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SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY EPIDEMIOLOGY NETWORK ON DRUG USE

Treatment Demand Data • Service Quality Measures (SQM)
• Community-Based Harm Reduction Services

SYMPOSIUM

Tendai Makina

Community-based harm reduction services: Gauteng

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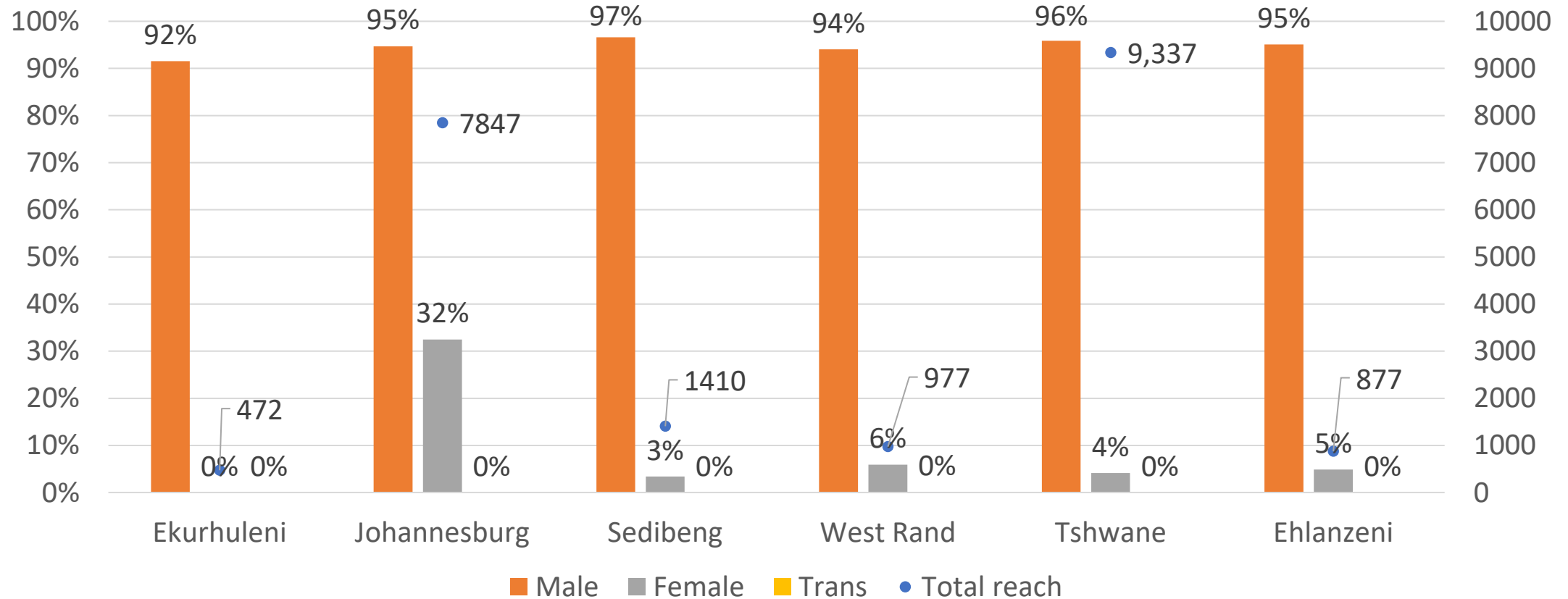
