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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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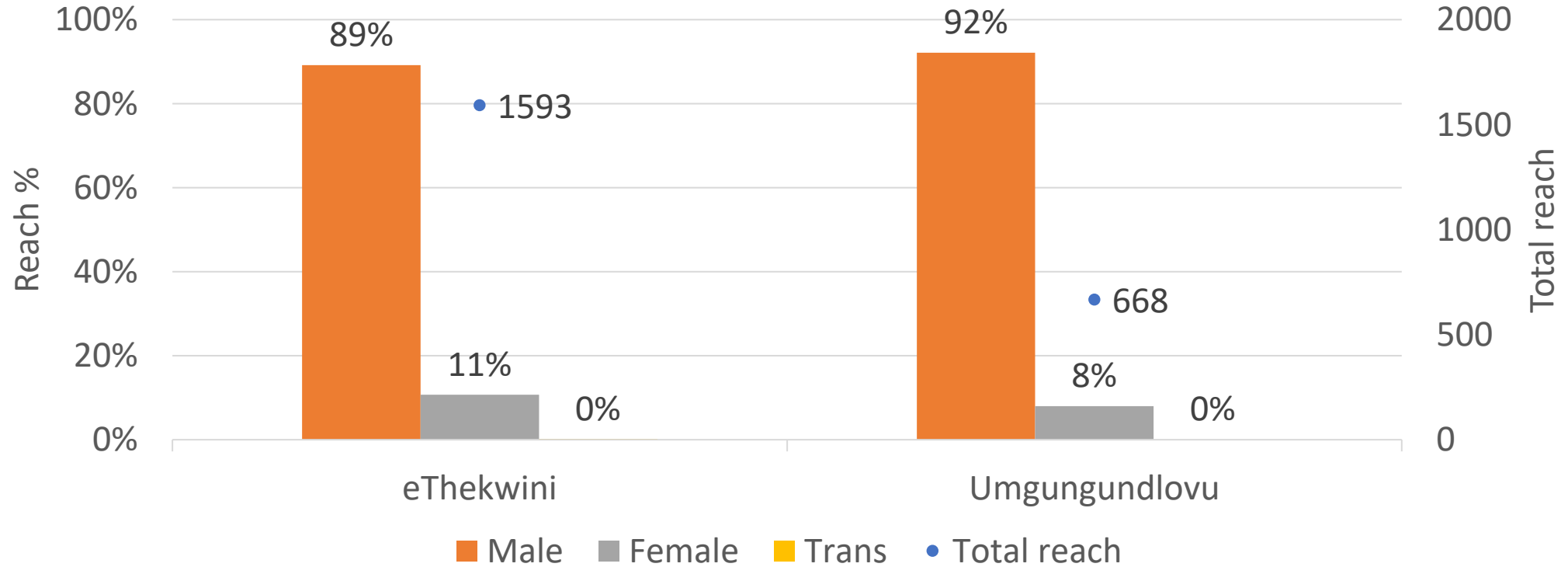
# Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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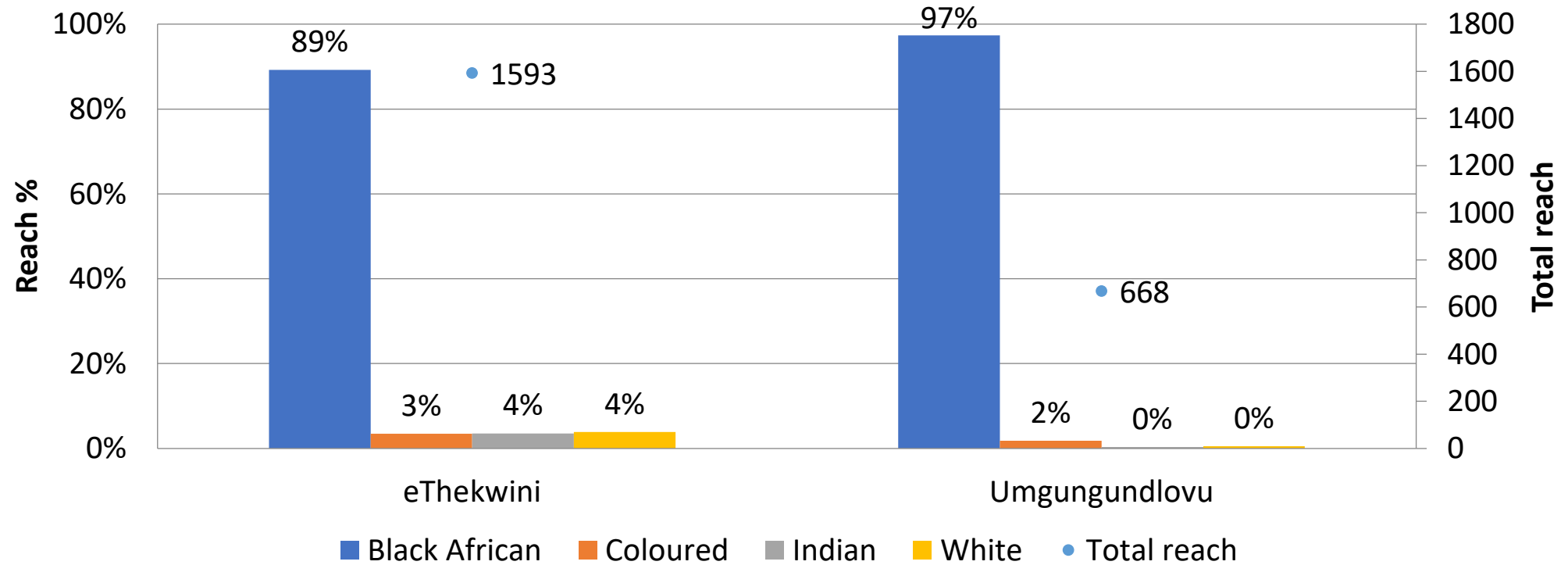
# Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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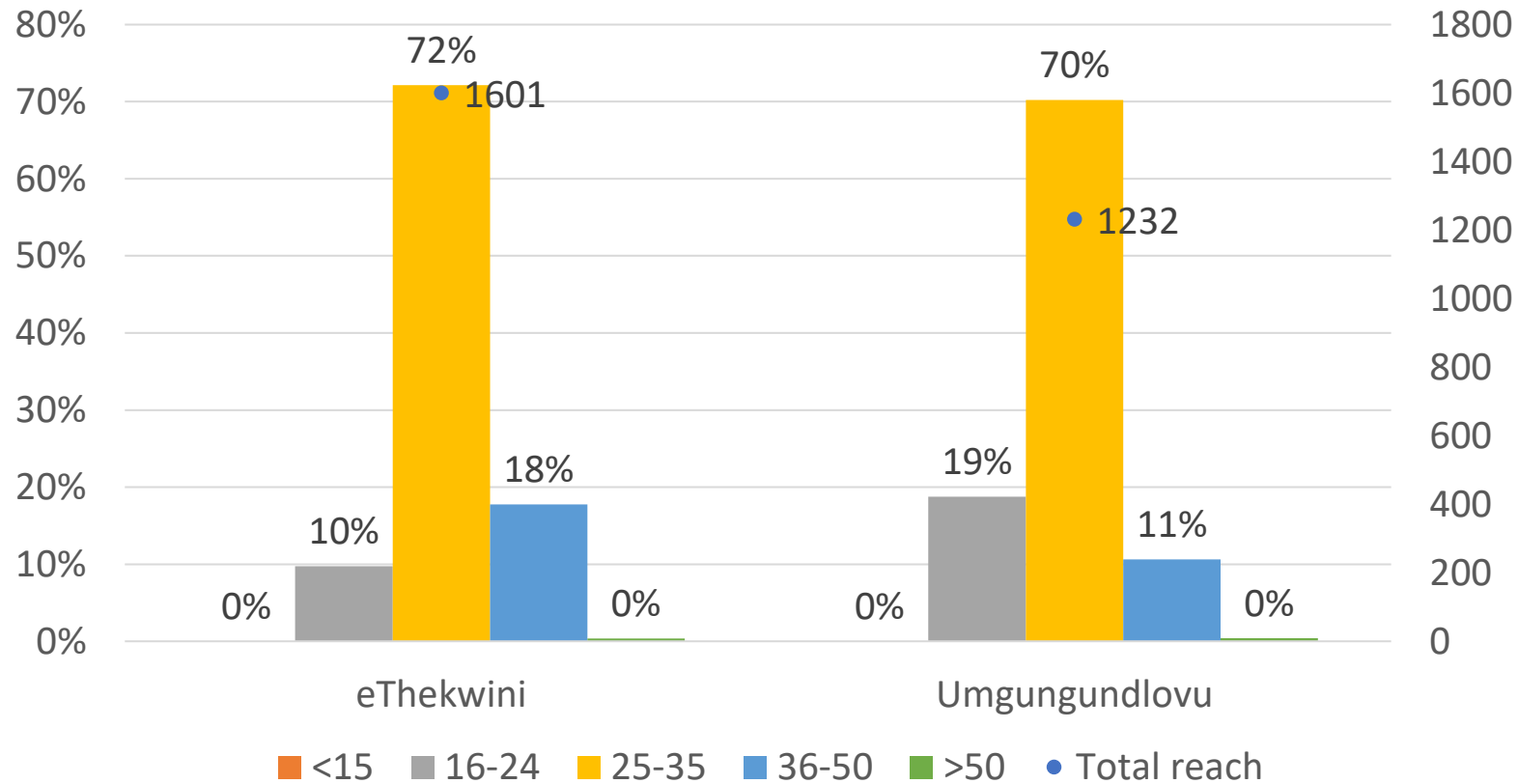
# Needle & syringe reach, by age



