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SYMPOSIUM

Community-based harm reduction services: Eastern Cape,

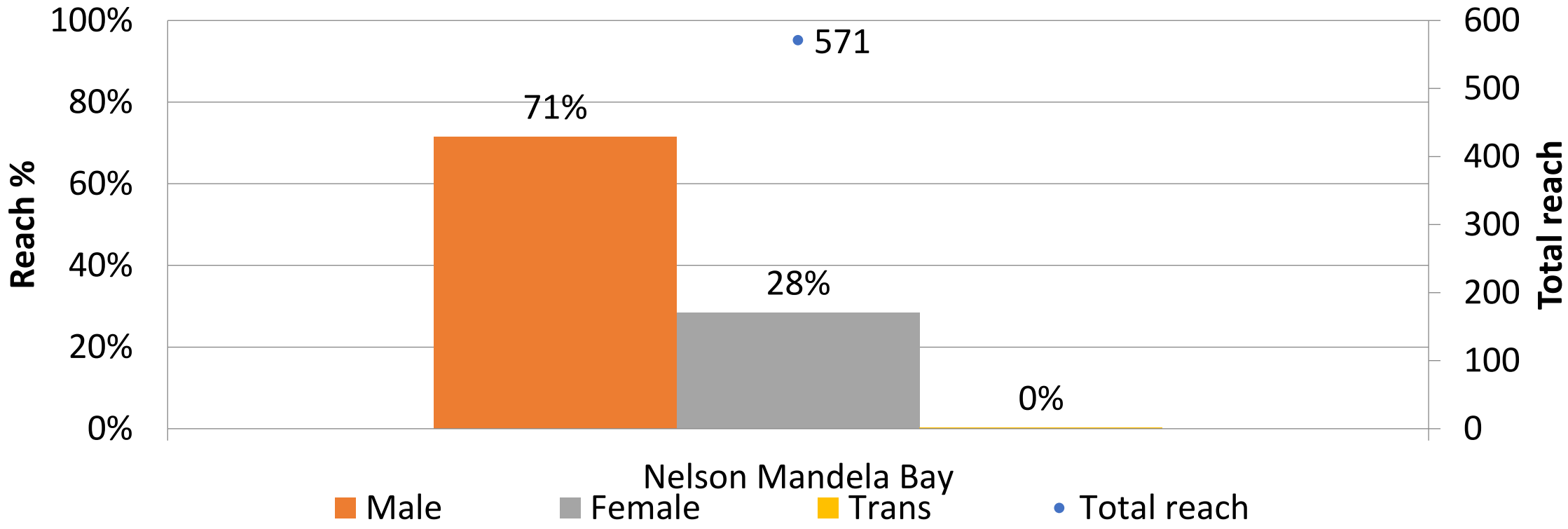
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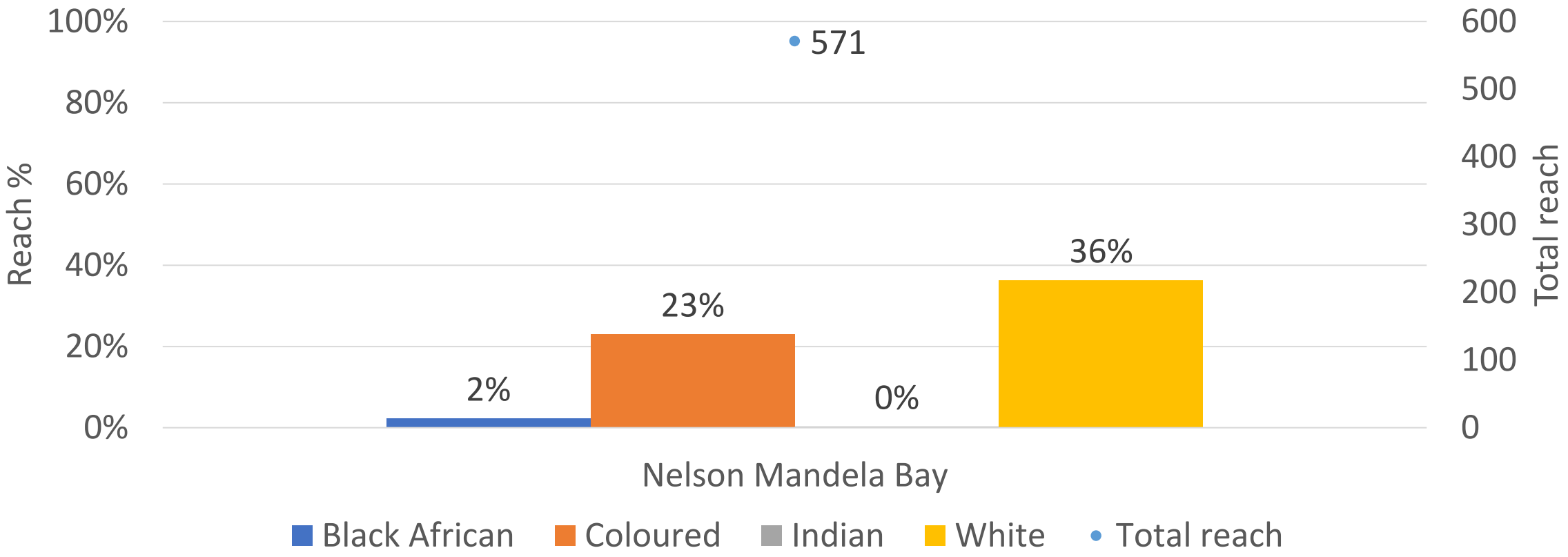
Needle & syringe reach, by gender

