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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

Community-based harm reduction services: KwaZulu Natal

Ayanda Nyathi

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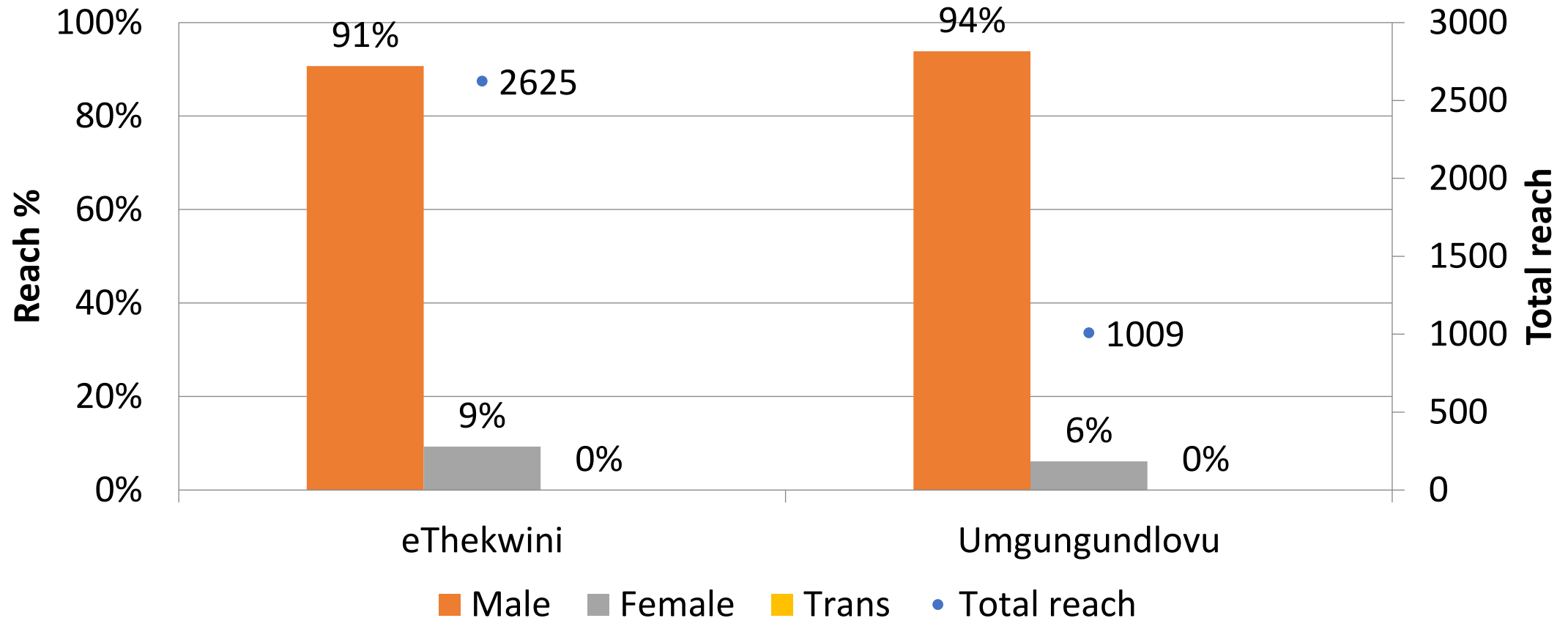
