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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

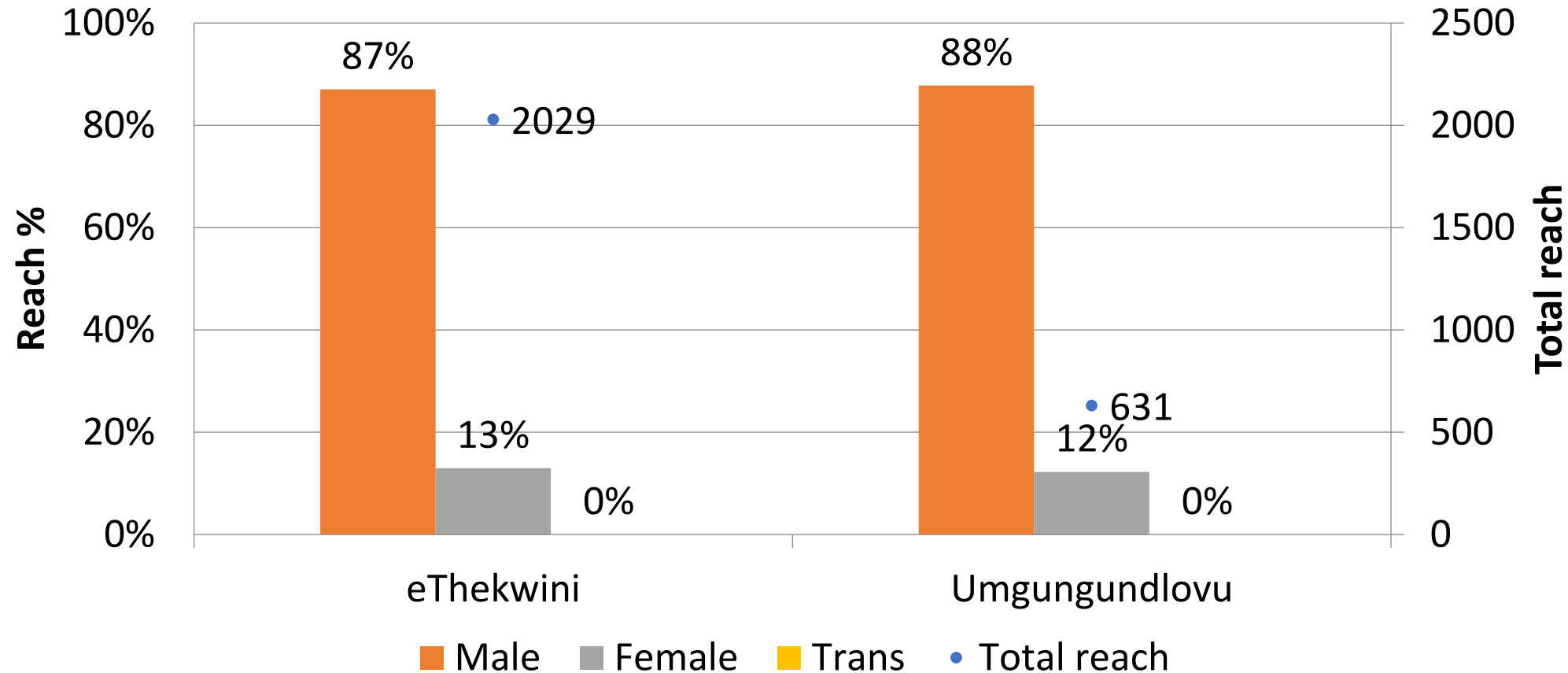
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Community-based harm reduction services: KwaZulu Natal

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# Needle & syringe reach, by gender