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Needle & syringe reach, by population group

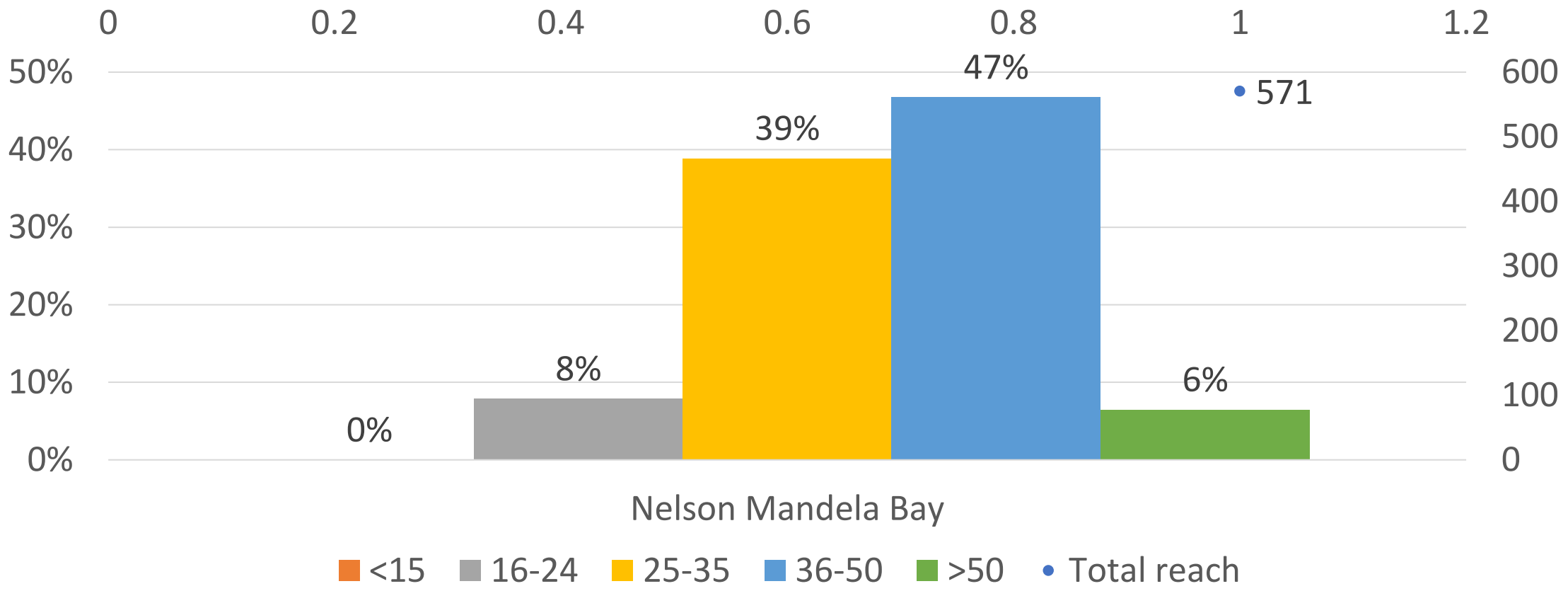
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Needle & syringe reach, by age

