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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: Mpumalanga

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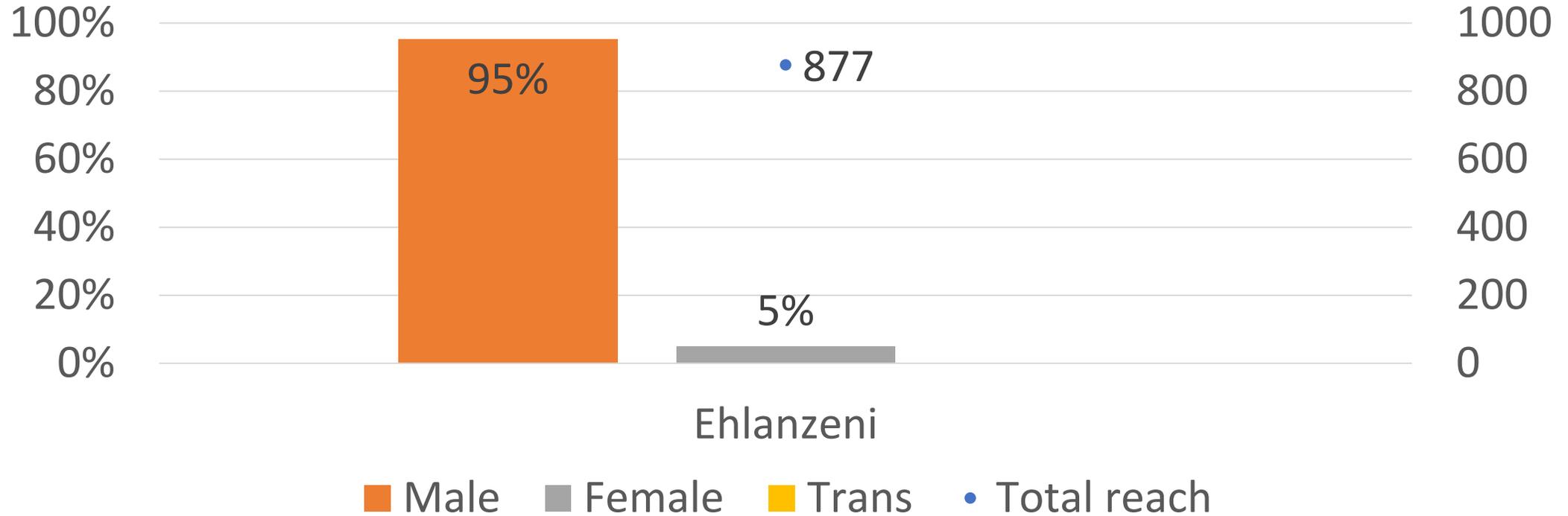
# Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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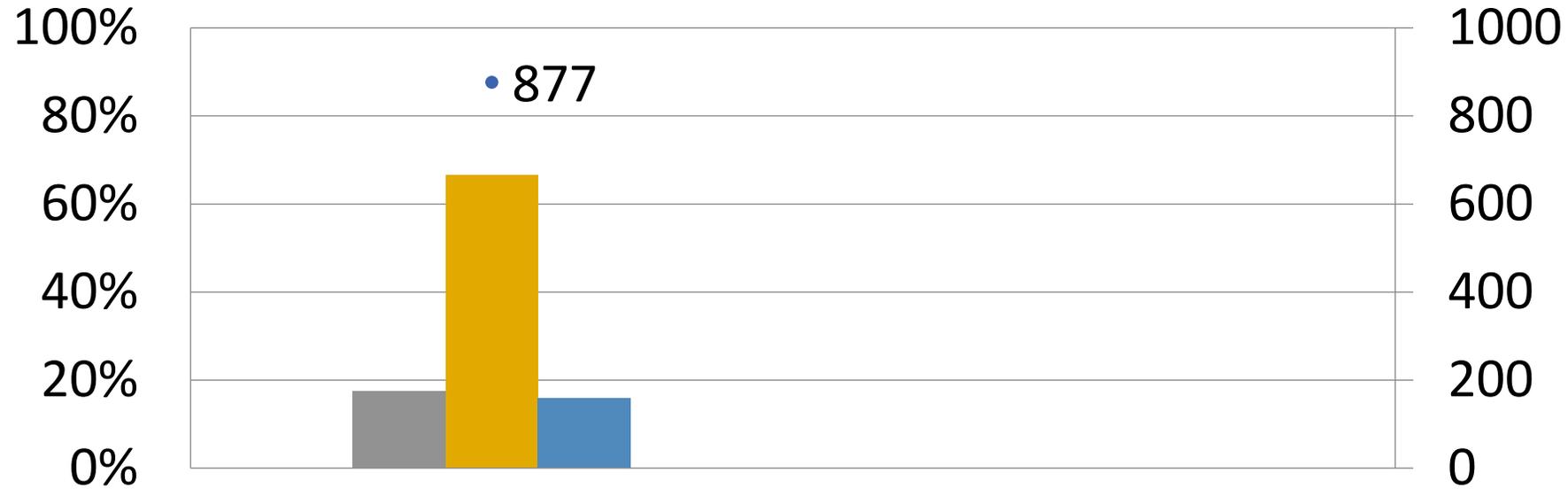
# Needle & syringe reach, by age