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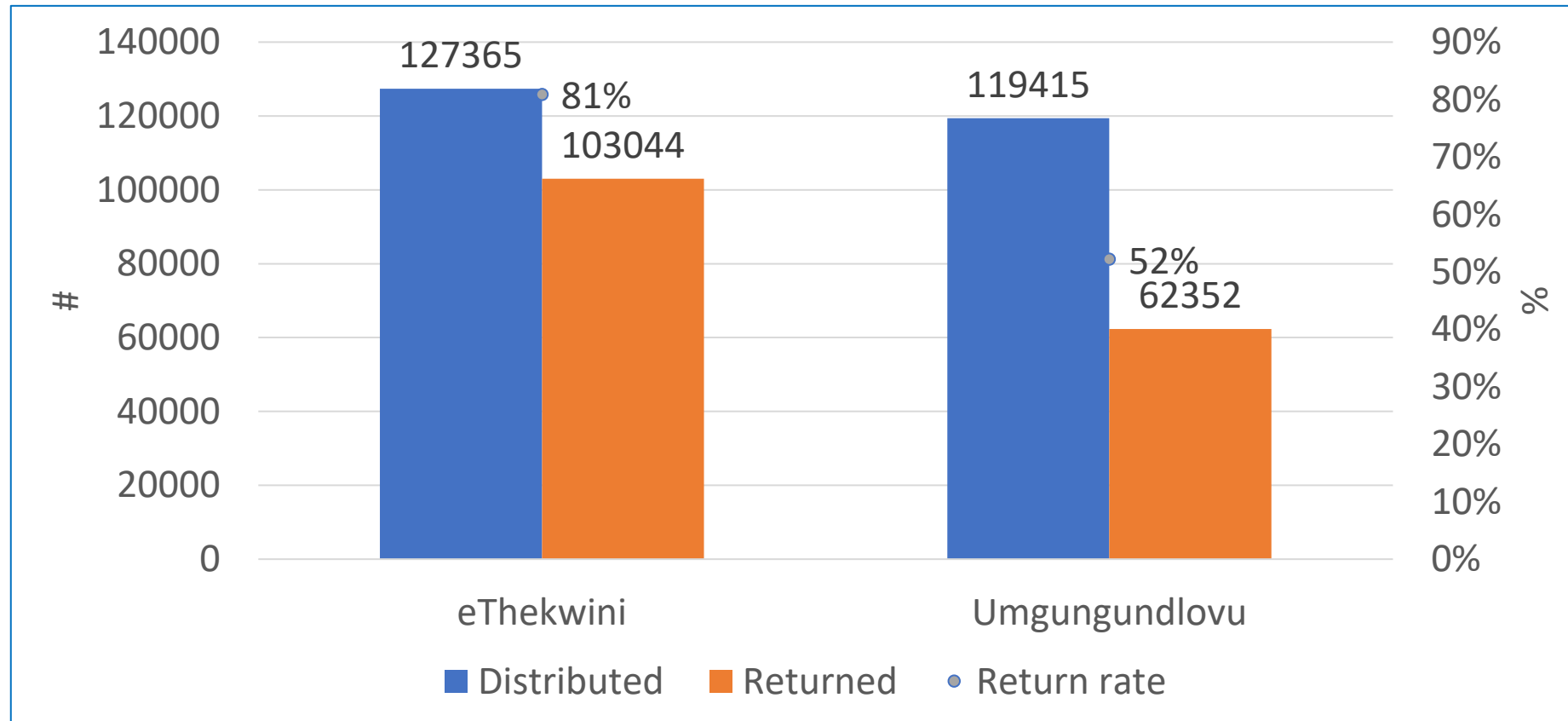
# Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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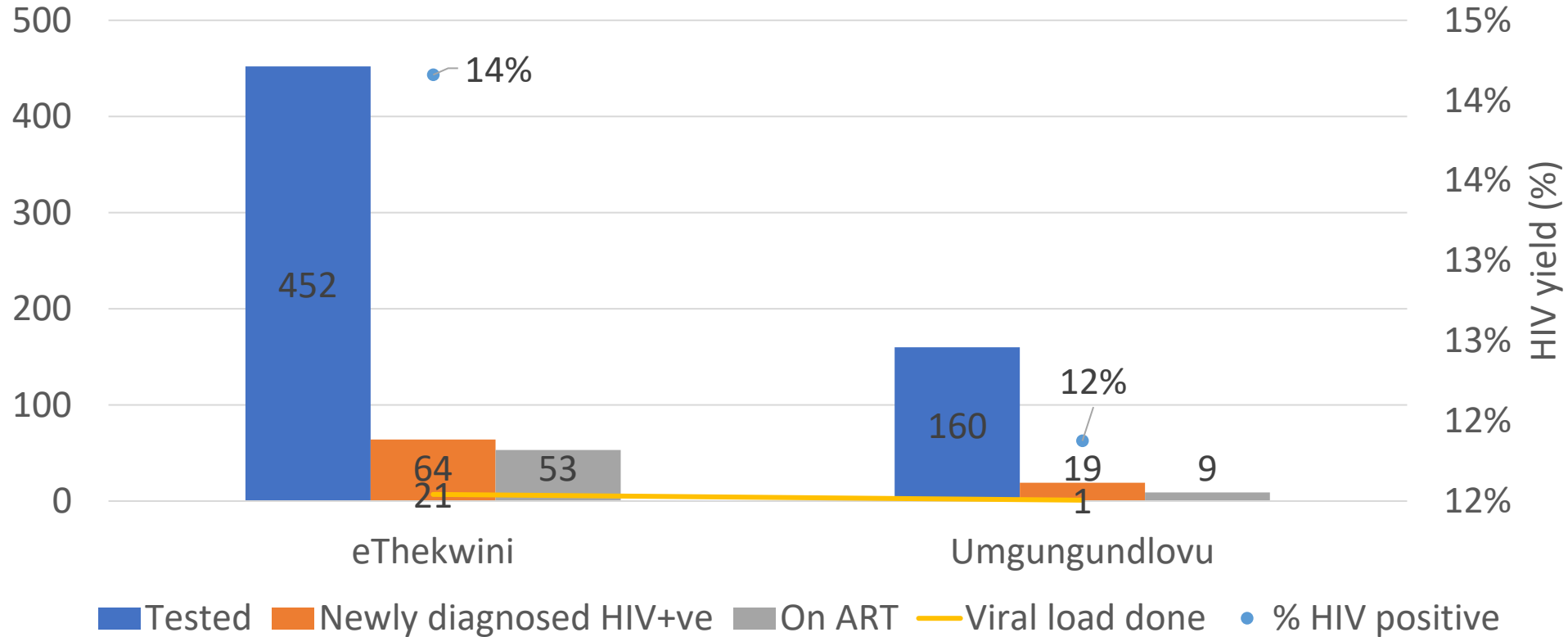
# HIV testing & treatment cascade