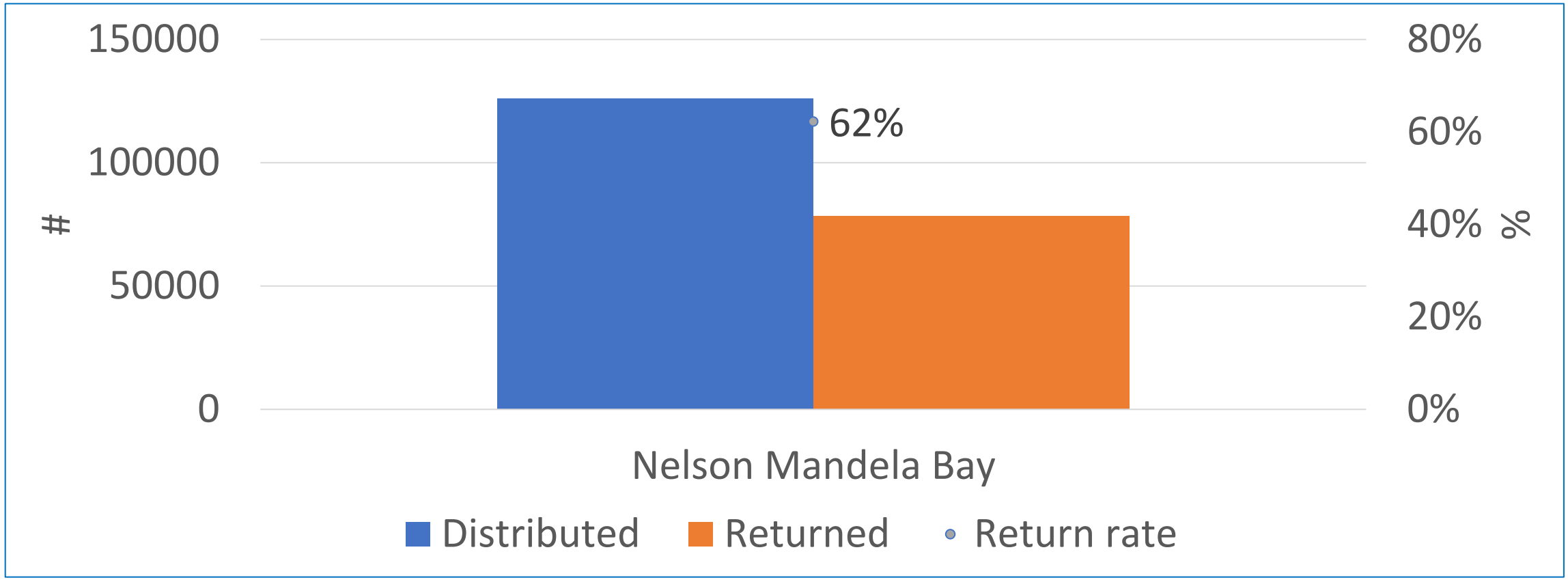
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Needle & syringe distribution & return rate