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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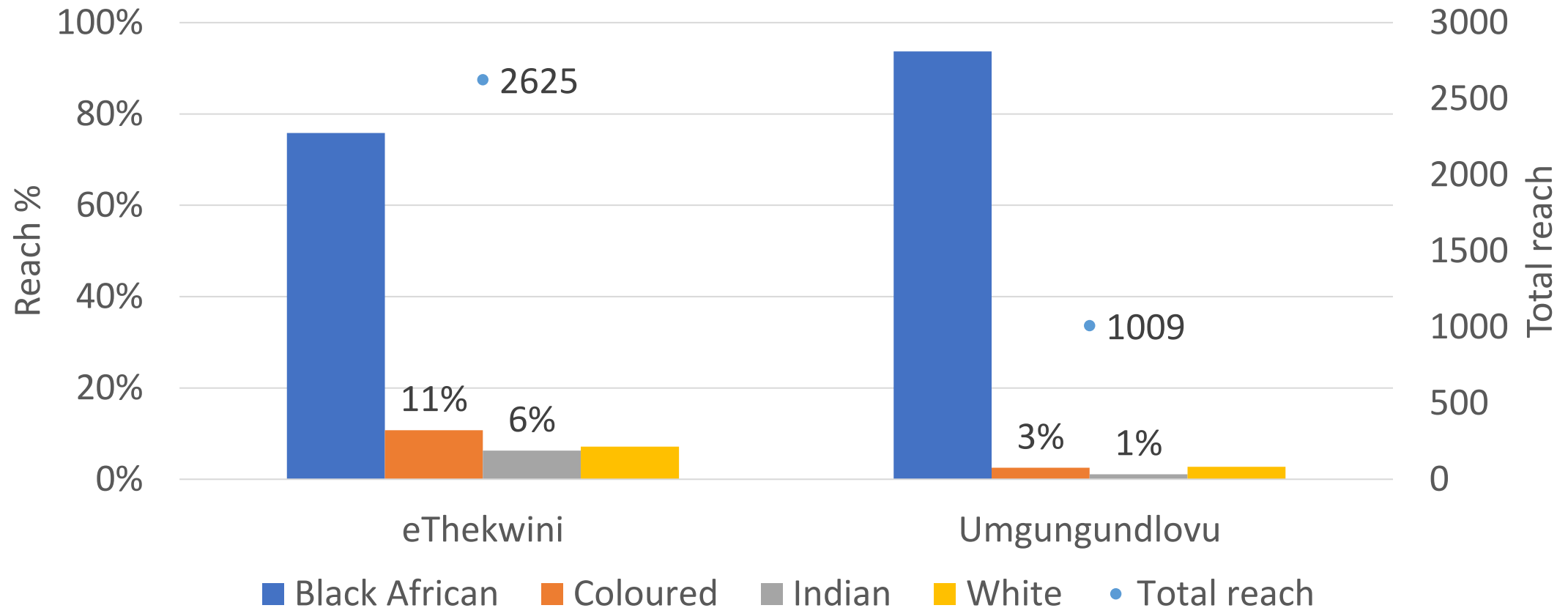
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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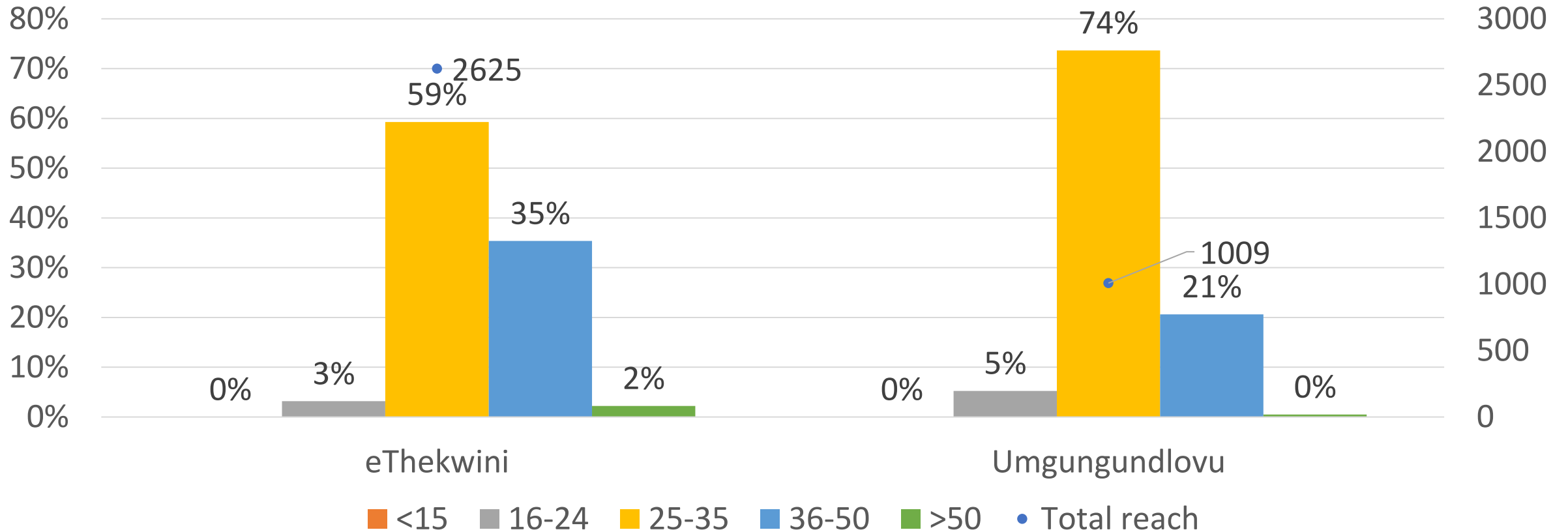
Needle & syringe reach, by age