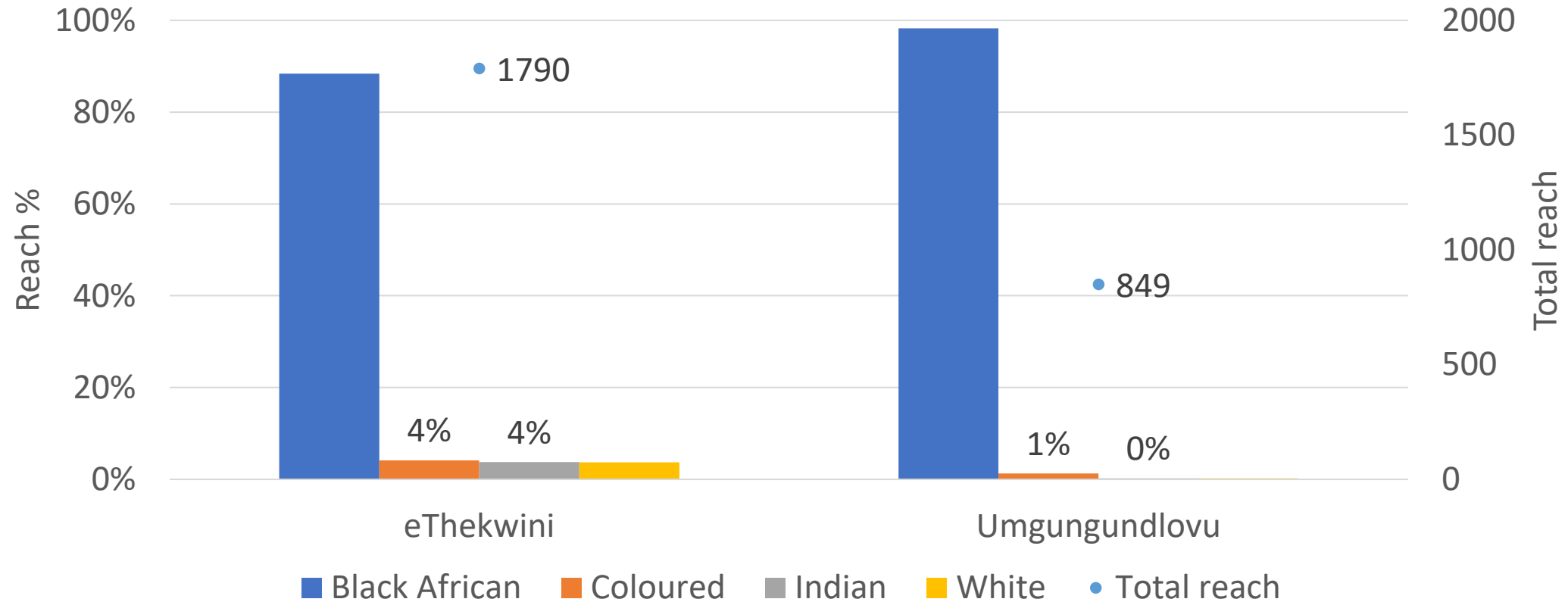
# Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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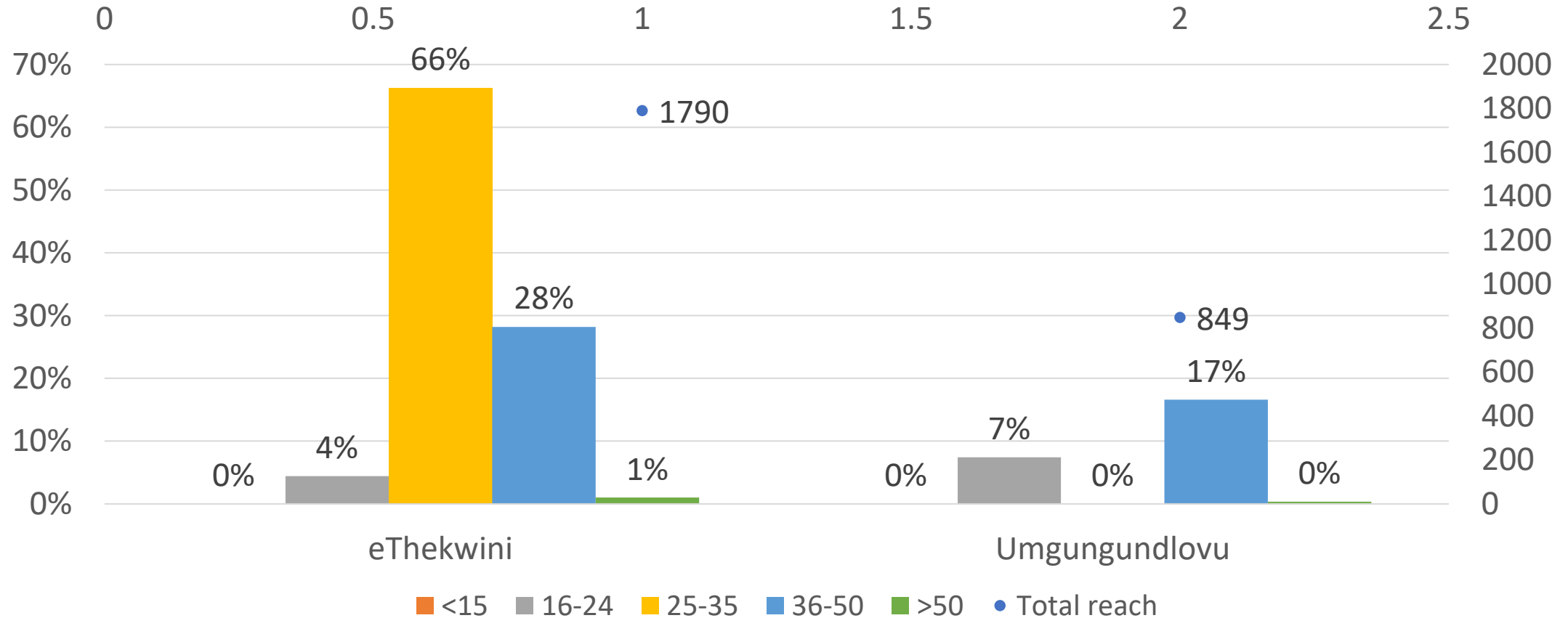
# Needle & syringe reach, by age



