**Two Parallel Realities: Life in Villages and Cities**

- **Population in rural areas is more exposed to poverty than the urban population.**
  - Absolute poverty rate in rural areas fell by 13% from 2006 to 2012.
  - Absolute poverty rate in urban areas increased by 15% during the same period.

### Access to Basic Services

- **Access to health services is much more limited in rural areas.**
  - The share of the population who enjoyed access to water and sewerage systems in rural areas is fewer than in urban areas.
  - The gross preschool enrolment rate for children aged 3-6 years old was lower in rural areas than in urban areas.

### Vicious Circle

- **People with limited chances to migrate are caught in this circle: children, elderly people, disabled people, and families with several children.**

### Inter-generational Mortality

- **The outwards migration of children, as a result, faces higher health risks.**

### Economic and Demographic Outlook

- **The natural growth rate of the rural population has determined a high poverty trap among the rural population.**

### Conclusion

- **While absolute poverty rate fell, poverty is falling more in rural areas than urban areas.**

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**Country X**

- **Share of the population who enjoyed access to public sewerage system**
  - Urban Areas: 75.7%
  - Rural Areas: 12.02%

- **Share of the population who benefited from medical services over the last 4 weeks**
  - Urban Areas: 79.1%
  - Rural Areas: 68.9%

- **Cities and villages are accessible via the “broadband tram” - urban population enjoys private population growth trend, while population in rural areas shrink at a faster rate.**

### Water and Energy Consumption

- **Water consumption per capita and energy consumption per household**
  - Urban Areas: 108 and 254, Rural Areas: 76.7 and 9,96

- **TB incidence in rural areas**
  - Urban Areas: 22.7
  - Rural Areas: 25.6
  - Rural-urban difference is 3%.

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