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Ehlanzeni

Legend: ■ <15 ■ 16-24 ■ 25-35 ■ 36-50 ■ >50 • Total reach



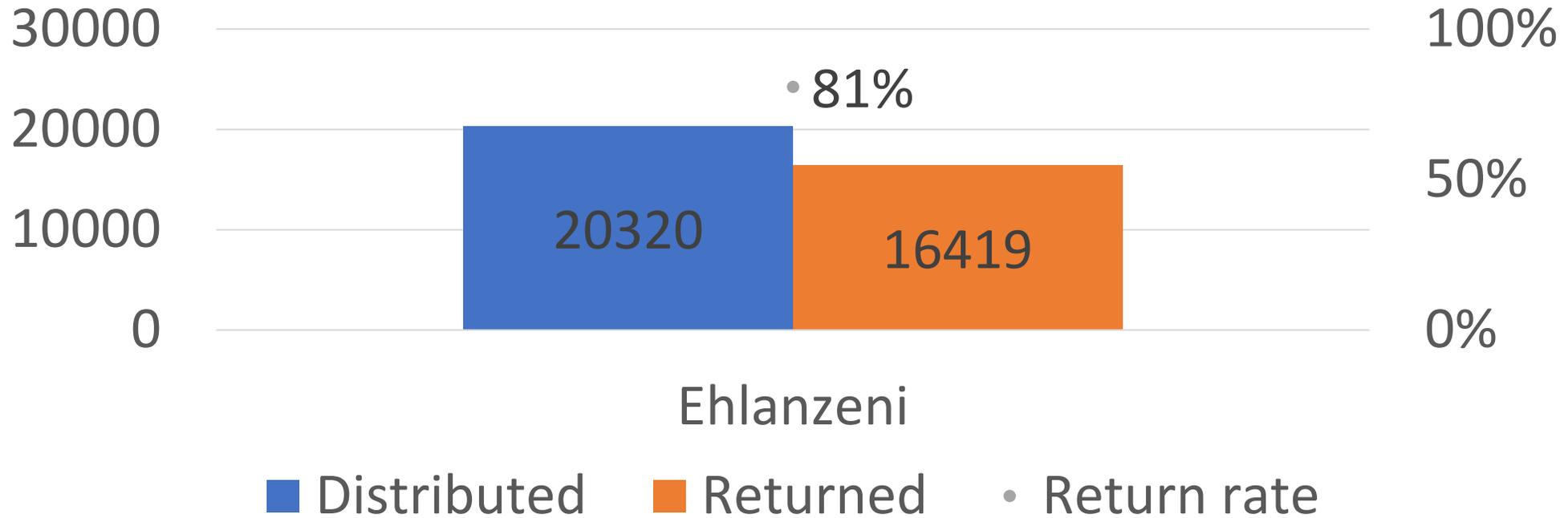
# Needle & syringe distribution & return