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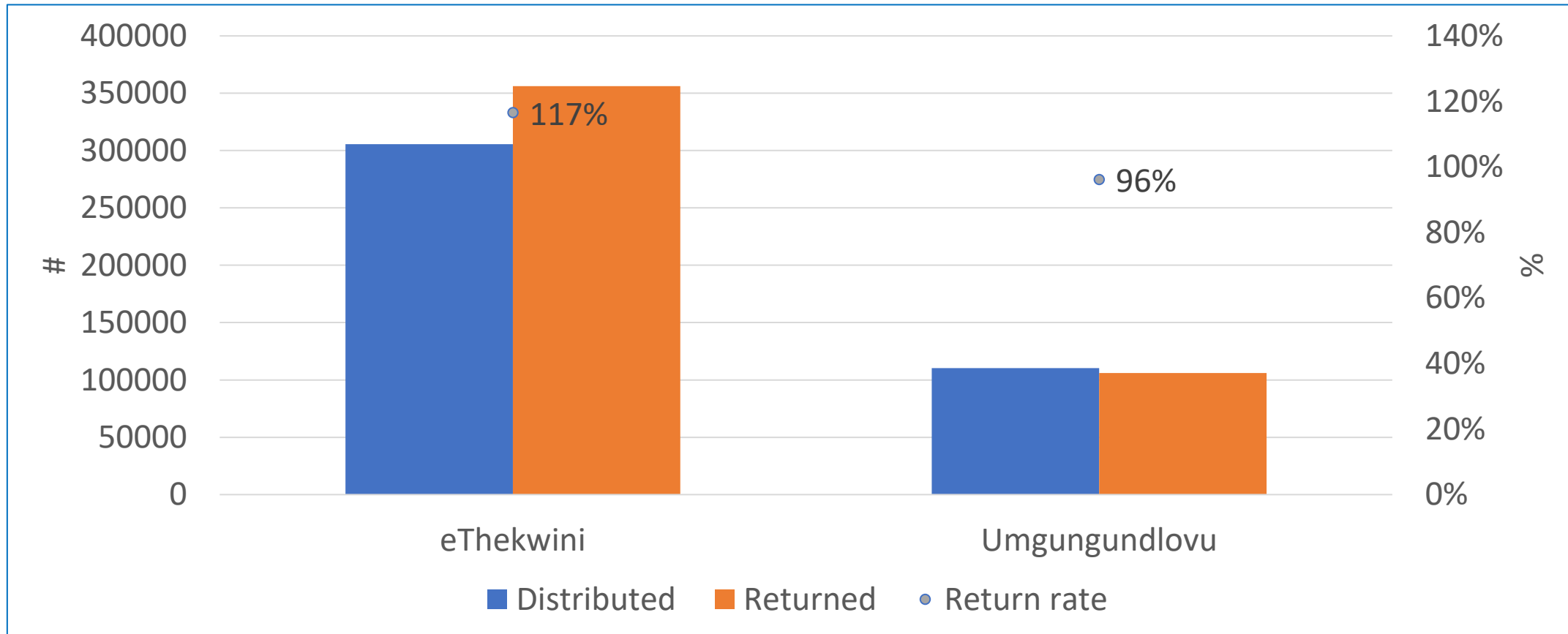
# Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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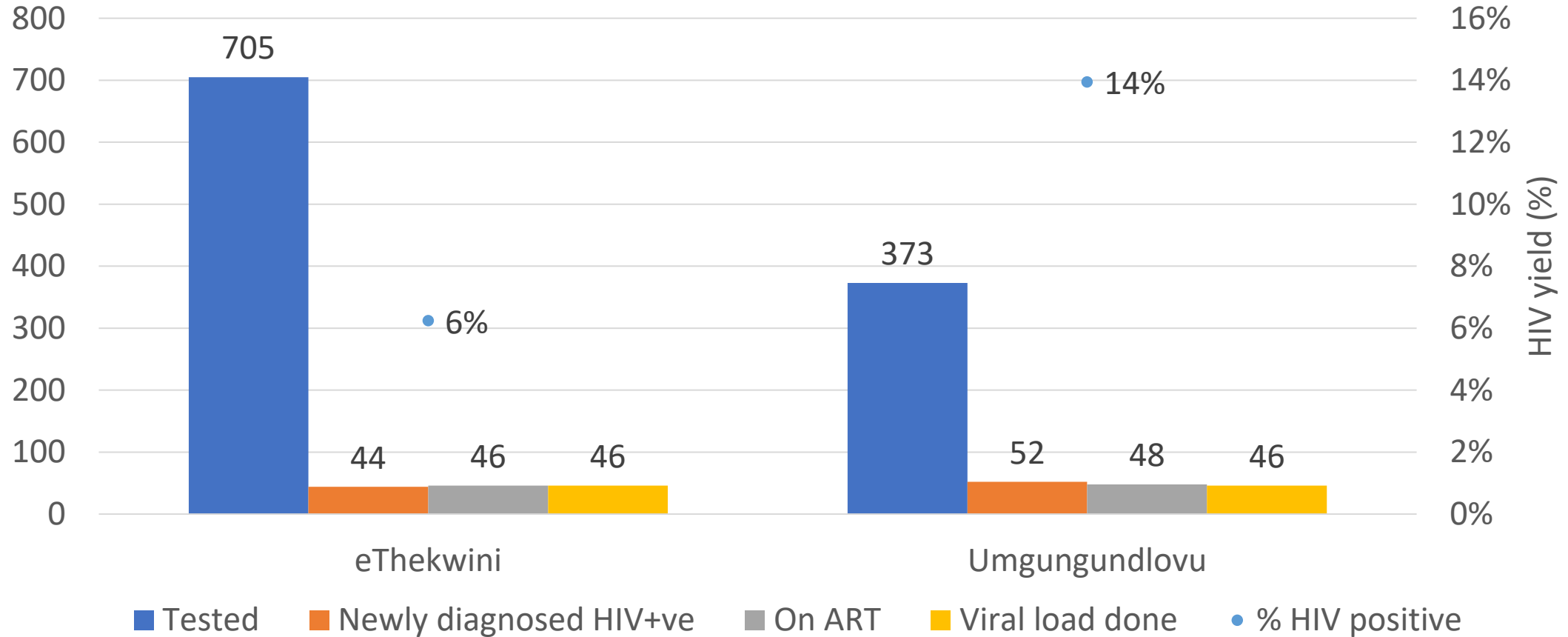
# HIV testing & treatment cascade