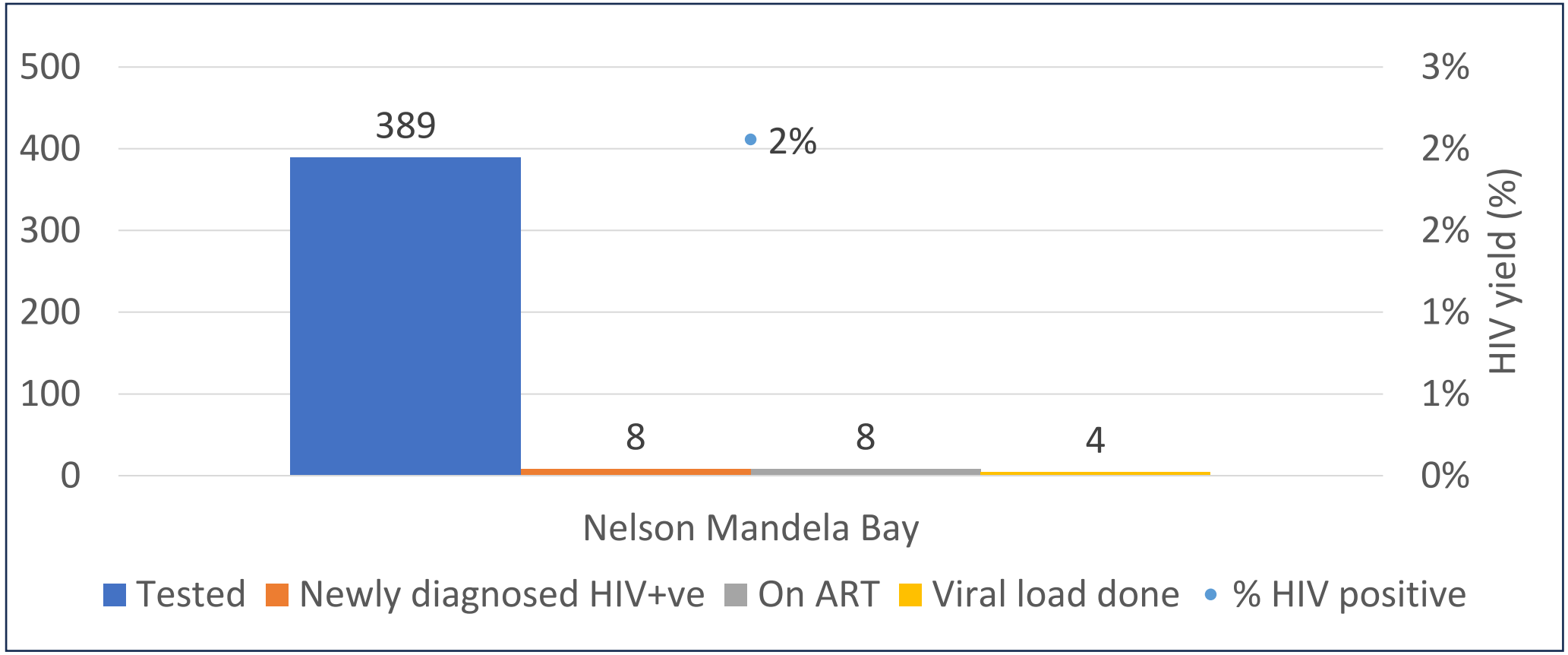
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HIV testing & treatment cascade

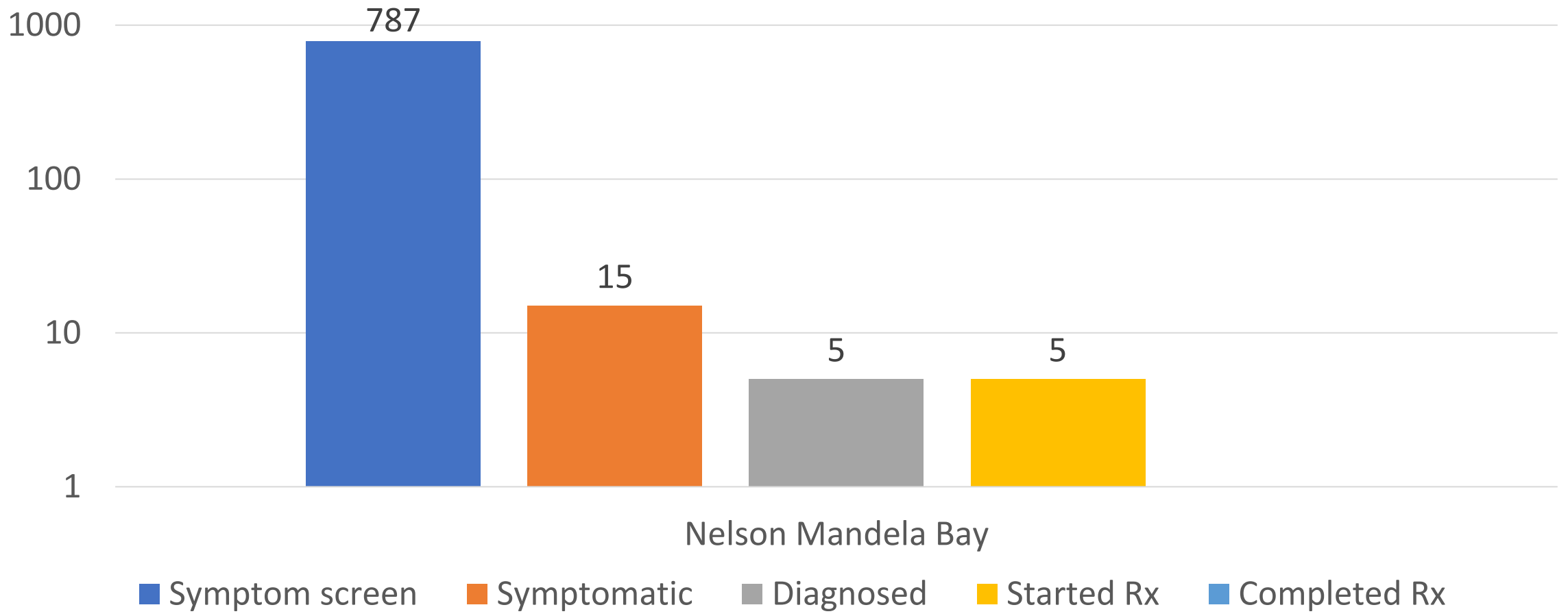
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TB testing & treatment cascade