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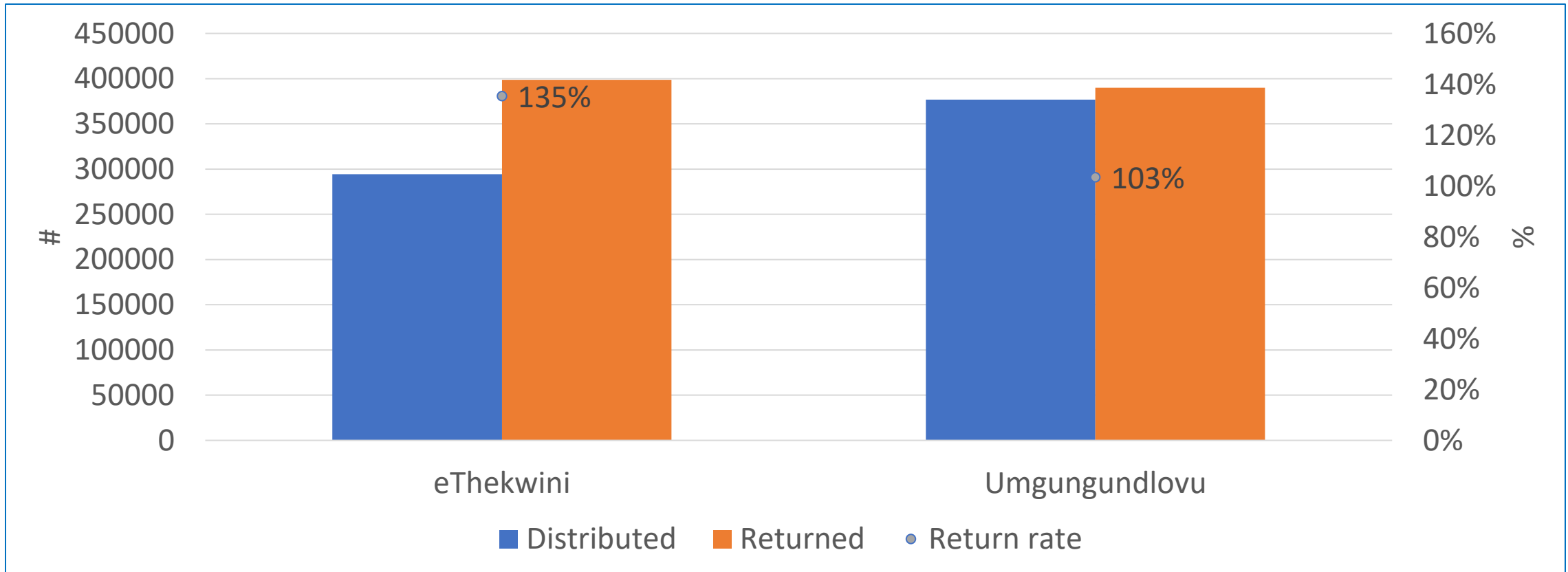
Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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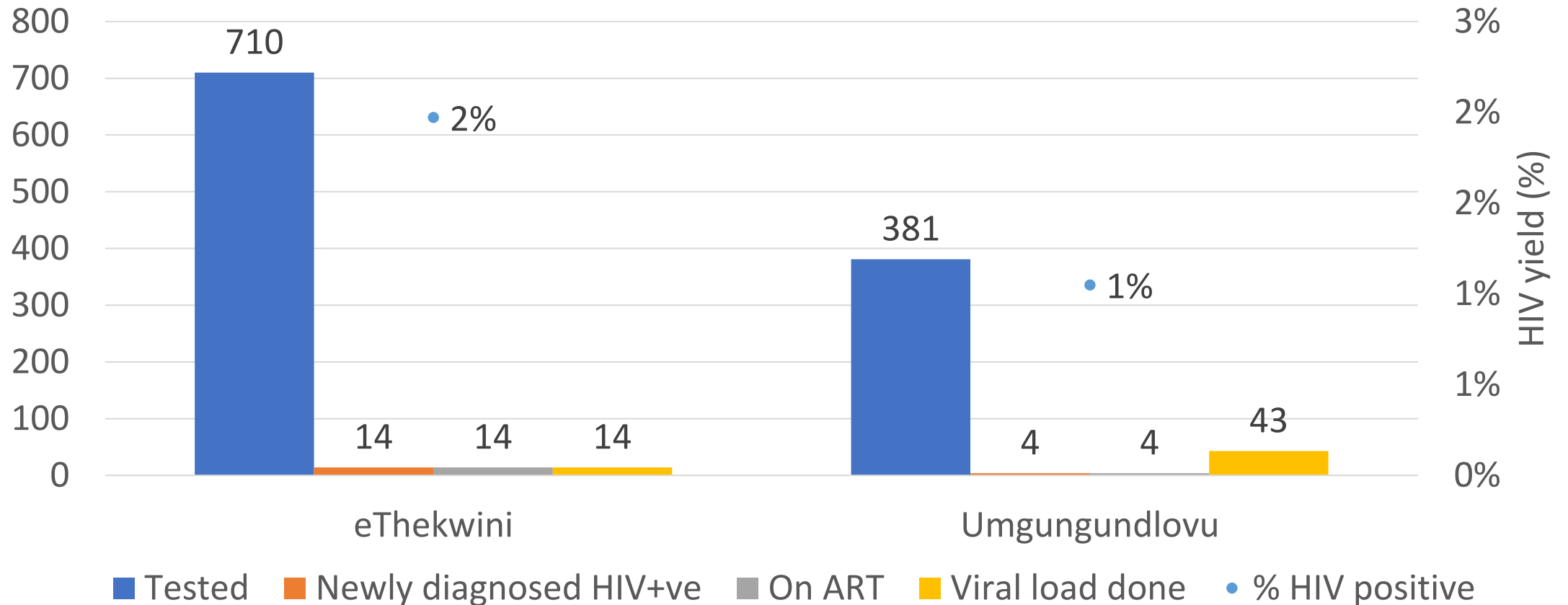