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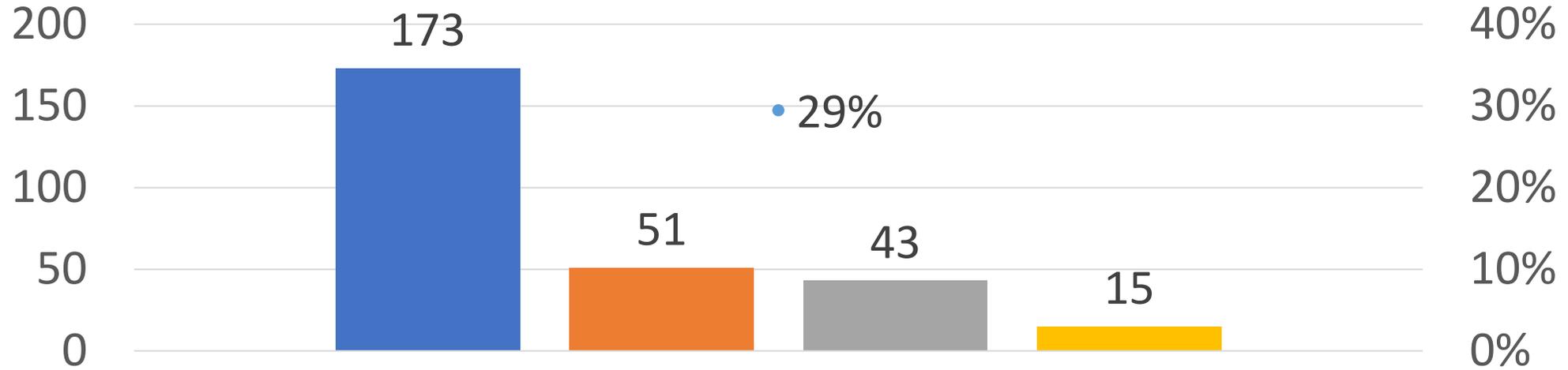
# HIV testing & treatment cascade



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- Tested
- Newly diagnosed HIV+ve
- On ART
- Viral load done
- % HIV positive