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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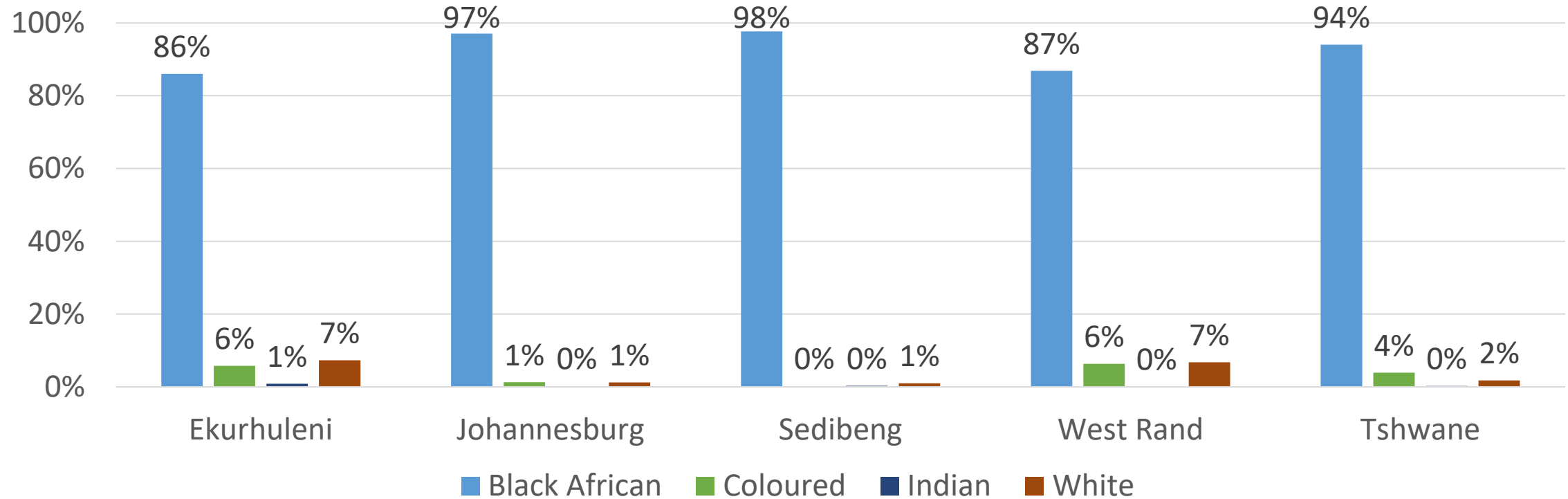
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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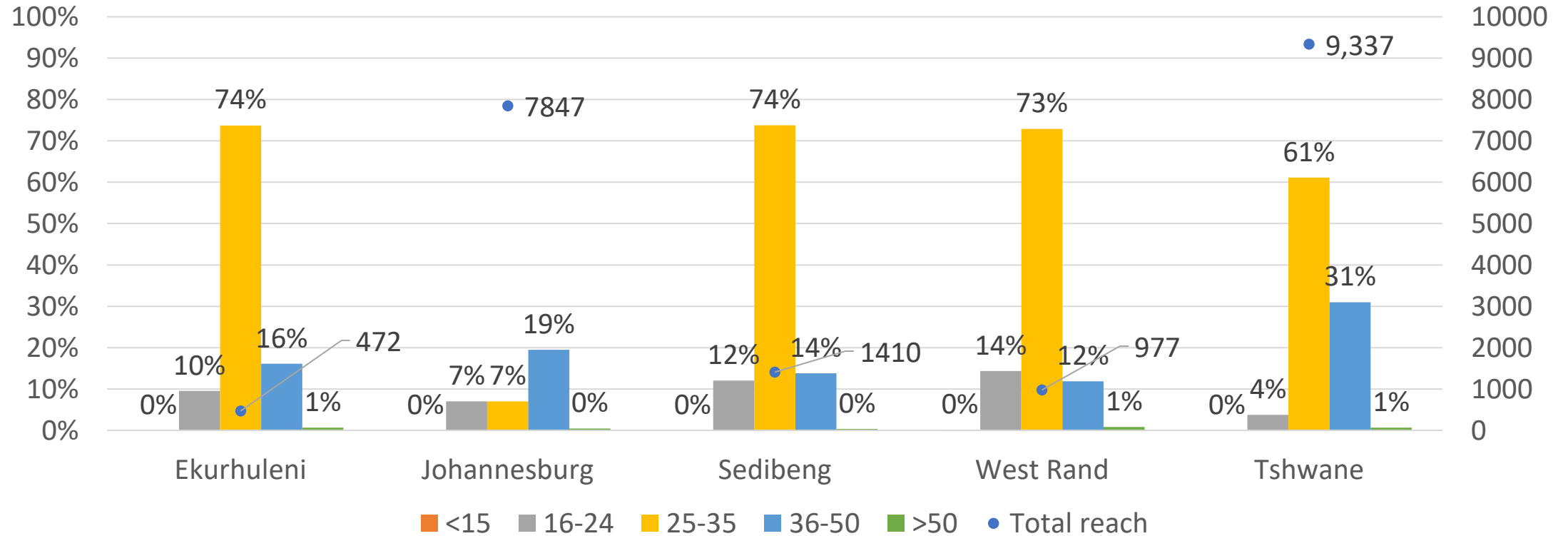
Needle & syringe reach, by age