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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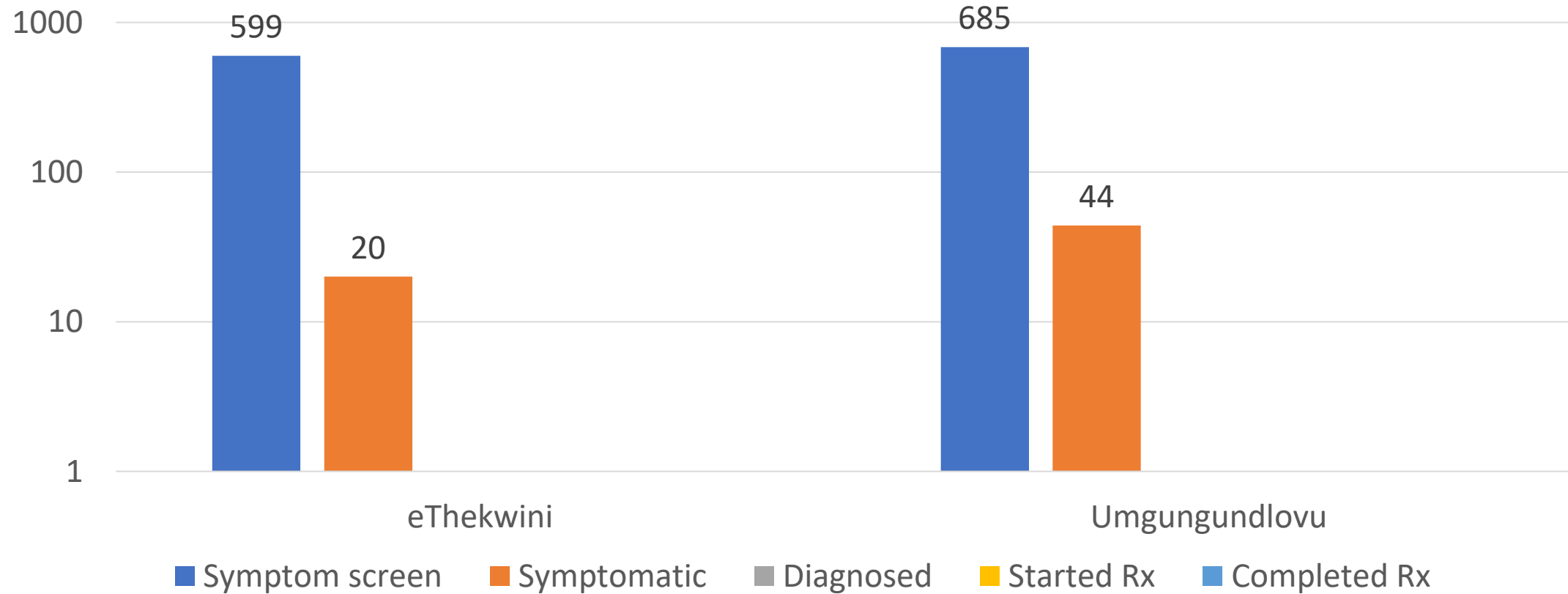
TB testing & treatment cascade



