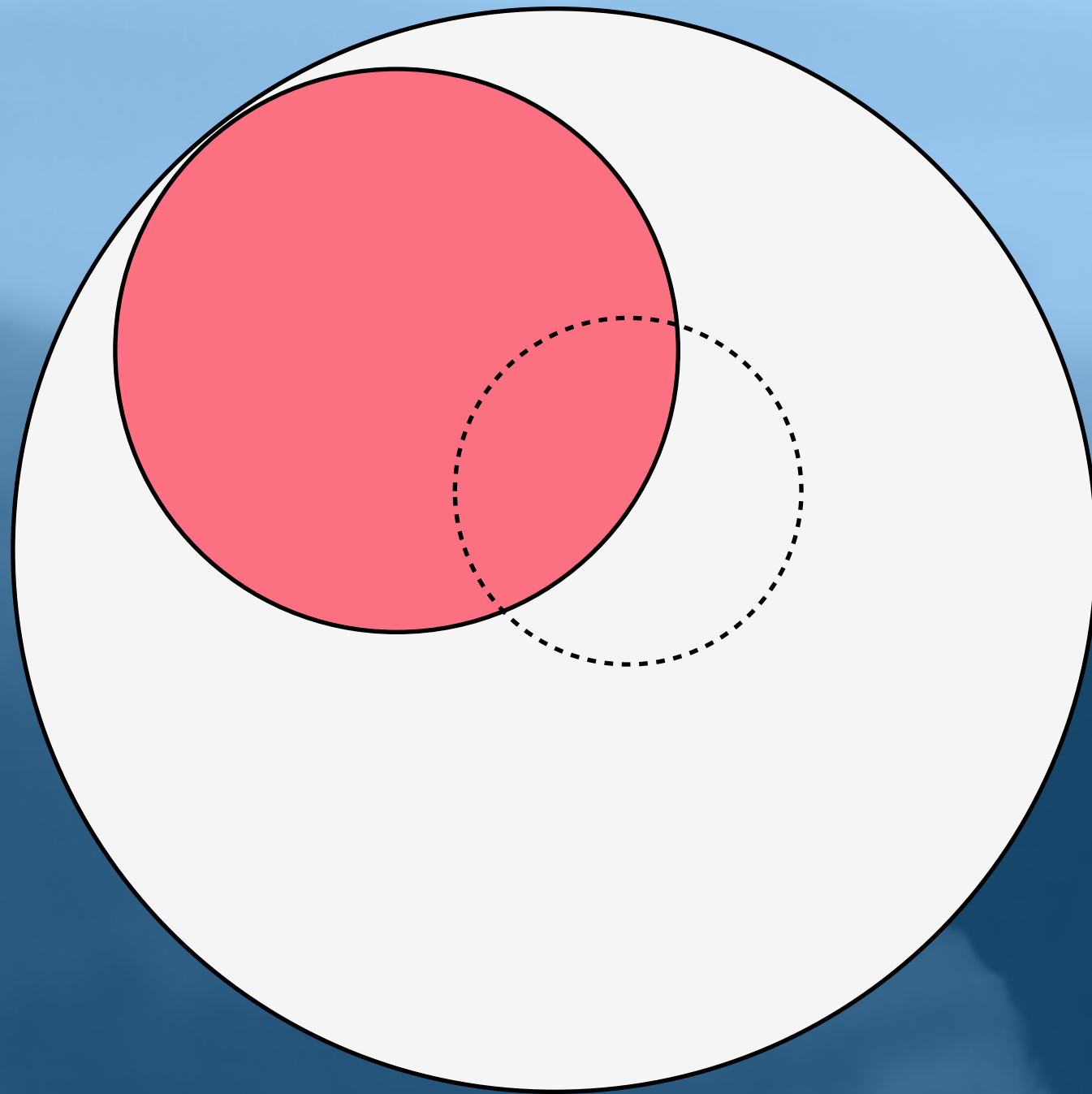


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- **40% receiving targeted services are 'high need'.**