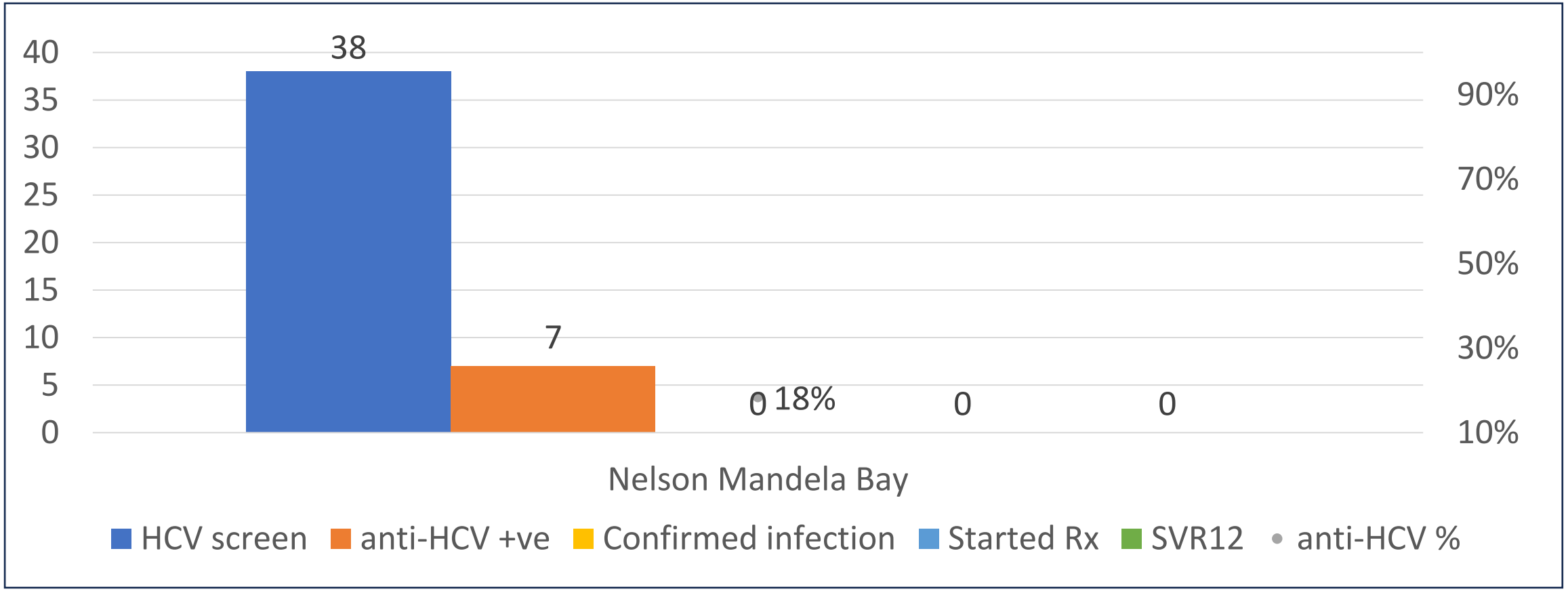
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HCV testing & treatment cascade