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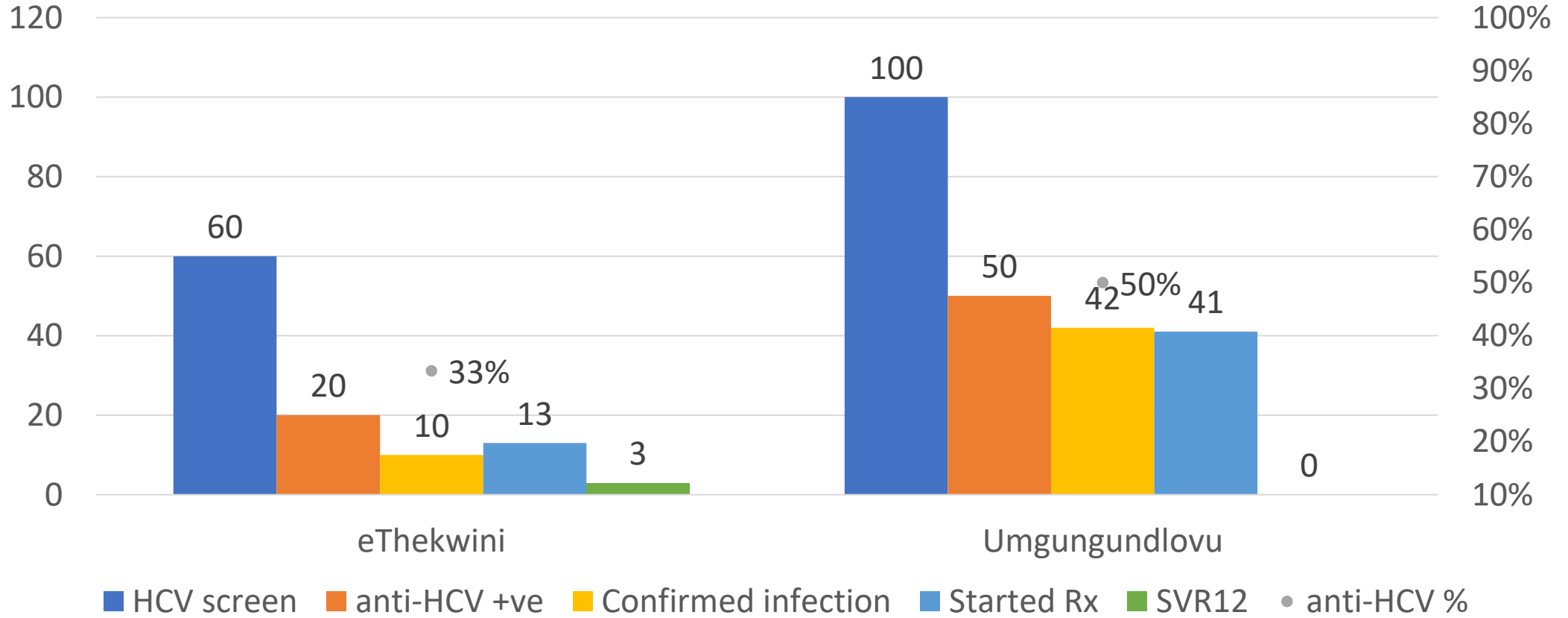
HCV testing & treatment cascade