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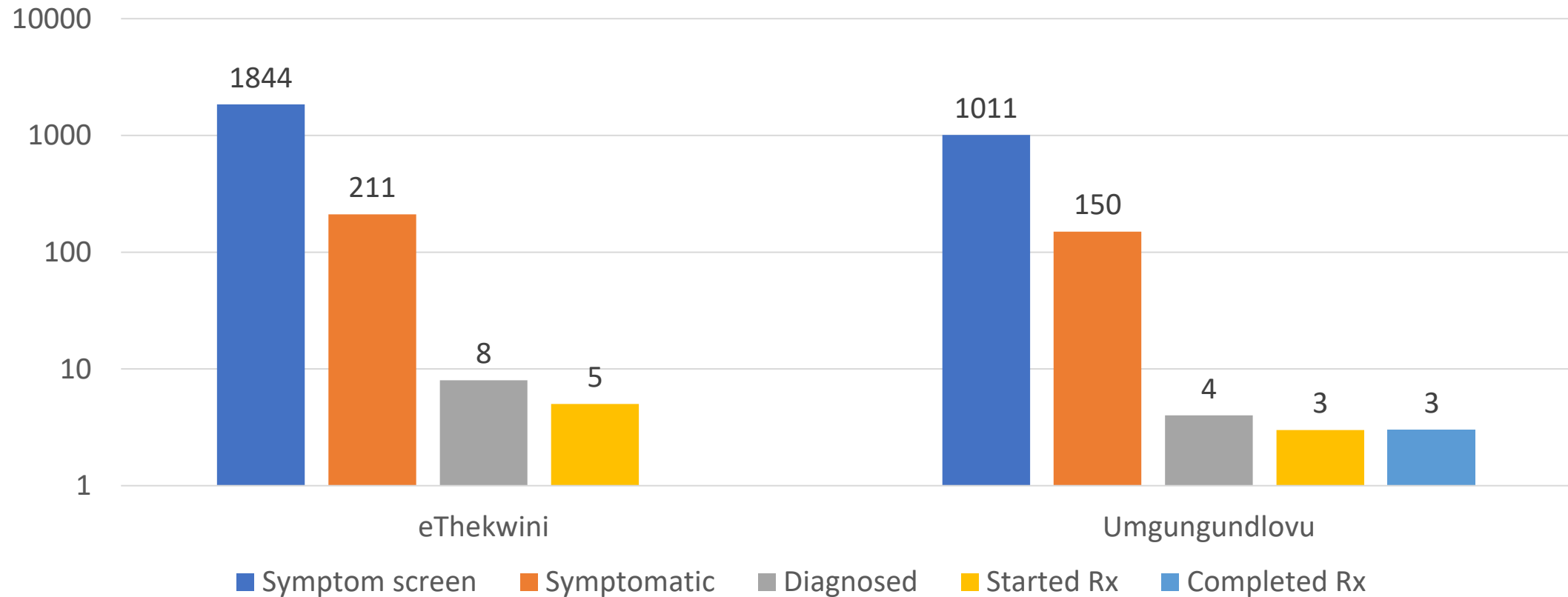
# TB testing & treatment cascade