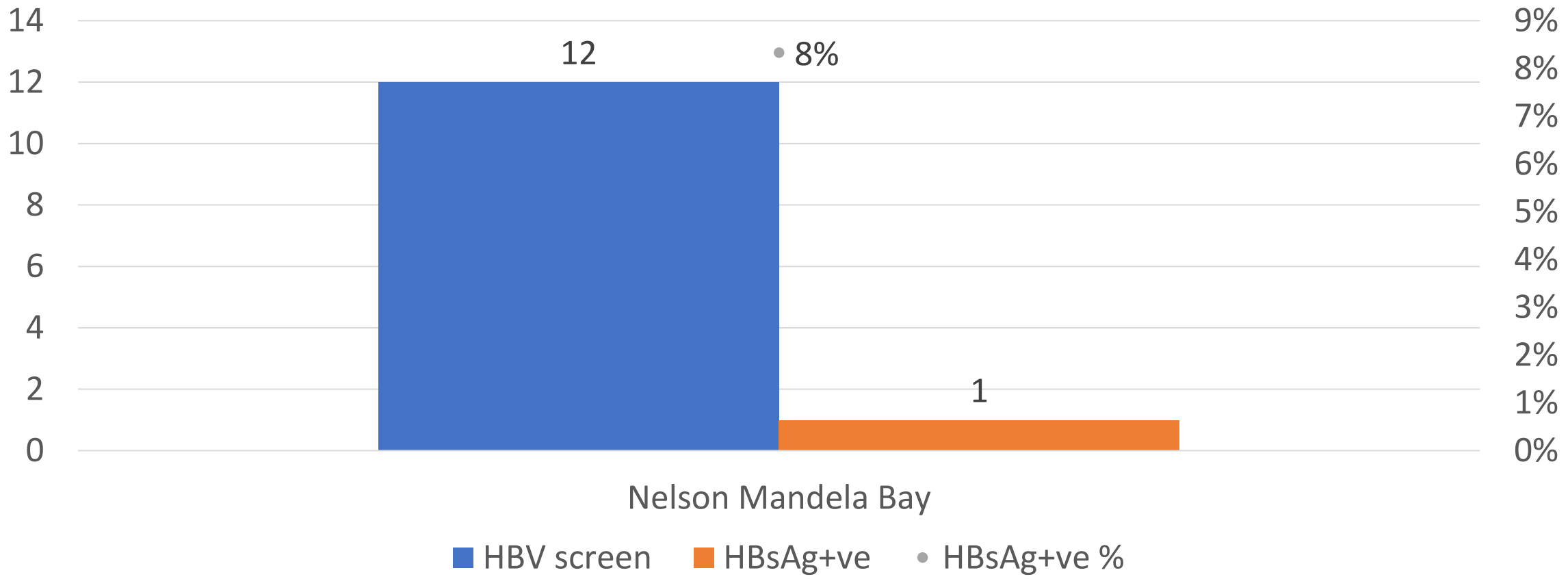
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HBV testing

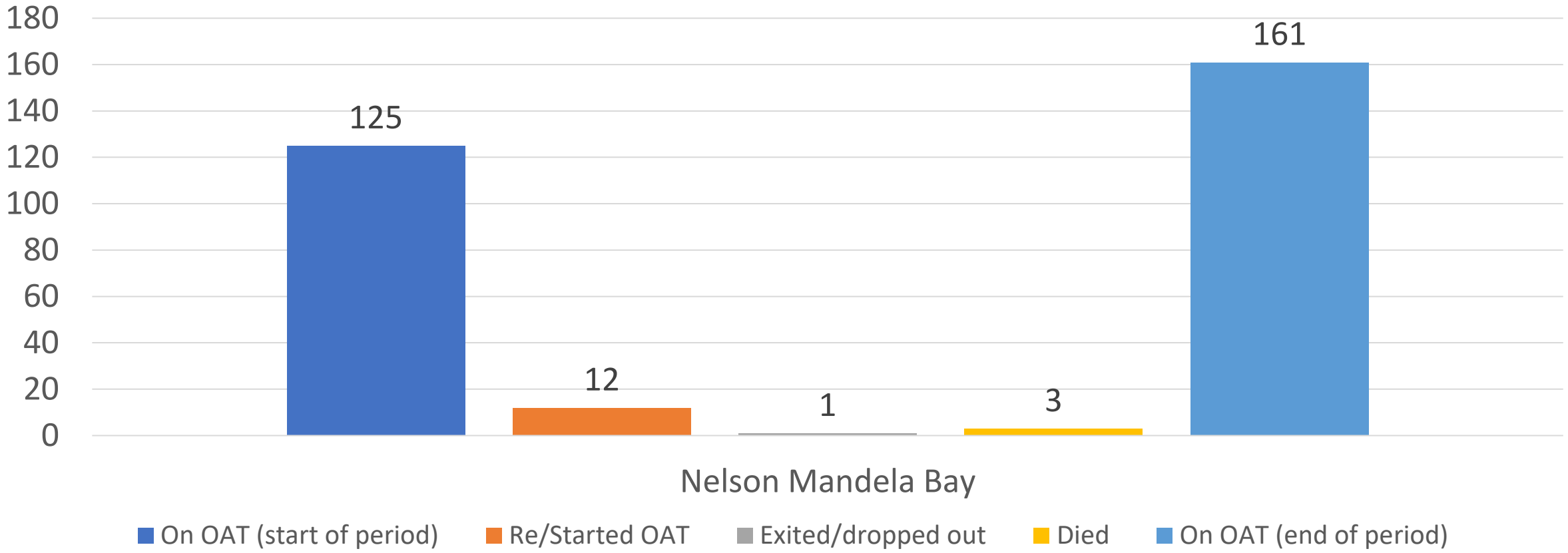
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Opioid agonist therapy