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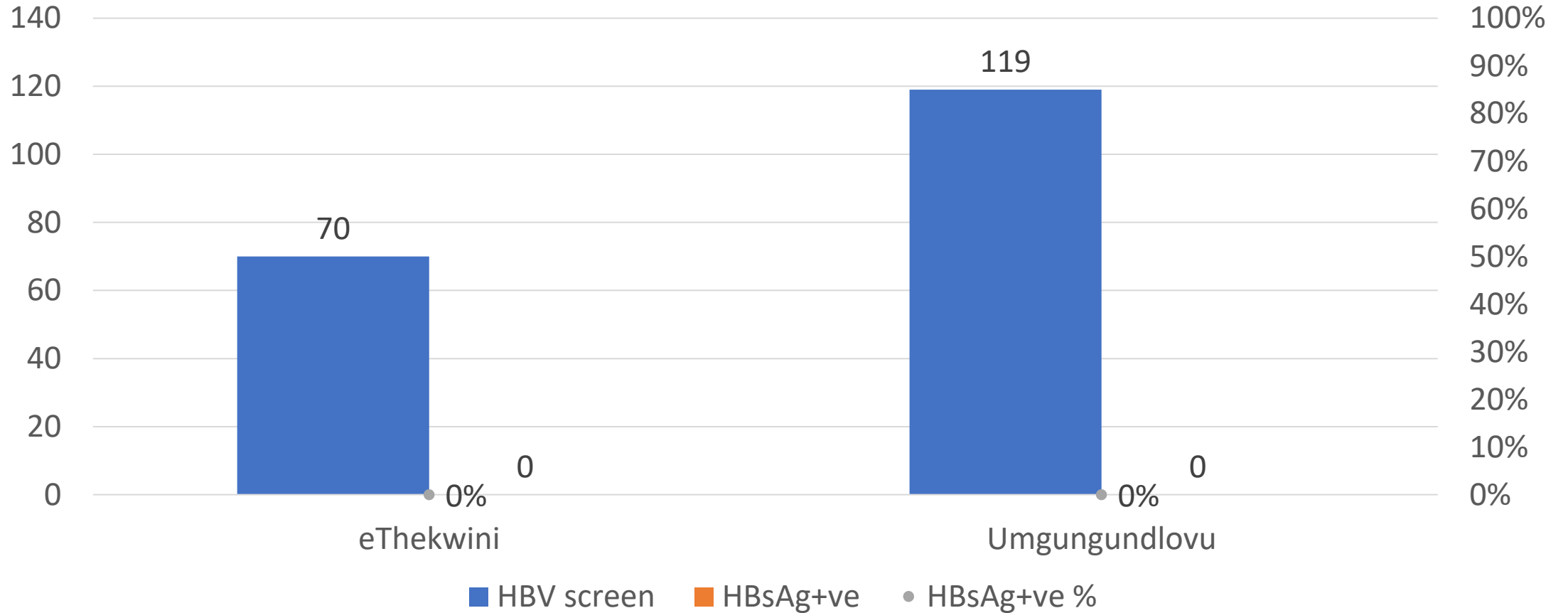
HBV testing