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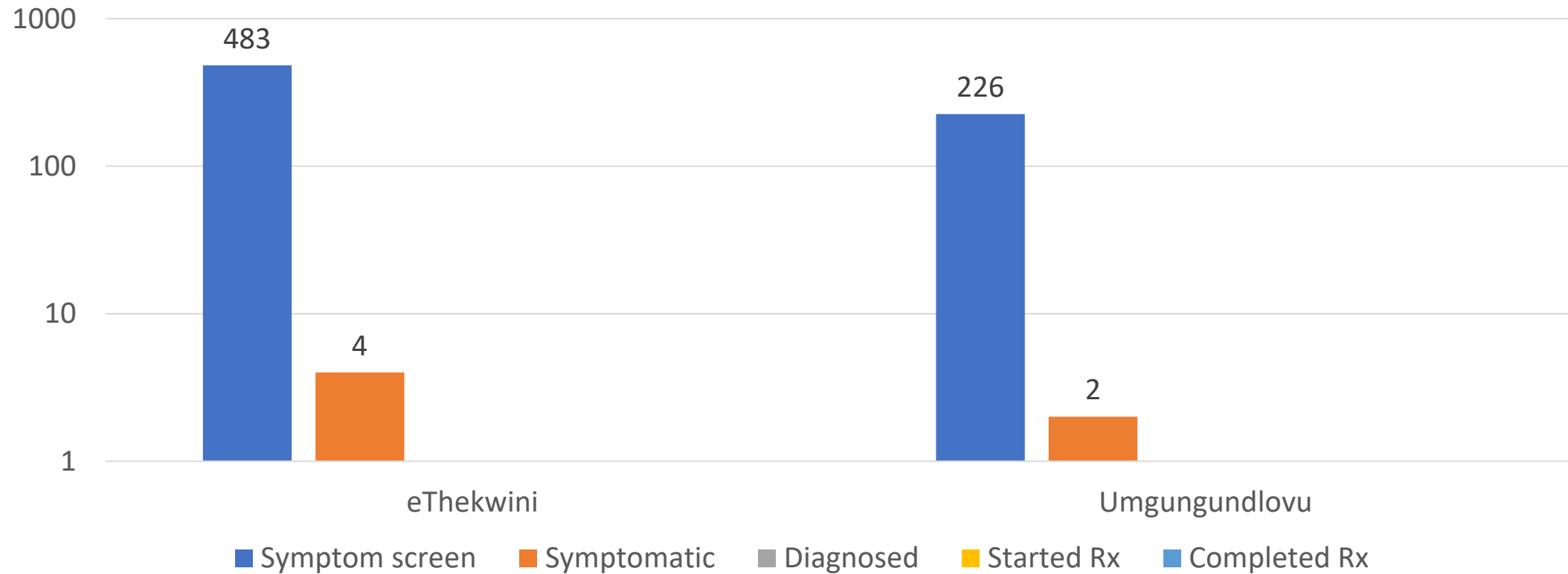
# TB testing & treatment cascade