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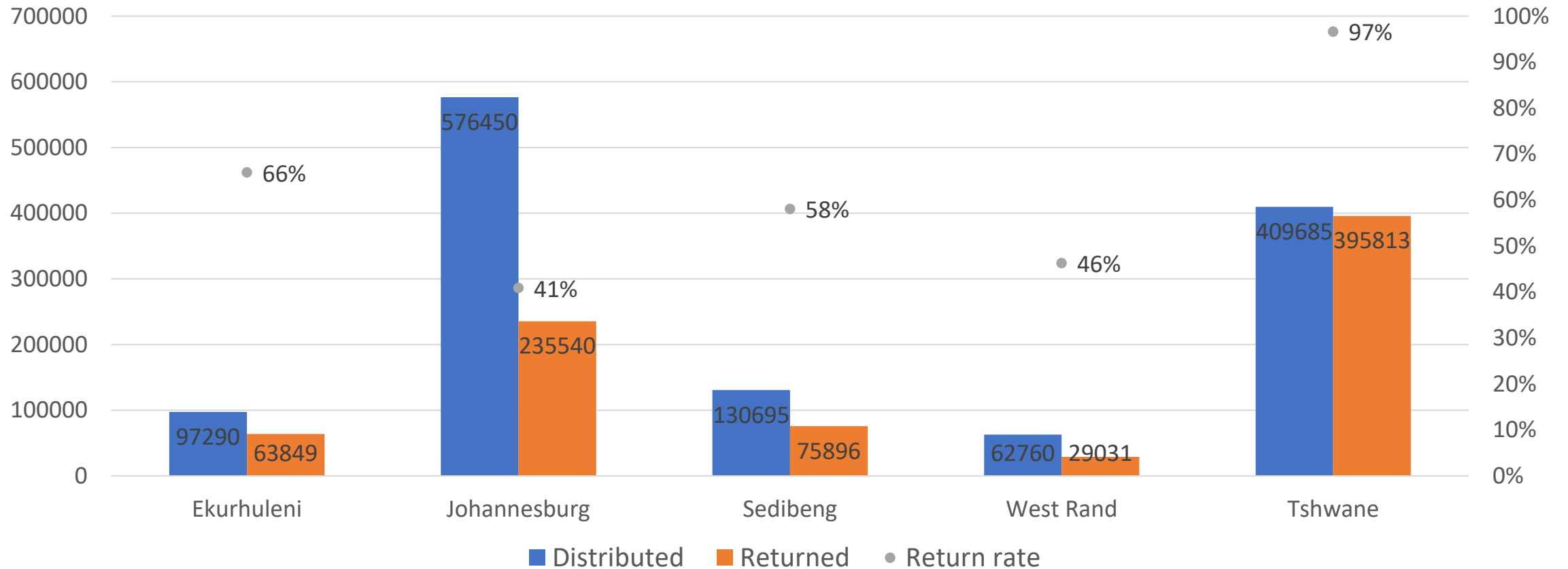
Needle & syringe distribution & return