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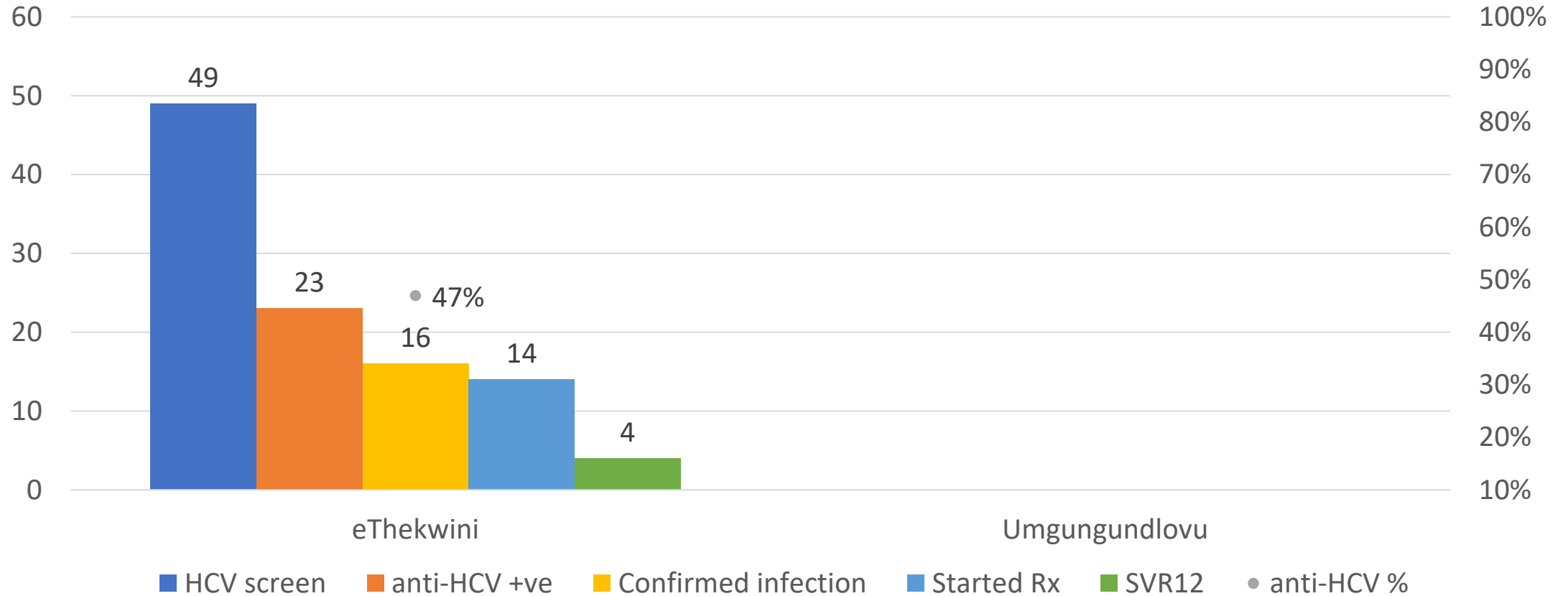
# HCV testing & treatment cascade