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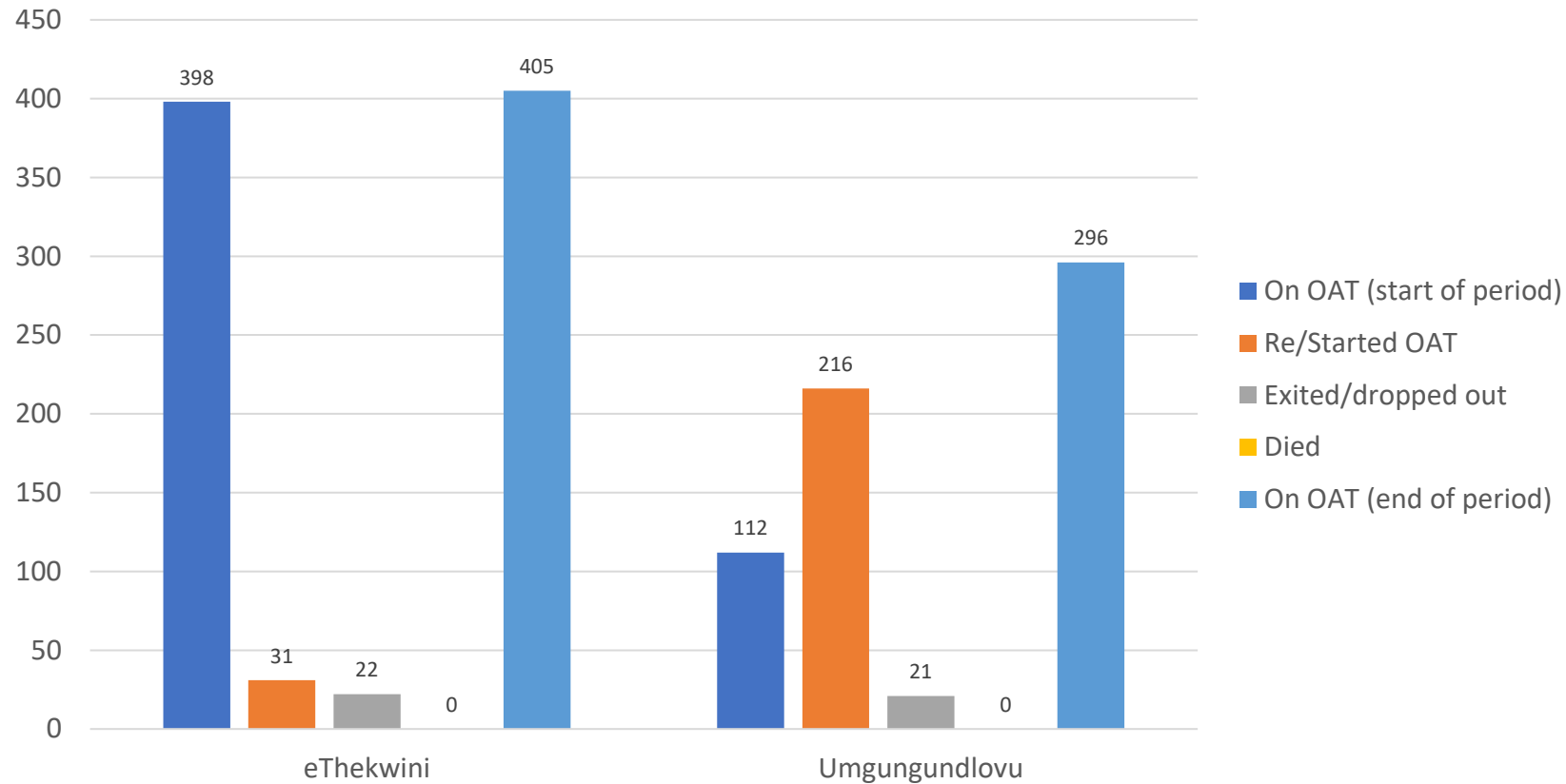
Opioid agonist therapy