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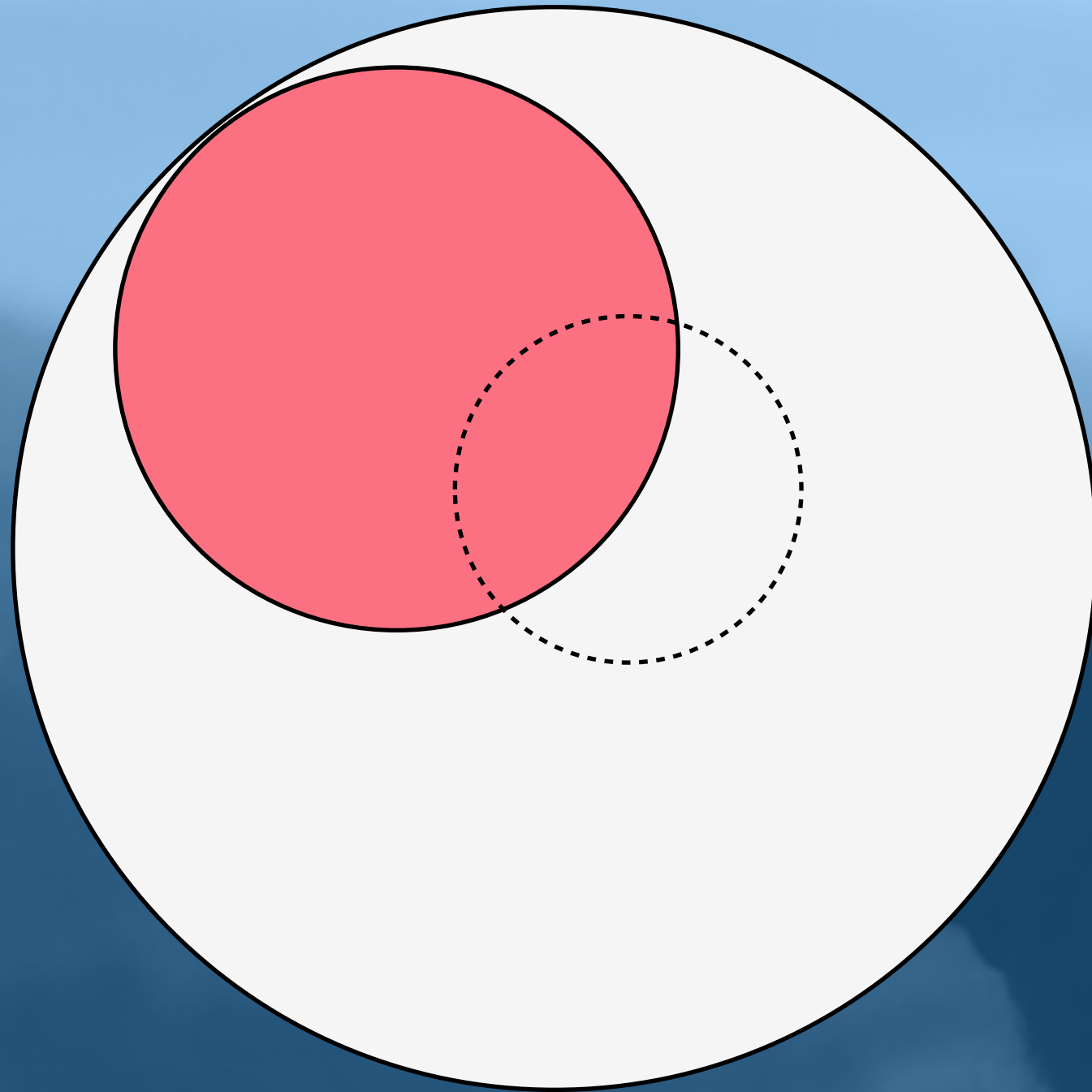
- Level of 'high need' is great cause for concern
- Existing services cannot be reasonably expected to meet this level of 'high need'