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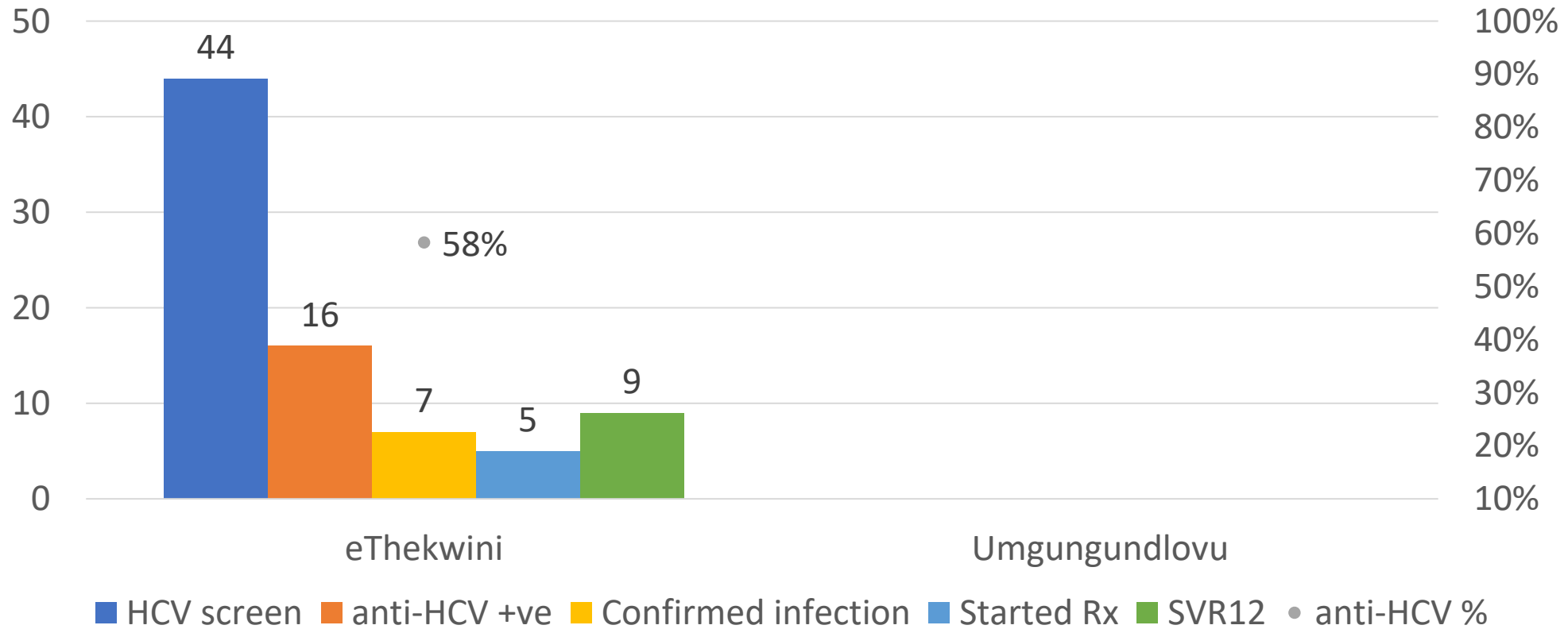
# HCV testing & treatment cascade