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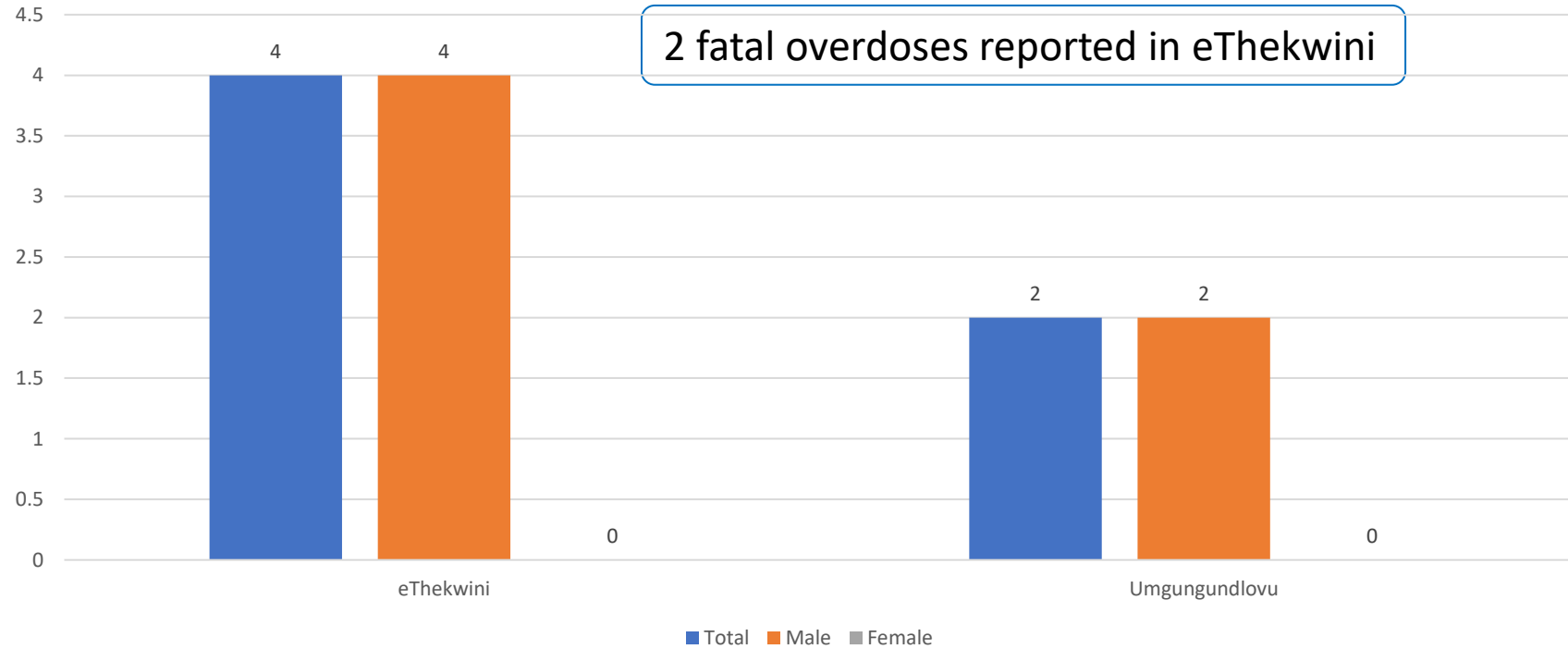
Mortality & overdose



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Sex workers who inject drugs



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No services during this period



Issues & challenges



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- Needle and syringe distribution
 - Relatively lower needles per person reached in eThekweni district
- Transition of the programme from NACOSA to Aurum as the new Global Fund PR
 - Uncertainty of programming
 - In eThekweni services were affected
 - In uMgungundlovu services were interrupted and break in OAT and NSP services
- High number of assaults reported by PWUD in UMG
- Harm reduction services for sex workers
 - No services being provided as part of the Global Fund sex work programme for sex workers who inject drugs in KZN districts yet



Successes



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- Highest recorded number of NSP clients reached in a period in eThekweni
- HIV yield appeals to be stabilising, compared to previous periods, suggesting improvements in HIV prevention efforts among PWID (NSP, OAT, testing and treatment)
- Improvements in viral hepatitis services, notably in uMgungundlovu



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