The implications



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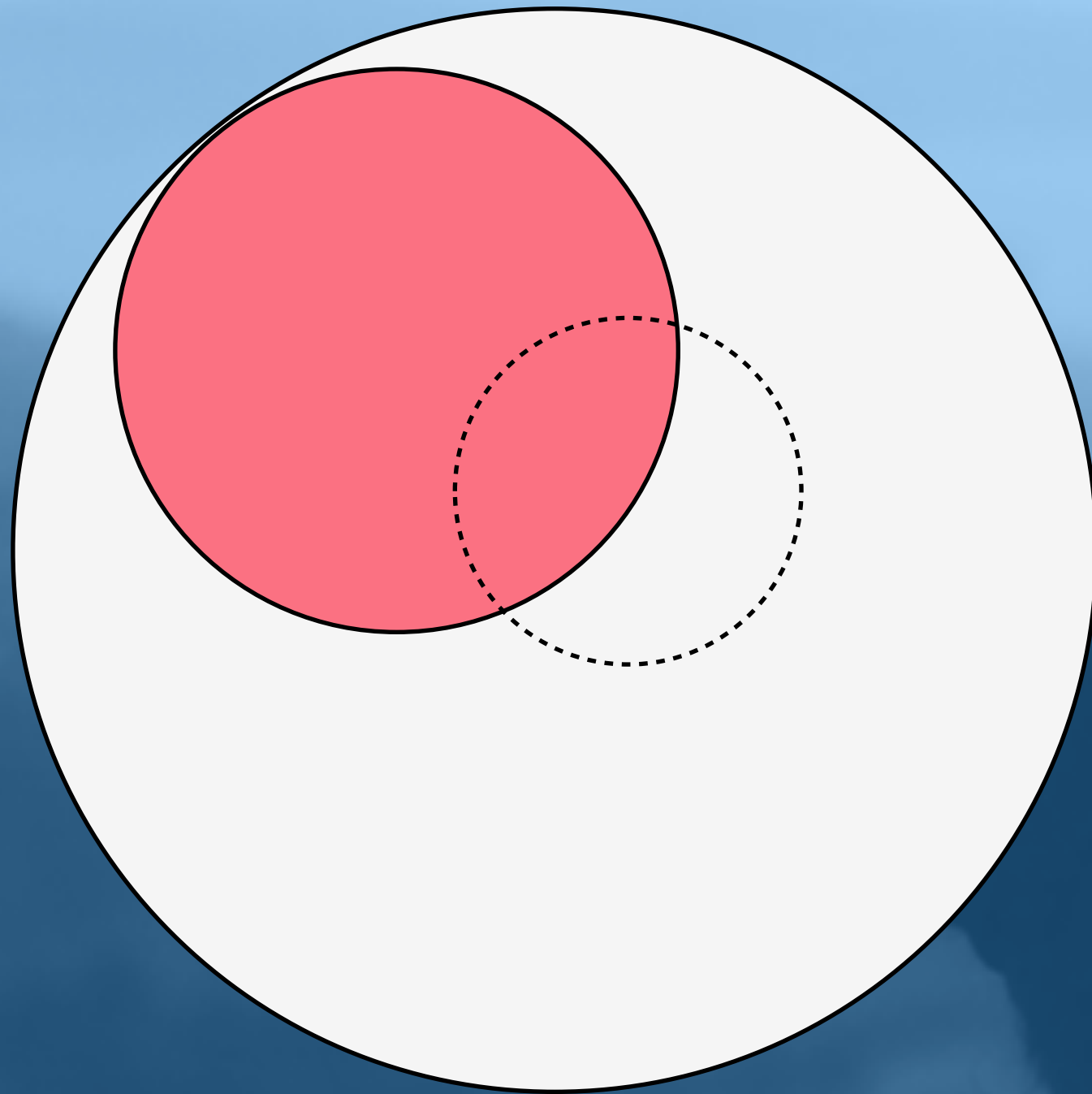
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What can be done?