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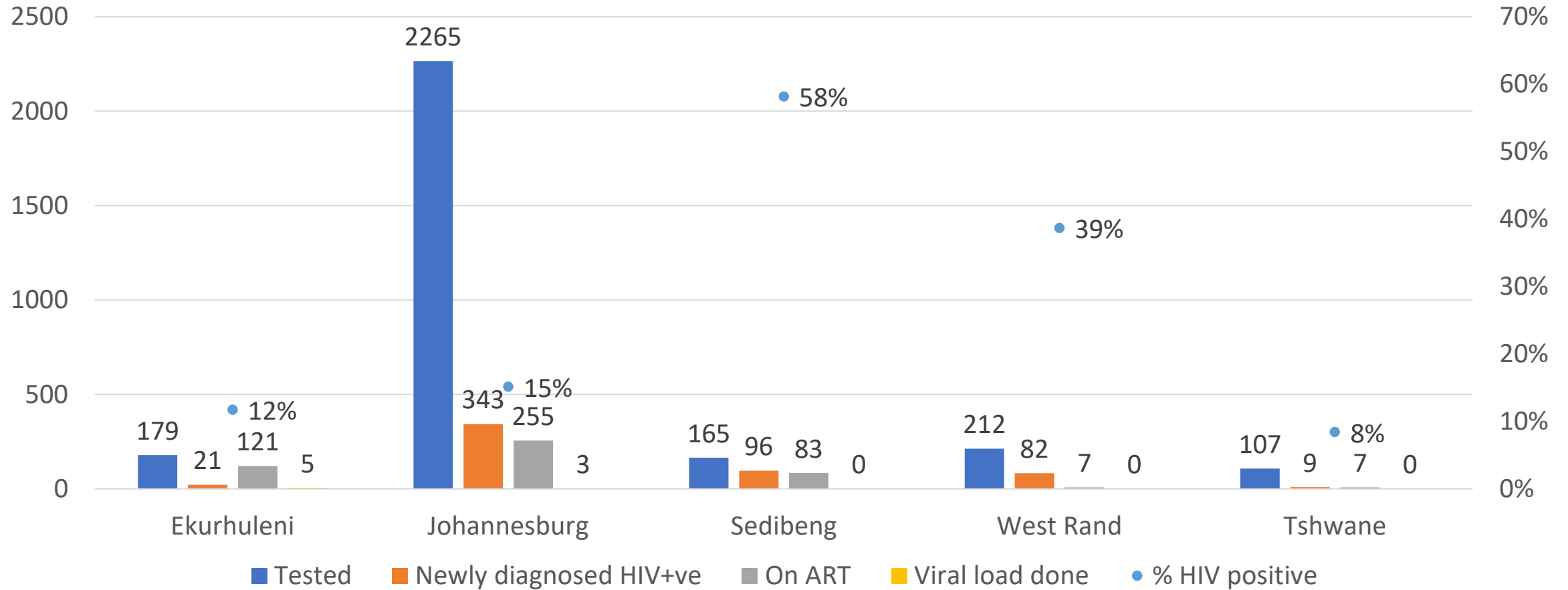
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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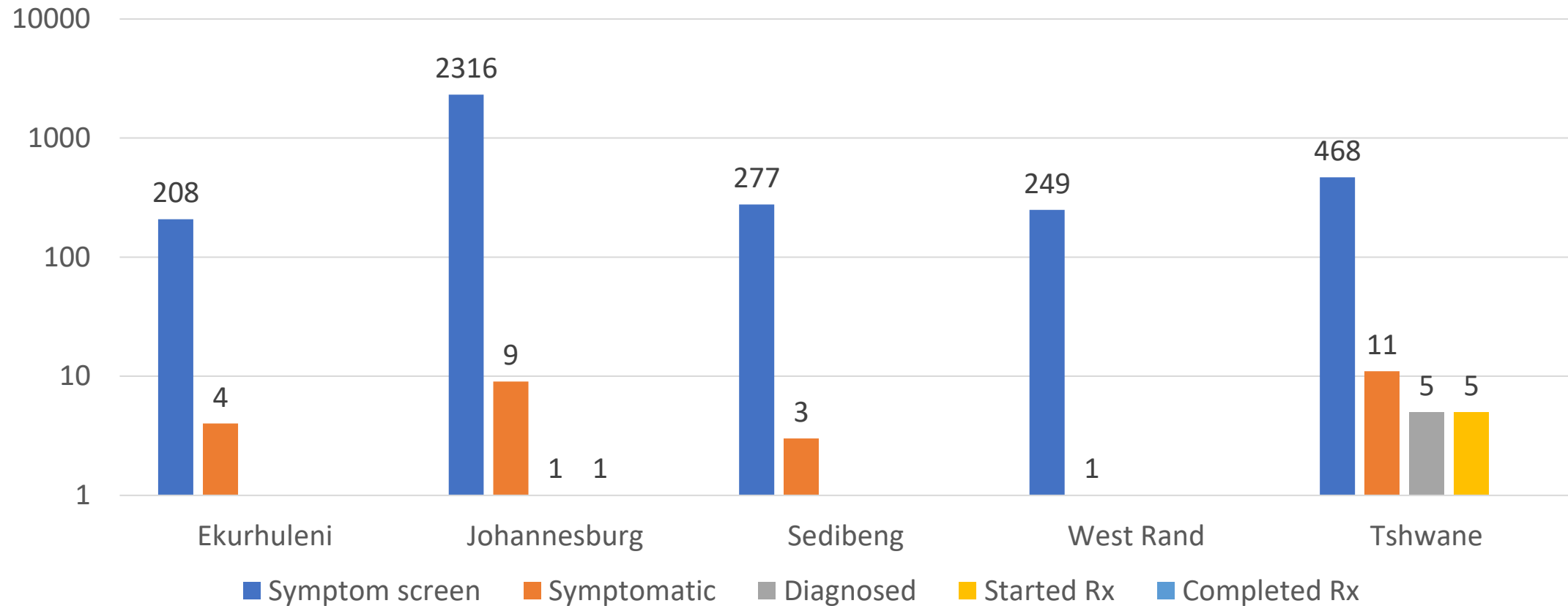
TB testing & treatment cascade