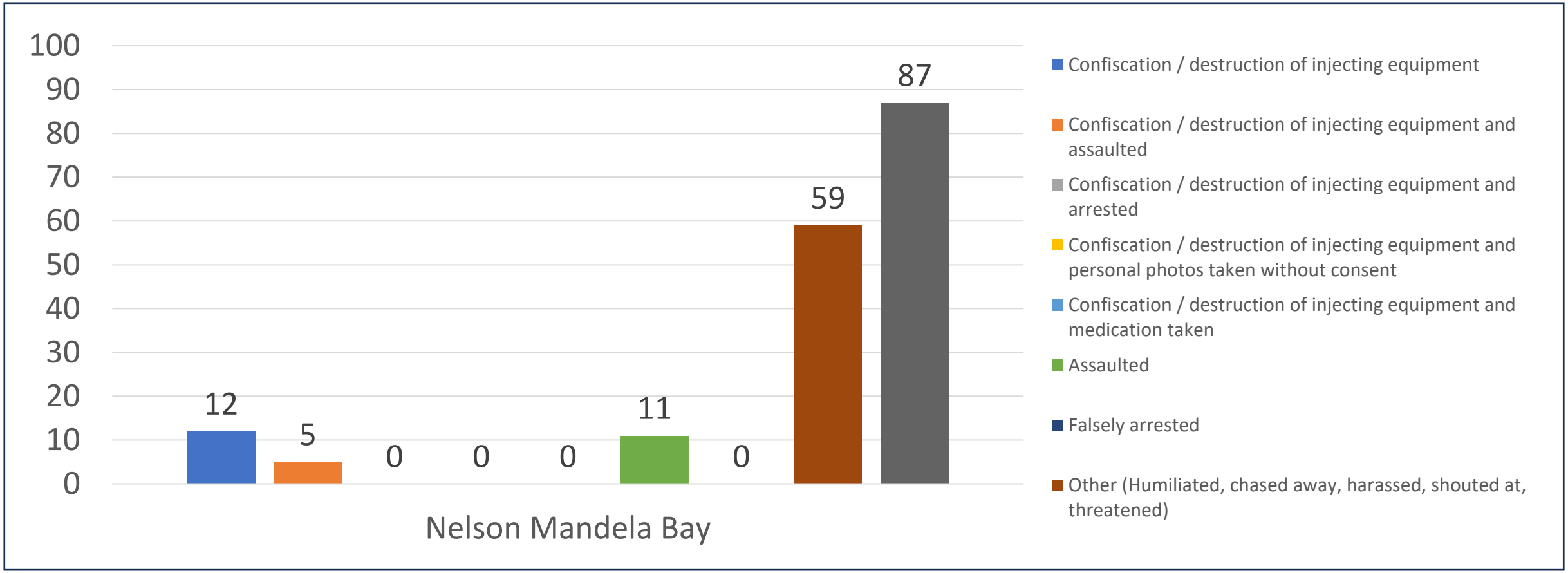
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Human rights violations