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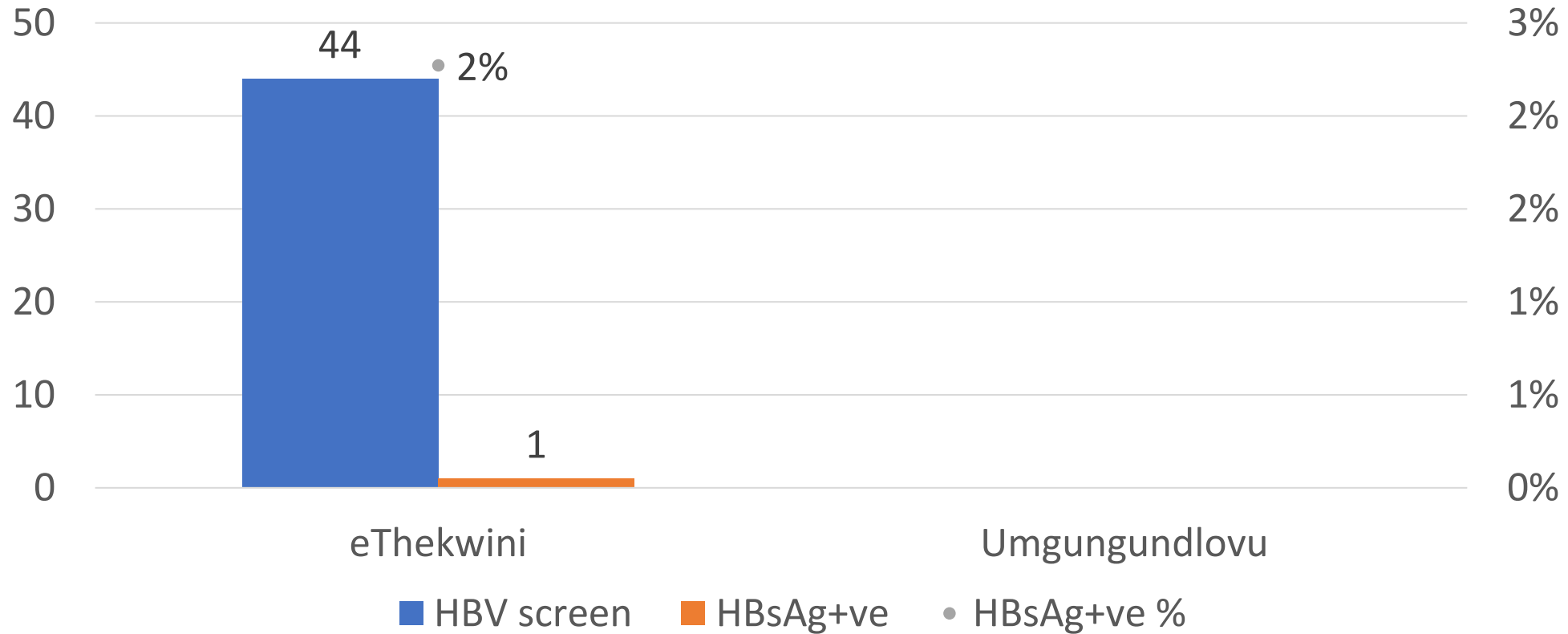
# HBV testing