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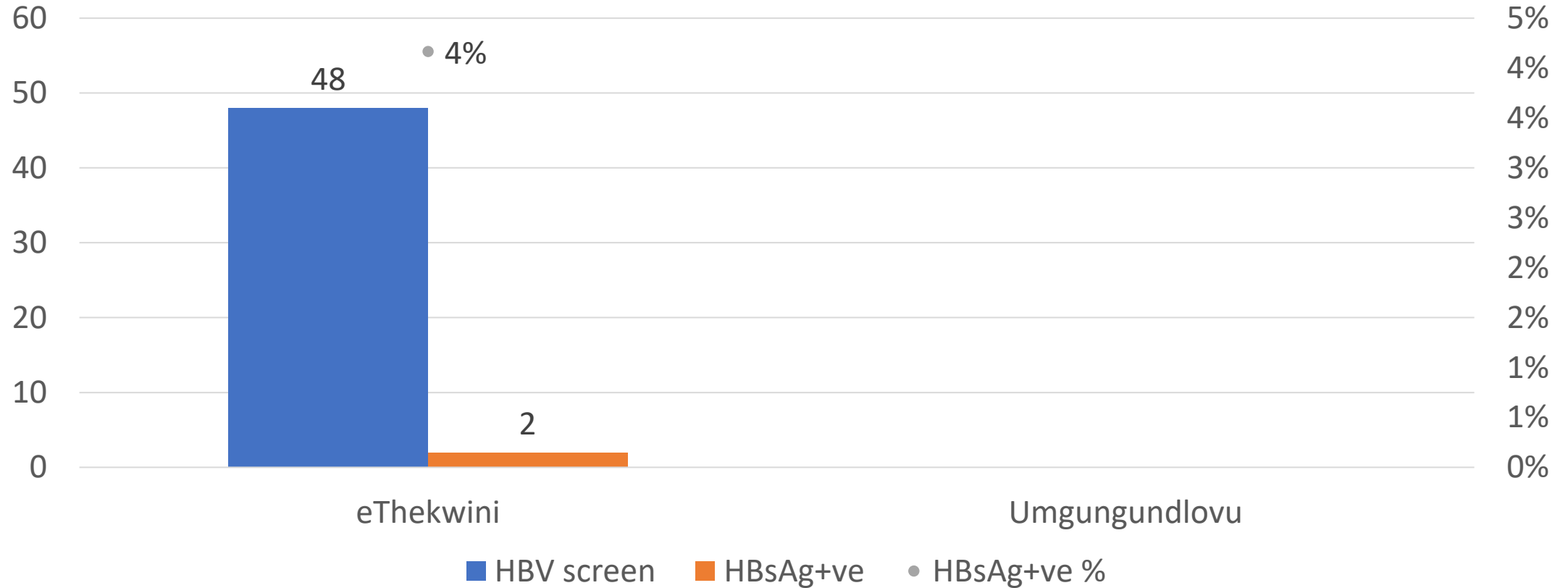
# HBV testing



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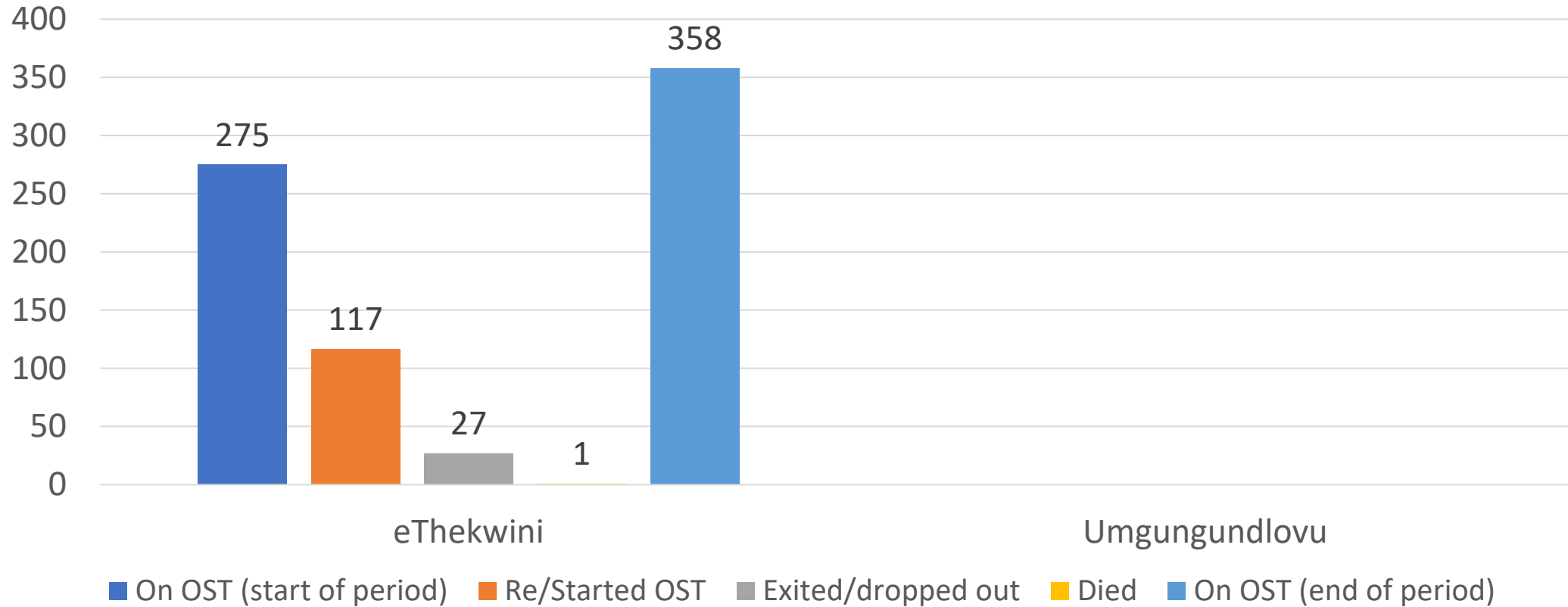
# Opioid substitution therapy