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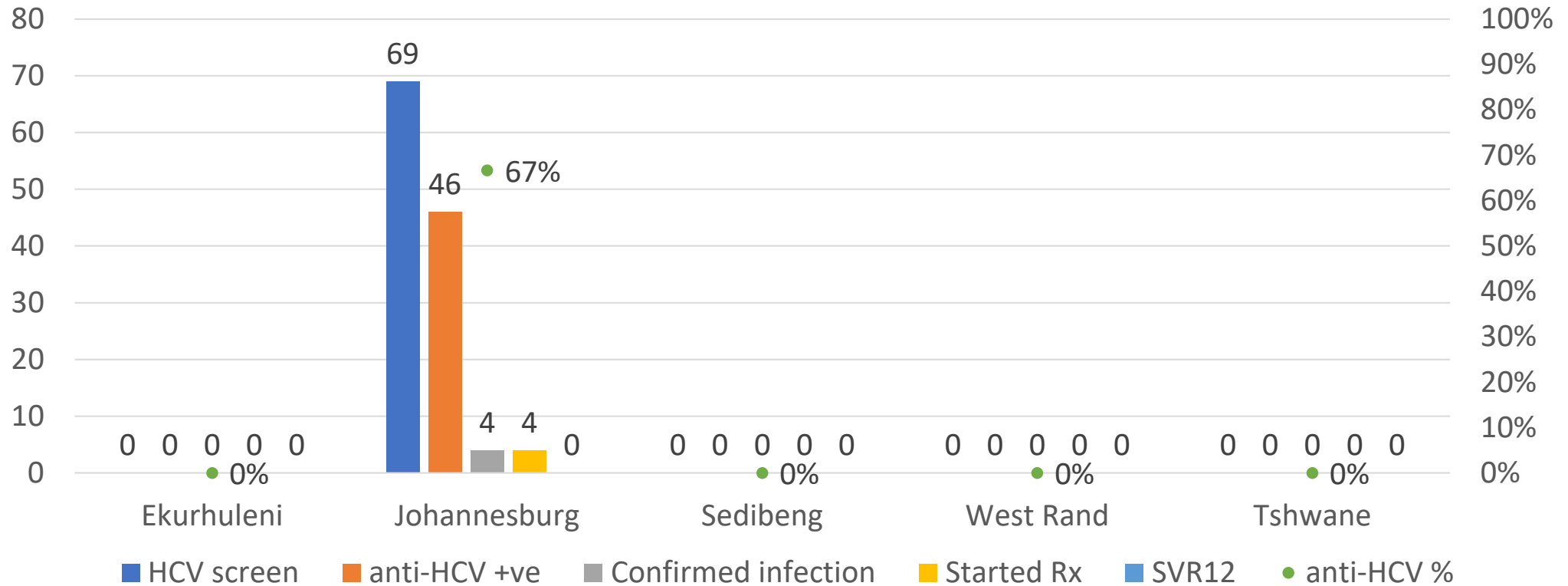
HCV testing & treatment cascade