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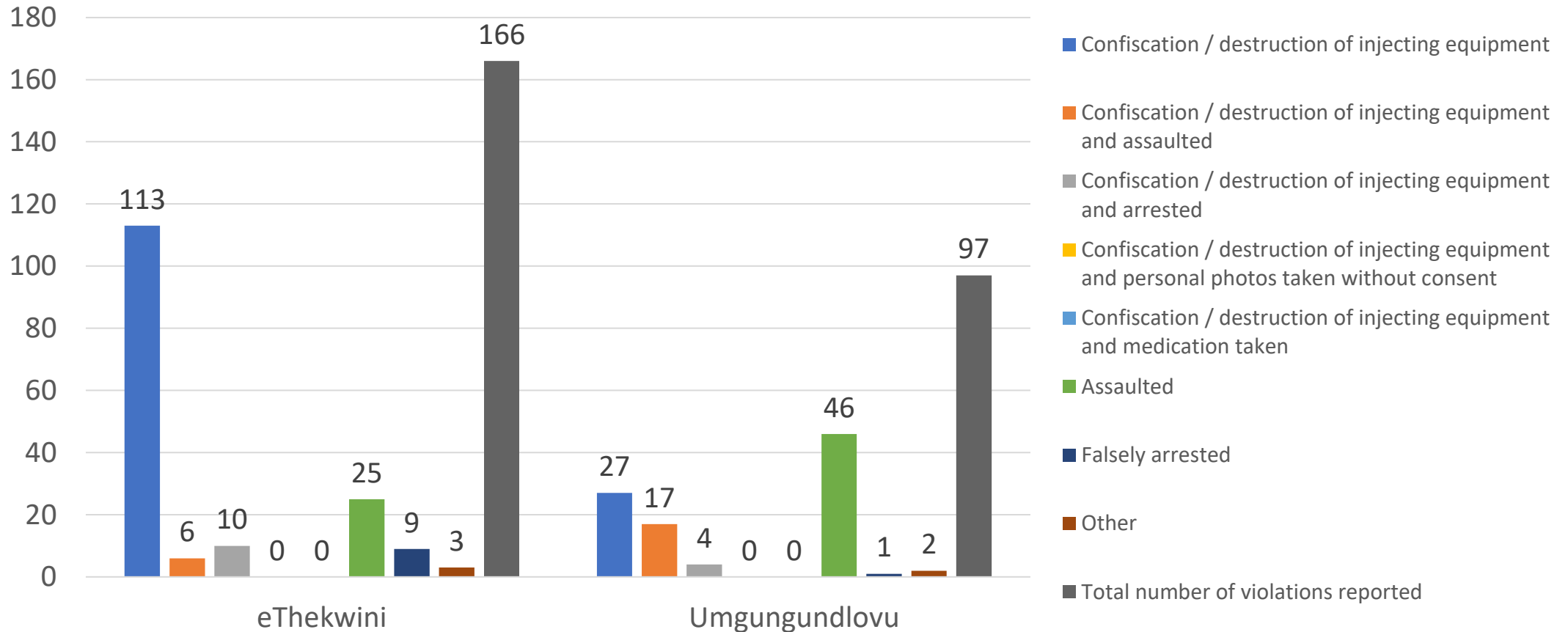
# Human rights violations