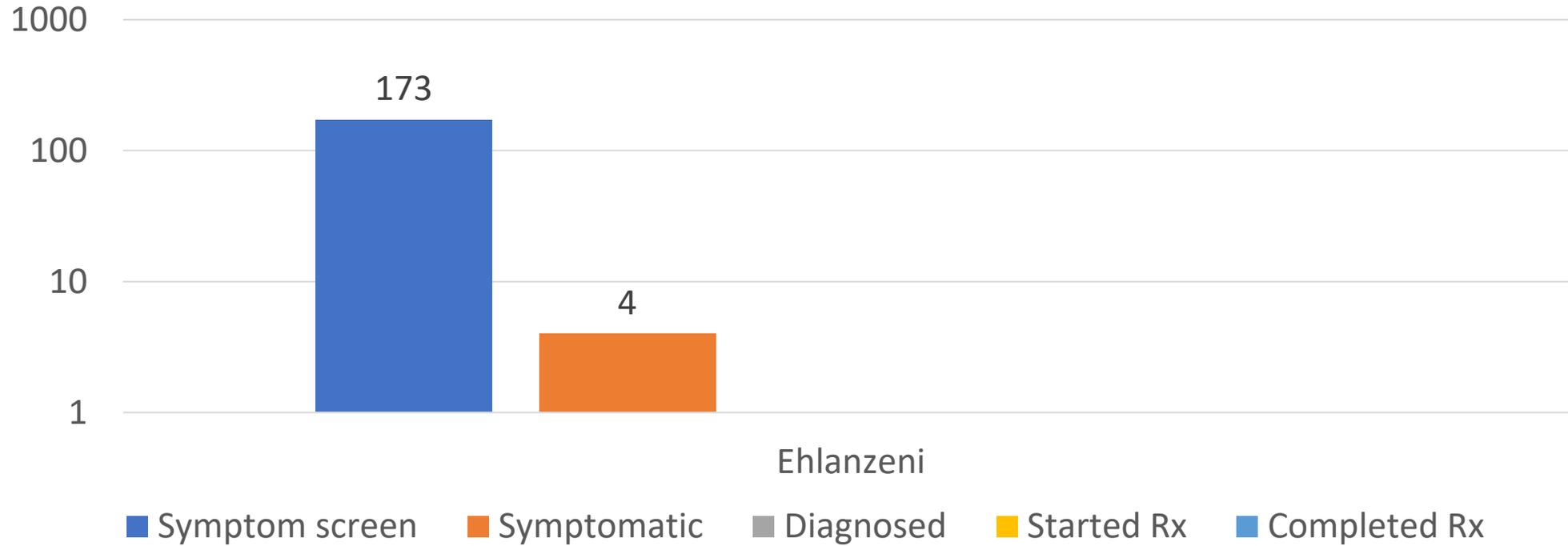
# TB testing & treatment cascade



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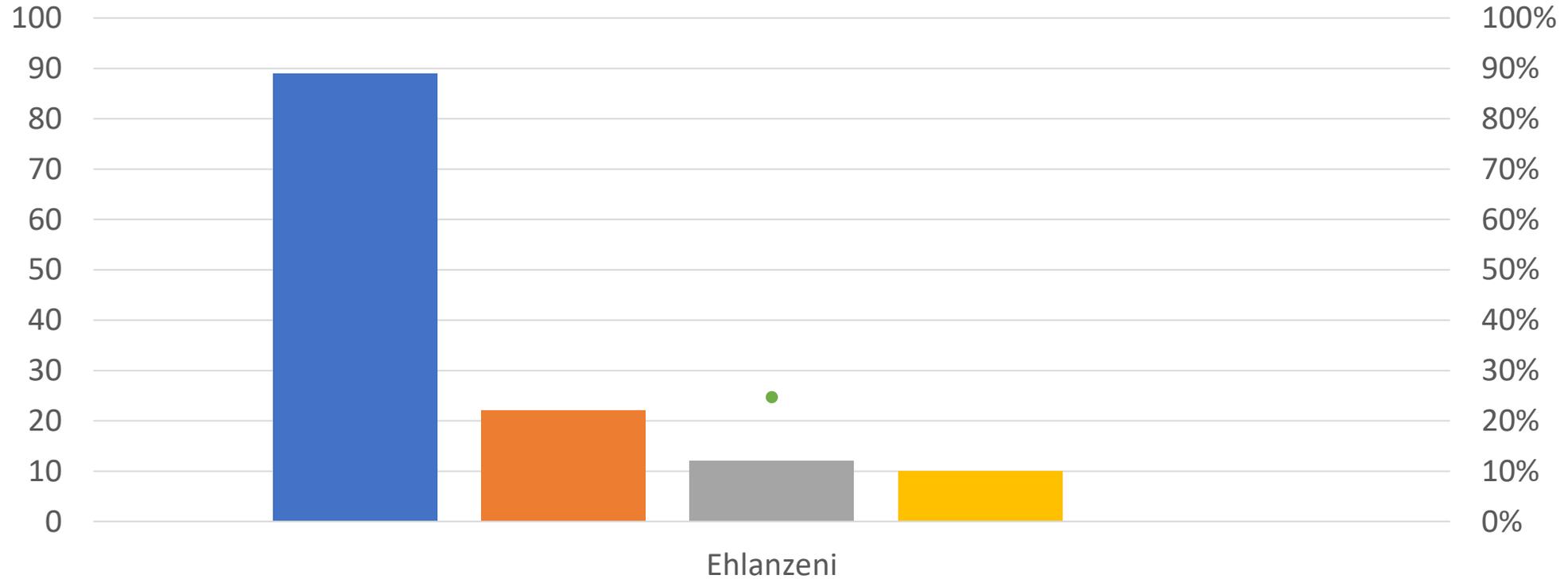
# HCV testing & treatment cascade



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■ HCV screen ■ anti-HCV +ve ■ Confirmed infection ■ Started Rx ■ SVR12 ● anti-HCV %