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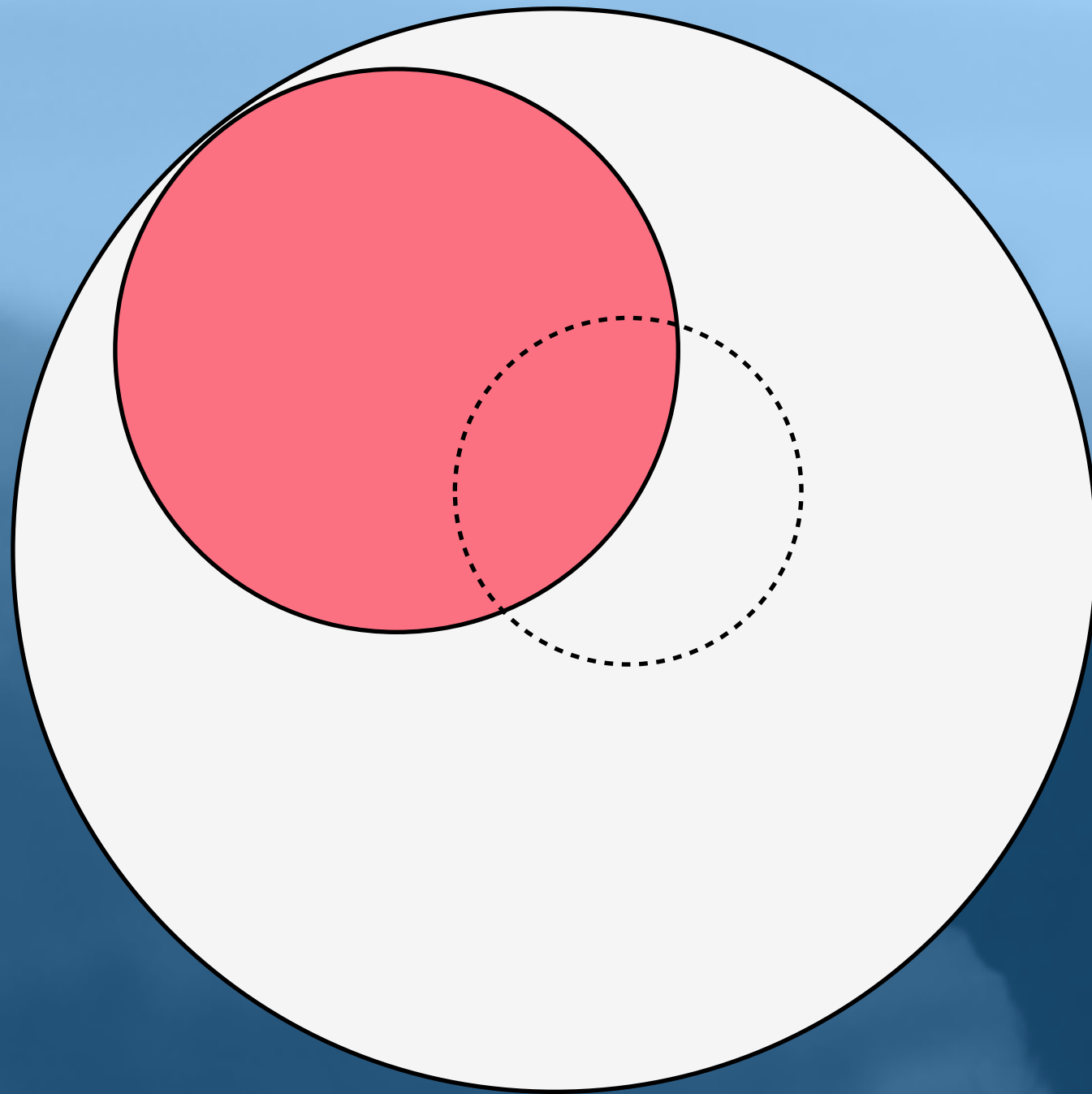


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What can be done?



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- Think beyond services to civil society

What can be done?



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