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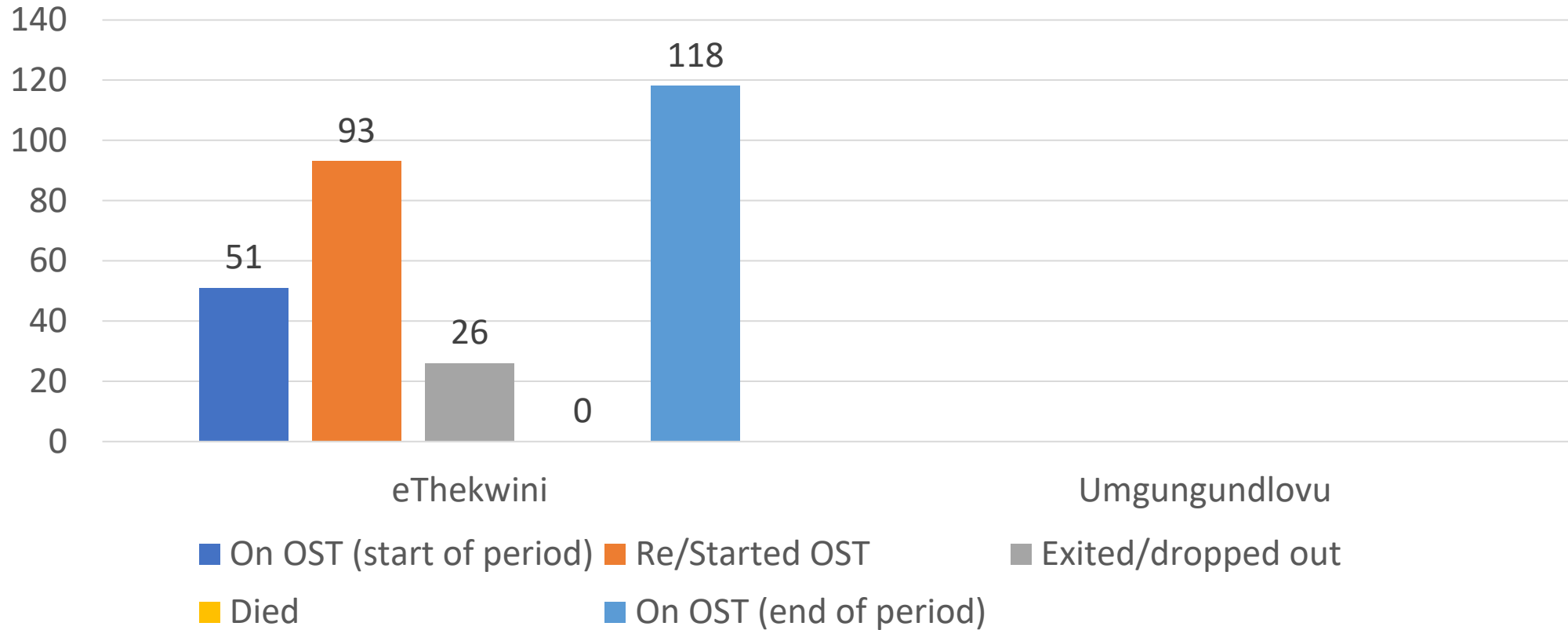
# Opioid substitution therapy