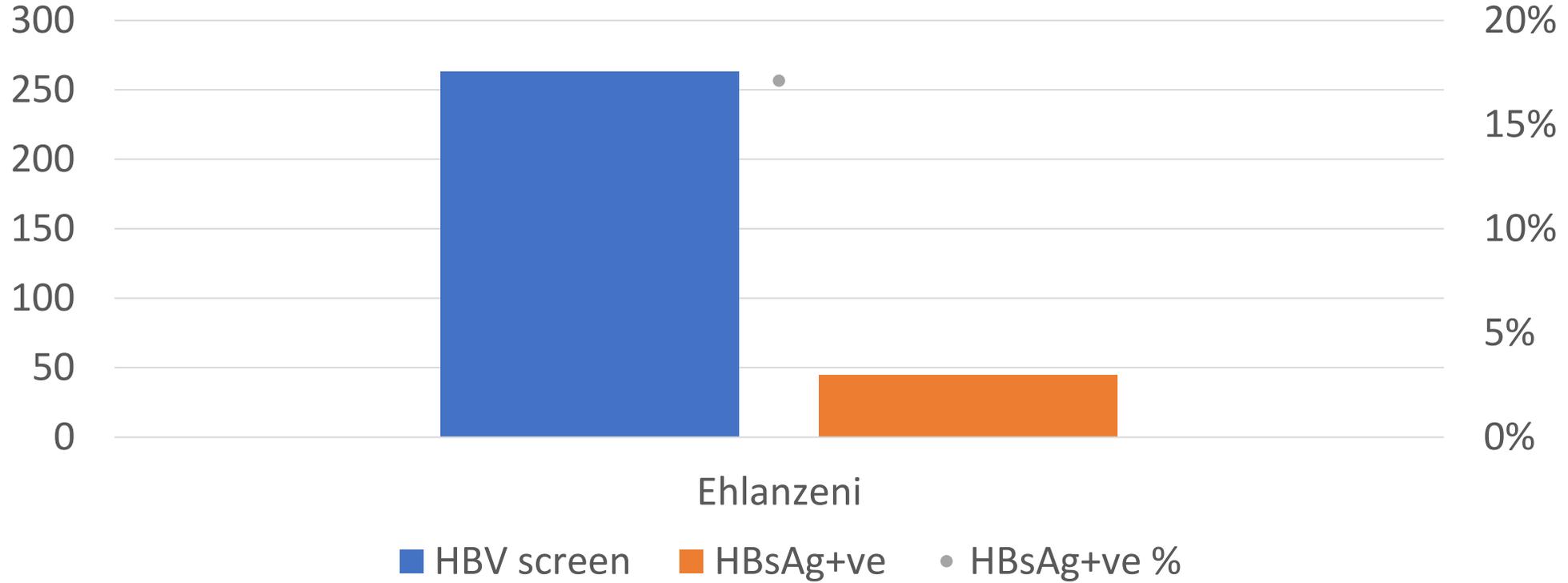
# HBV testing



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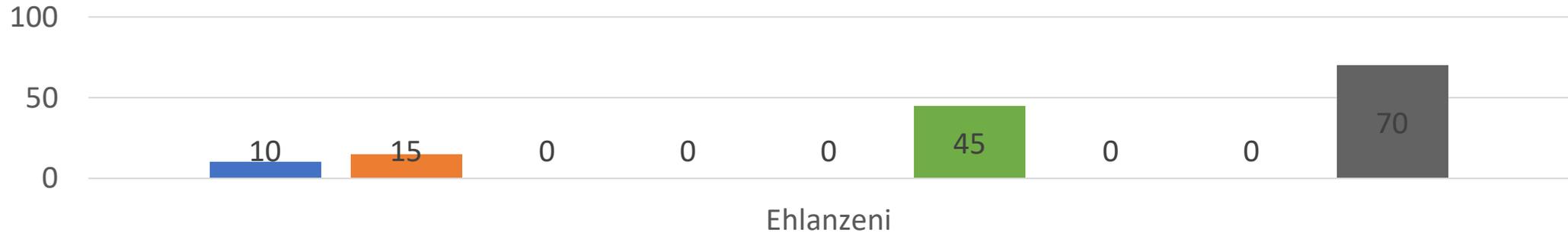
# Human rights violations



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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
- Assaulted
- Falsely arrested