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# Human rights violations

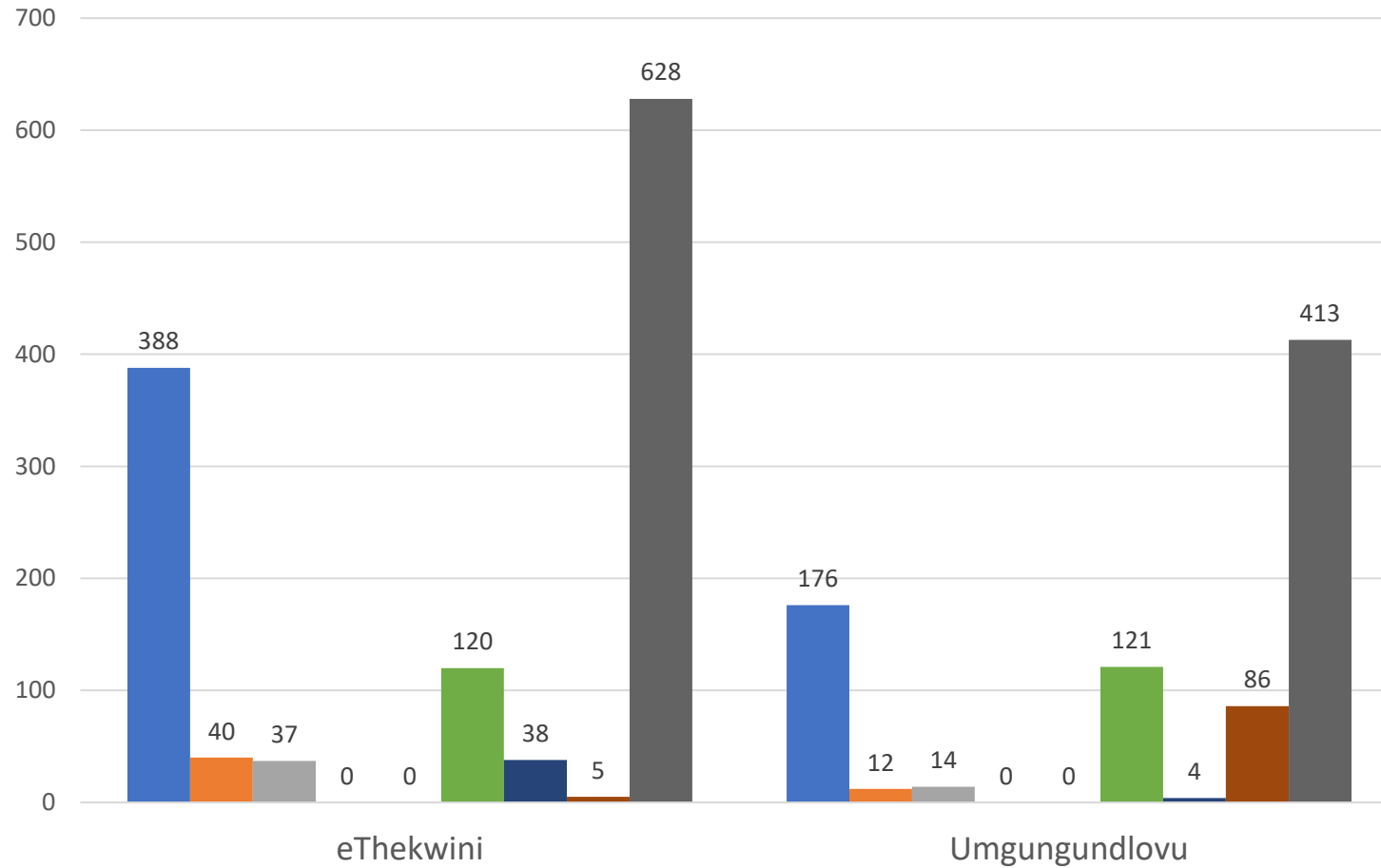


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- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and assaulted
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and arrested
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and personal photos taken without consent
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and medication taken
- Assaulted
- Falsely arrested
- Other
- Total number of violations reported