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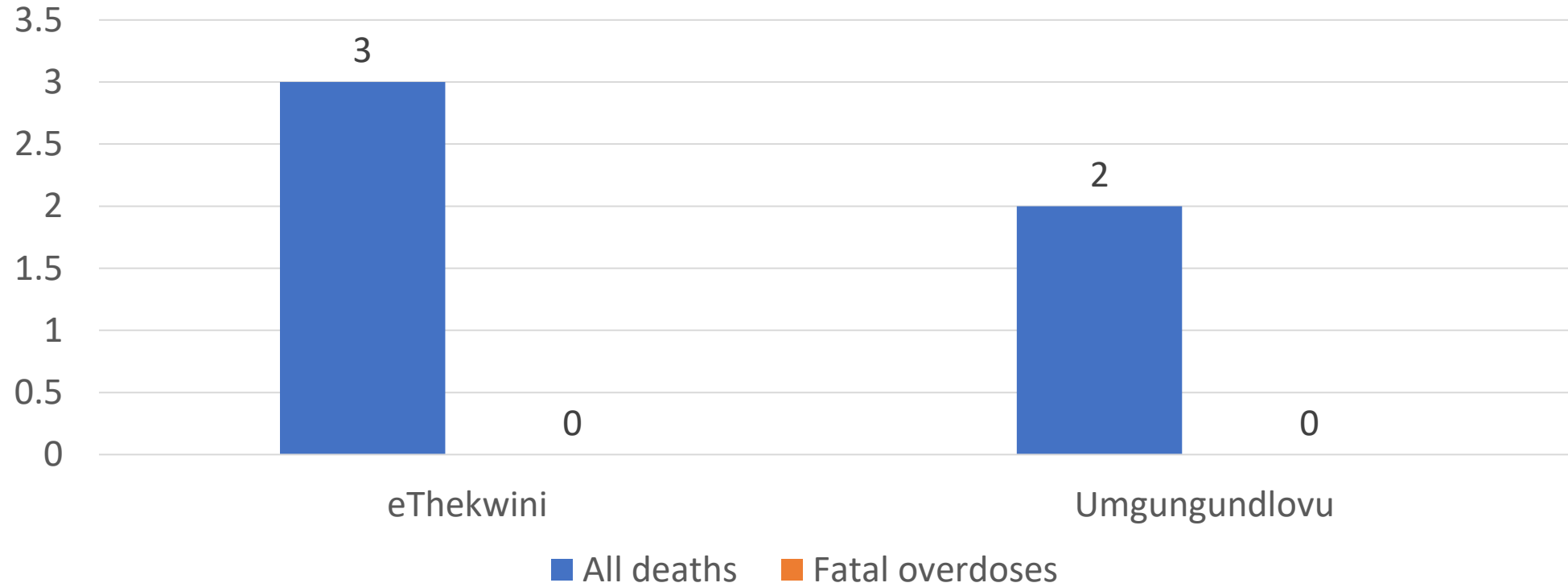
# Mortality & overdose



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# Issues & challenges



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- **The team was robbed at gunpoint and 2 attempted robbery in November, this has affected service delivery in ETK West and we had clients that has missing risk assessments and 2 clients that needed to be linked for ART.**
- **Due to a shortage of outreach drivers, the Advocacy Officer was tasked to transport the outreach team to the various places. This has resulted in decreased advocacy interventions to enhance stakeholder engagements. The Advocacy Officer had to balance between the advocacy duties and driving the team.**
- **Food, clothing and shelter are always a challenge especially for clients that are taking ART/TB/OST/Hepatitis treatment.**
- **Low distribution of HR packs due to not having sufficient HR packs stock.**
- **Clients do not have IDs and this makes it harder for them to look for employment.**



# Successes



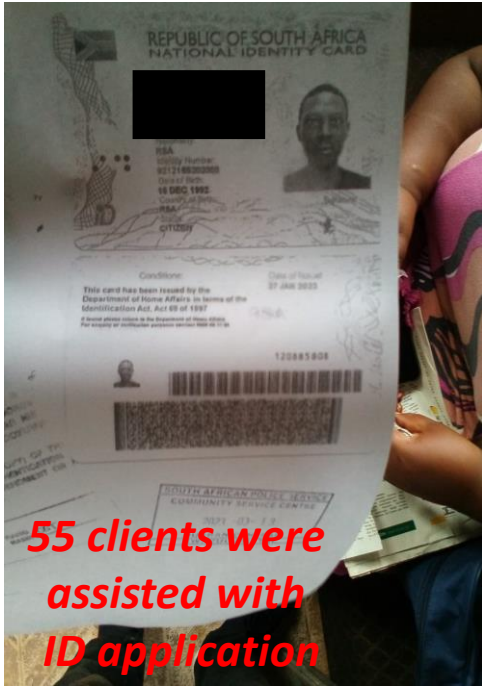
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- **The task team formed under the LDAC Meetings has successfully delivered the first workshop, the Advocacy Officer and Project Coordinator still form part of the task team to formulate the objectives to be discussed with people who use drugs in the district.**
- **The psychosocial team started the Women empowerment groups and these take place weekly. The team host a Women's Day event(once a month), where we have designated hours for females, in these sessions female clients receives SRH services, they get to have a shower, do their hair/nails/make up and they get refreshments.**
- **Reach at 107%, HTS at 103% and ART Linkage 116% and OST retention rate 123%( clients retained for 6 months and more). Needle return rate has increased from 58% to 83%.**
- **17 clients were reunified with their families and counselling was provided to the support people and 10 clients found employment.**
- **The team supported the World Aids Day events that was hosted by the Pinetown SAPS, one that was hosted by Provincial Aids Council and the Civil society and one that was hosted by uShaka Marine and the PWID staff successfully delivered HTS services and health education**

# Successes



**55 clients were assisted with ID application by the Psychosocial Team**



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**The Psychosocial Team is conducting Women Empowerment Group weekly: Manicure/pedicure sessions, Hair styling lessons, gardening, cooking and baking lessons**



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**15 clients were reunified with their families and have found work.**



**Educational Movie Day**







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