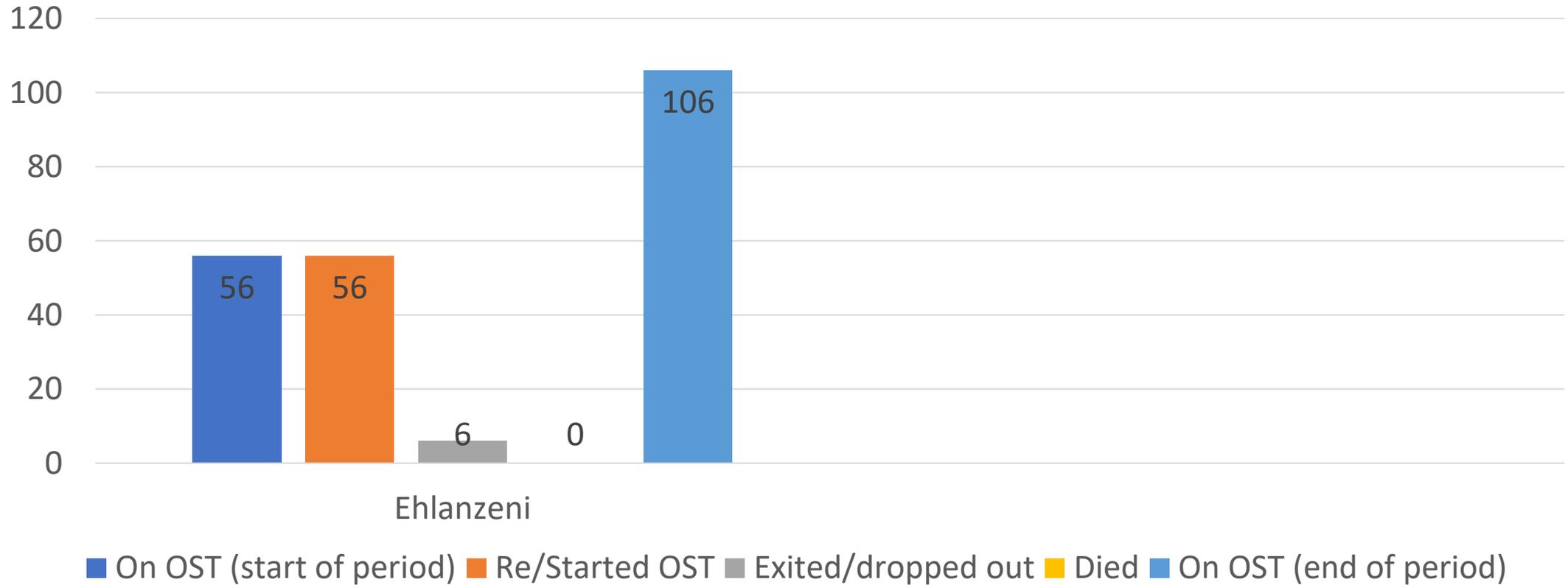
# Opioid substitution therapy



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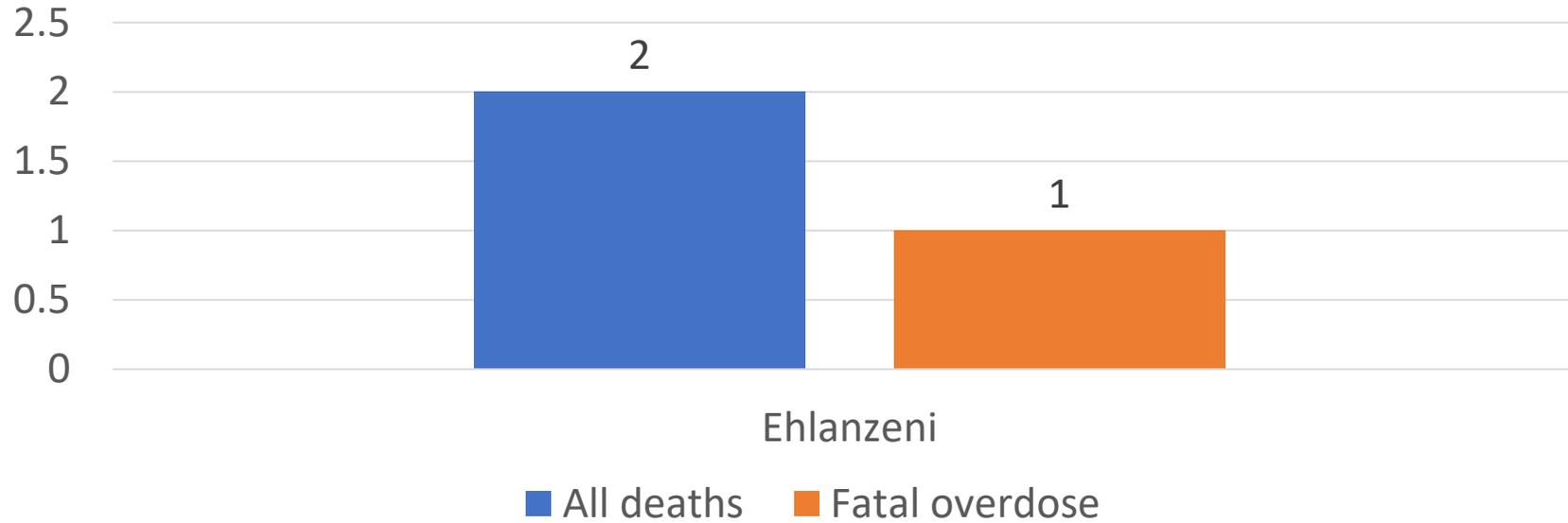
# Mortality



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# Issues, challenges & issues to note



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- Clients migrating from other districts to receive services, which leads to high LTFU when their families fetch them back home.
- Homeless clients struggling to adhere to OST due to external factors derived from peer pressure
- Clients residing more than 120km from the facilities, with no families struggle to receive an effective OST service



# Successes



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- Schoemansdal area, 32 clients have been on methadone for 5 months and only receive OST and do not collect NSP
- 84 clients have been successfully linked back home and receive OST within their homes, administered by their families
- Schoemasndal Chief to provide us with land to implement an agribusiness to minimize relapse for clients on OST. And provide skill development for economic empowerment.





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