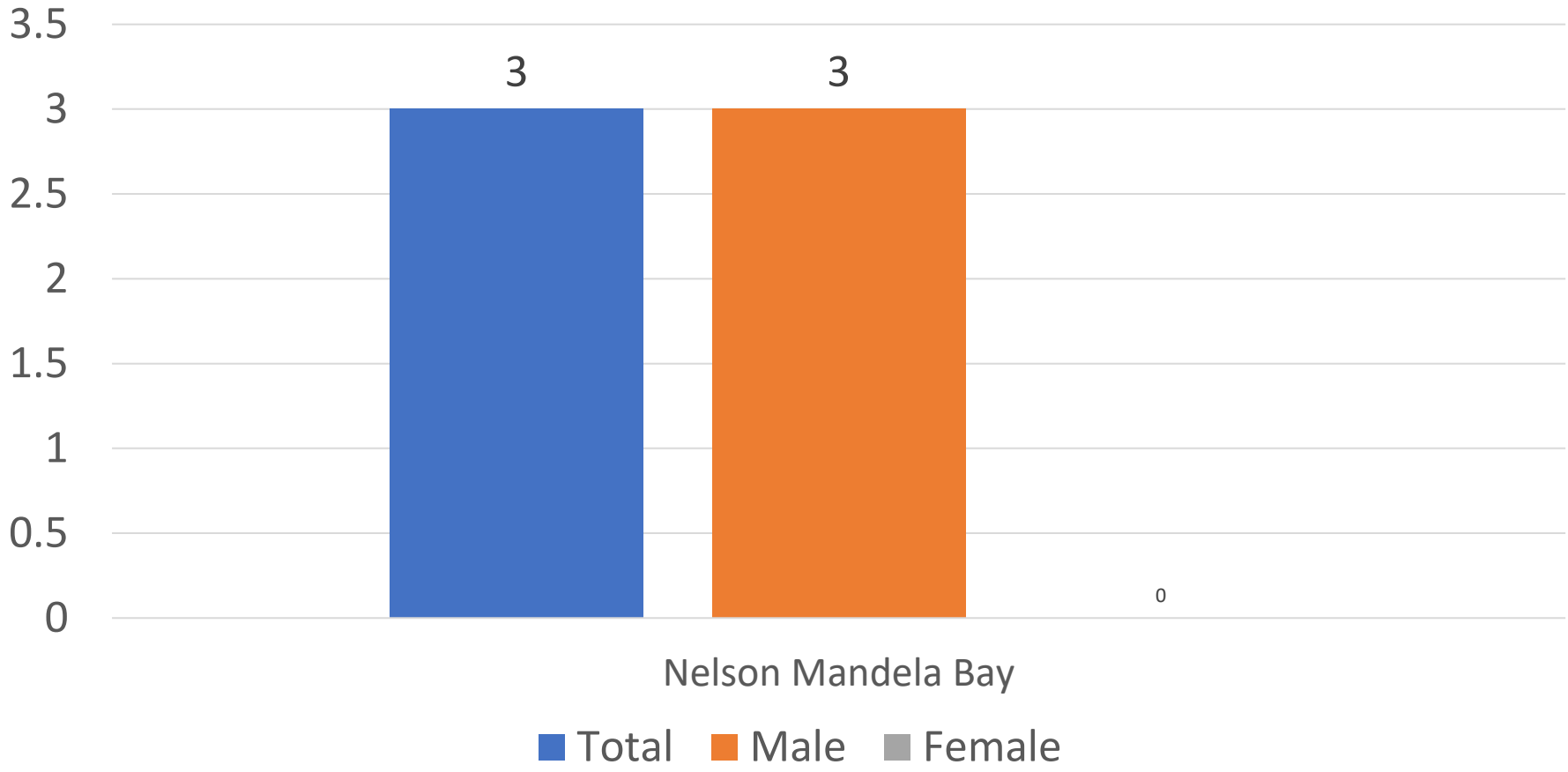
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Mortality

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No fatal overdoses reported this period

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Issues & challenges



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- High TB burden - higher numbers of cases than in other districts.
- Despite effectiveness of naloxone pilot, it has not been continued for now.
- Persisting high numbers of human rights violations – confiscation of injecting equipment and assault
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Successes

- Good retention on OAT, despite transition to new principle recipient
- HIV testing yield has reduced over time – suggested effects of HIV prevention interventions for PWID (NSP, OAT, testing and treatment)
- Viral hepatitis service integration has been good.

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