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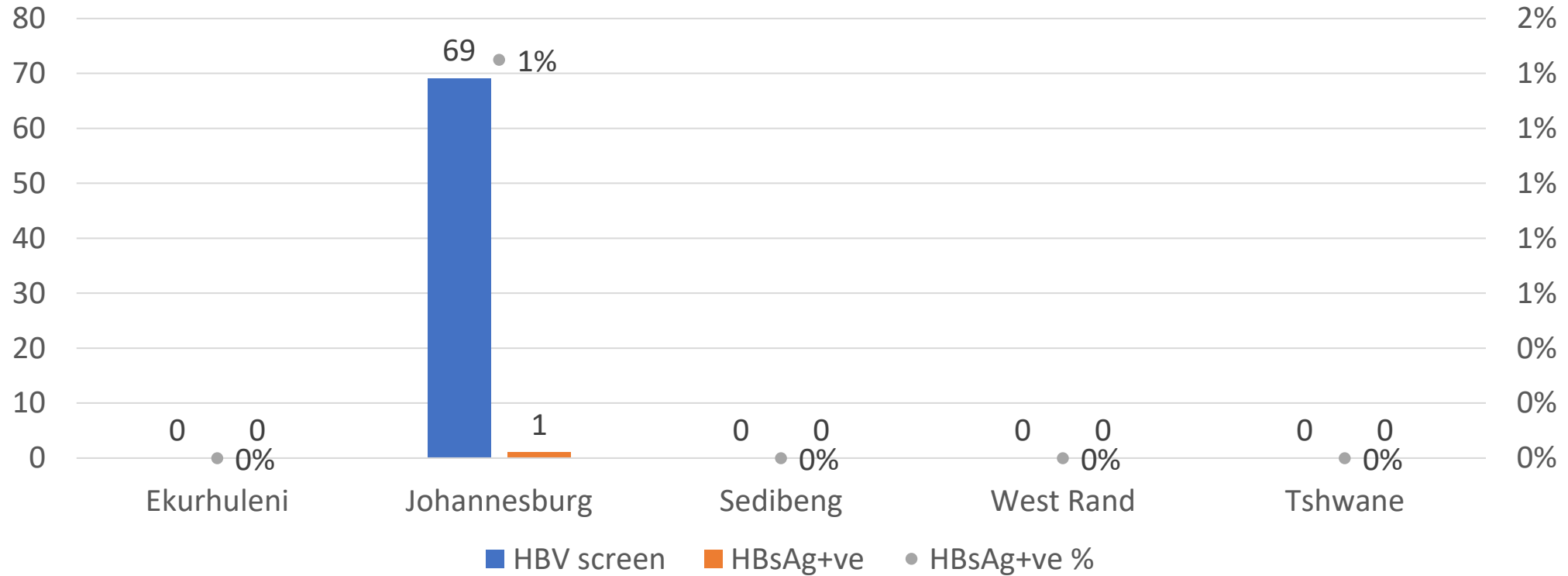
HBV testing



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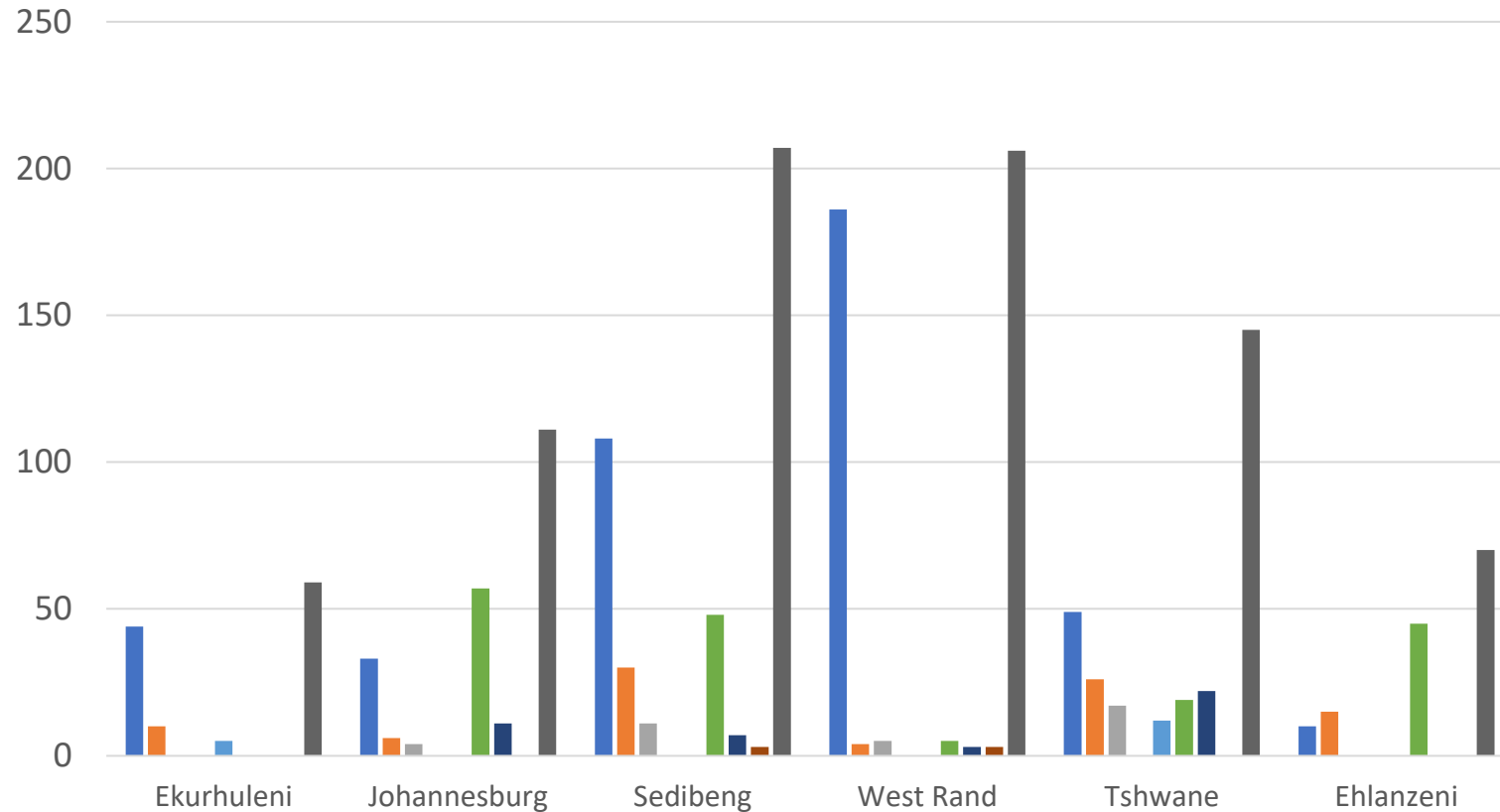
Human rights violations