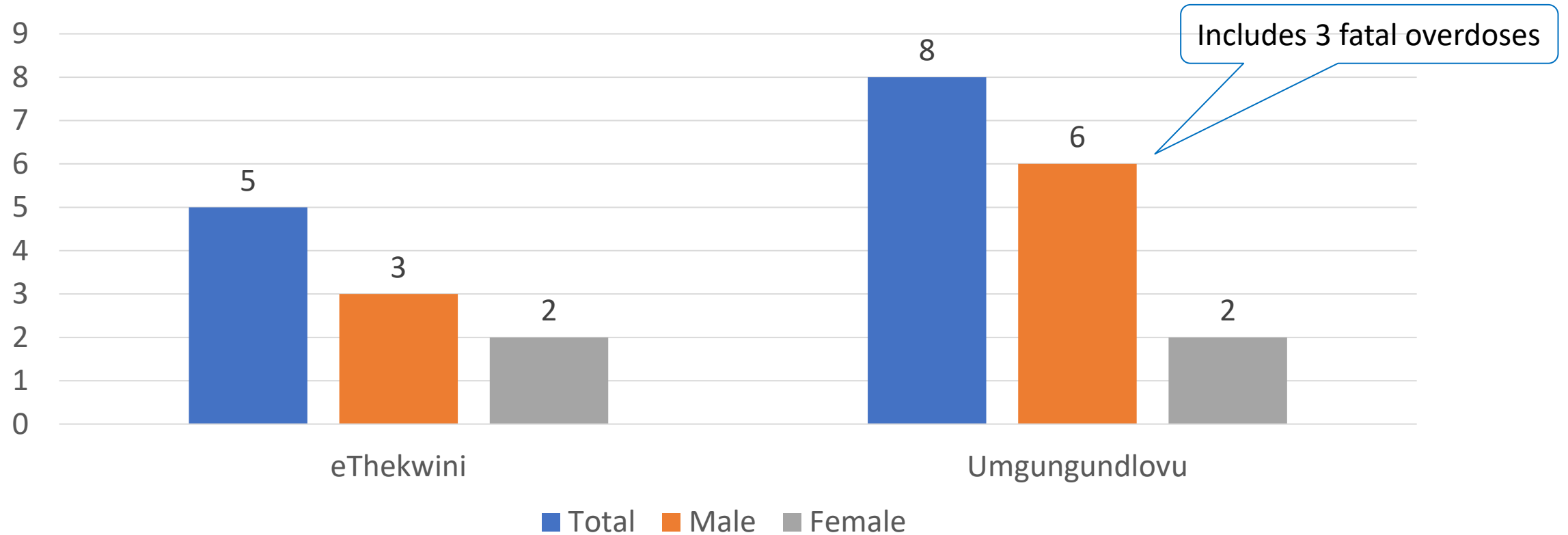
# All cause mortality



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# Issues & challenges eThekweni



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- There's a rise in clients being beaten up and harassed by law enforcement despite the sensitization trainings that are consistently provided to those respective police stations to minimize the harassment reports.
- The relocation of clients to townships poses difficulties in tracking and conducting follow-ups on human rights violations. Additionally, accessing townships is challenging due to safety concerns and being unfamiliar to the community.
- There are clients who passed away, the team is struggling to find their next of kin to report the matter.
- Lack of legal support from government officials when clients are opening a case, clients enduring stigma and discrimination in the process.
- NHLS and lab track system was down since June which affecting blood intake and retrieving blood results.



# Issues & challenges

## uMgungundlovu



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- A number of fatal overdoses was noted around uMgungundlovu.
- NHLS being down restricted various specimens from being processed.
- Recruiting women under our programme is still a challenge (OST Mostly).
- Tracing of beneficiaries that are unsuppressed beneficiaries so that we can have one on one counselling.
- Parents are still hurt of what beneficiaries did to them that led to being chased out of their homes



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- In eThekweni, we commemorated the Mandela 67 minutes day by cooking for the PWUD clients, providing clothing and the clients conducted a clean-up campaign in the CBD area.
- In eThekweni, we commemorated the International Overdose Day on the 30th of August.
- 20 clients were reunified with their families. These clients were assisted in contacting their families and they were successfully reunified with their families.
- 10 clients found employment and 1 client has relocated to JHB after finding a job.
- 6 clients obtained their driver's license, 3 found employment and the other 3 are currently seeking employment.
- 14 clients were successfully enrolled for a skill development programme (12 for the welding course and 2 were enrolled at the culinary school).
- In eThekweni, the team hosted a World Aids Day/Panel discussion where critical issues and challenges related to breaking barriers in the context of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment was discussed looking at the current NSP 2023-2028 and 106 stakeholders attended the event.
- On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2024, 50 women clients attended the Breast Cancer Awareness Day event that was hosted at the DIC. The event was hosted by the Social Worker, Professional Nurse and OST Doctor. Attendees were clients from the Satellite Office, DIC Office and from Outreach. The event was a major success, well organized and educational.

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- **Started implementing OST (60 Clients initiated).**
- **Implemented Parenting Groups all 10 sessions completed.**
- **Invited Department of Home Affairs to come to the DIC for OST and DIC clients in need of Identity documents.**
- **30 OST beneficiaries were linked with the nearest skills development programme and they managed to complete basic computer course.**
- **Started parent support groups for parents with kids who are on drugs.**
- **Launch Naloxone Programme.**
- **Launch of our Richmond Clinic OST site.**
- **Increase viral load completion and suppression within the cohort.**
- **STI Awareness Campaign. 74 RPR done and 24 Initiations.**
- **Through Christmas event, 15 beneficiaries got to sit and enjoy good time with their parents and their children.**







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