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- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and assaulted
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and arrested
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and personal photos taken without consent
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and medication taken



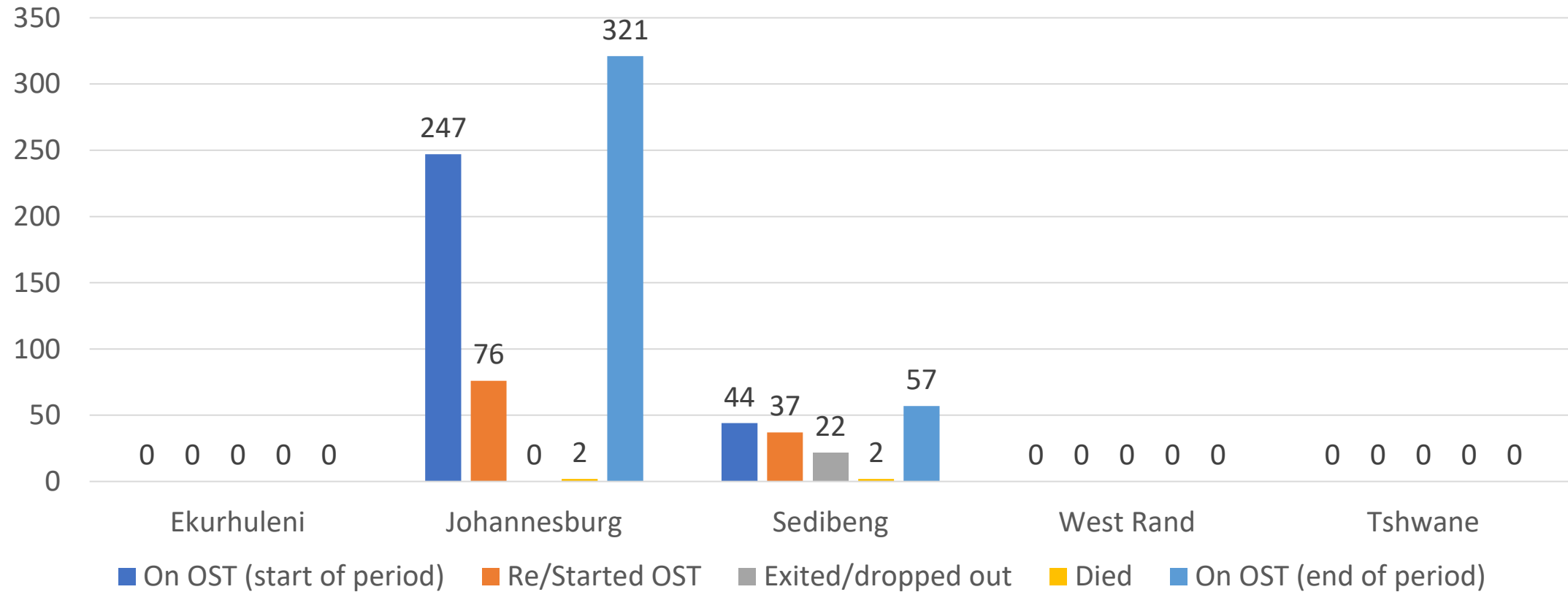
Opioid substitution therapy



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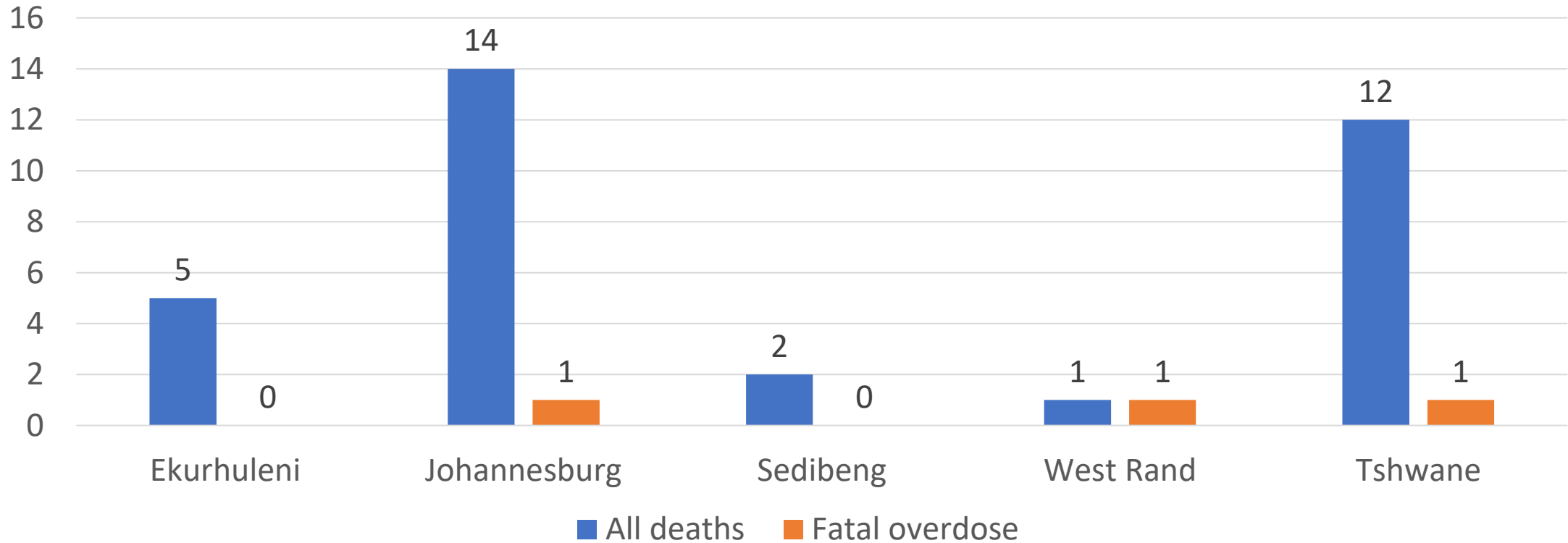
Mortality & Overdose



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Issues, challenges & issues to note



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- Police harassment on clients and peer educators in some areas in Tshwane.
- Clients' reluctant to test for HIV, Hep B and C, and access to treatment.
- Most injectors are complaining that the pink type of needles donated to the programme by NACOSA are painful to use.
- Peer educators reported continued sharing of needles, especially in remote areas of the city.
- Under reporting of causes of death among injectors and human rights violations.
- Need for more research on NSP
- High unemployment rate among injectors.
- Stigmatisation and discrimination.

Successes



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- **Collaboration services between TBA and COSUP has improved service delivery in the inner city, Eesterust and Mamelodi areas.**
- **Continued needle and syringe sponsorship by NACOSA has improved NS distribution by COSUP- assisted in program expansion.**
- **COSUP has introduced ART for injectors through TBA**
- **Most COSUP Peers educators are trained in HIV testing and counselling to improve the testing drive among injectors.**
- **Continued engagement with law enforcement agents to improve working relation in harm reduction services in communities.**





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