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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: Gauteng & Mpumalanga

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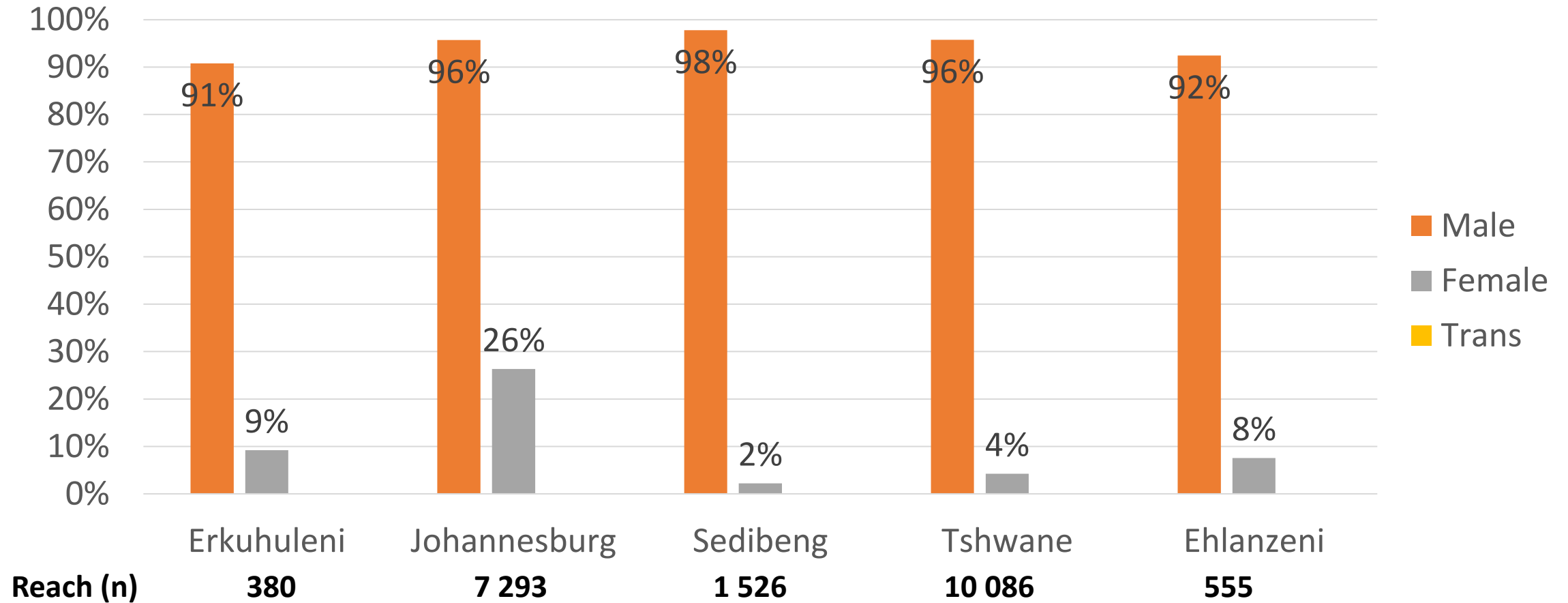
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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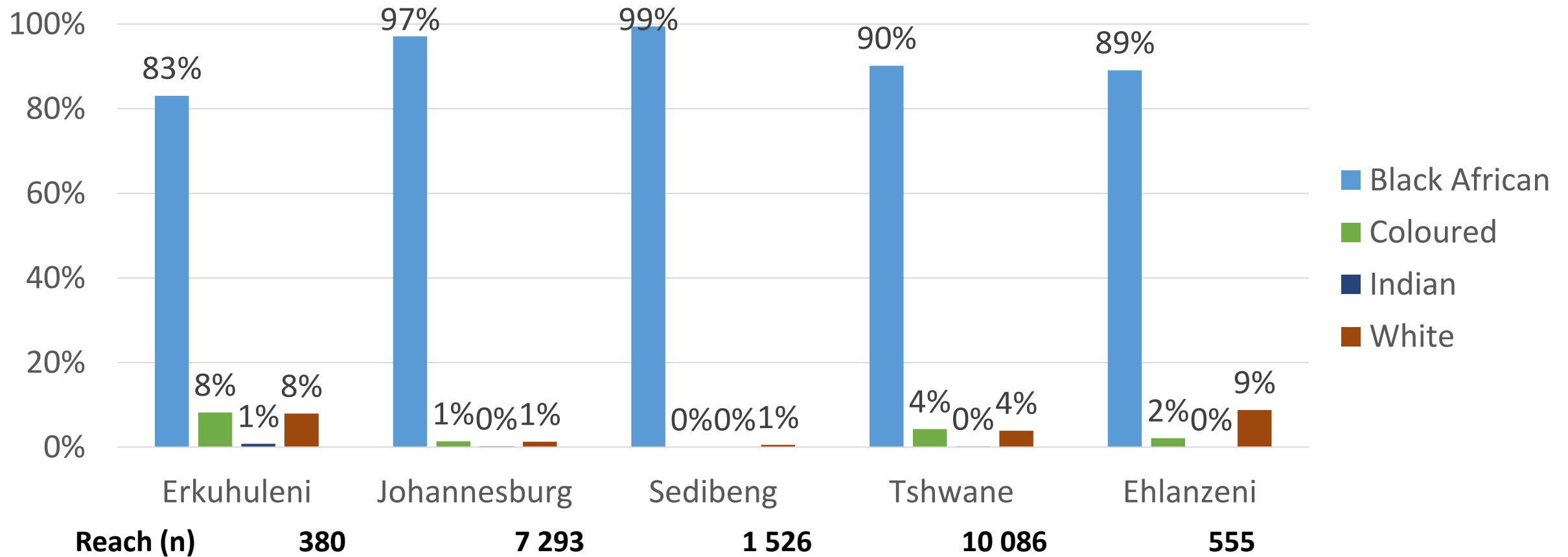
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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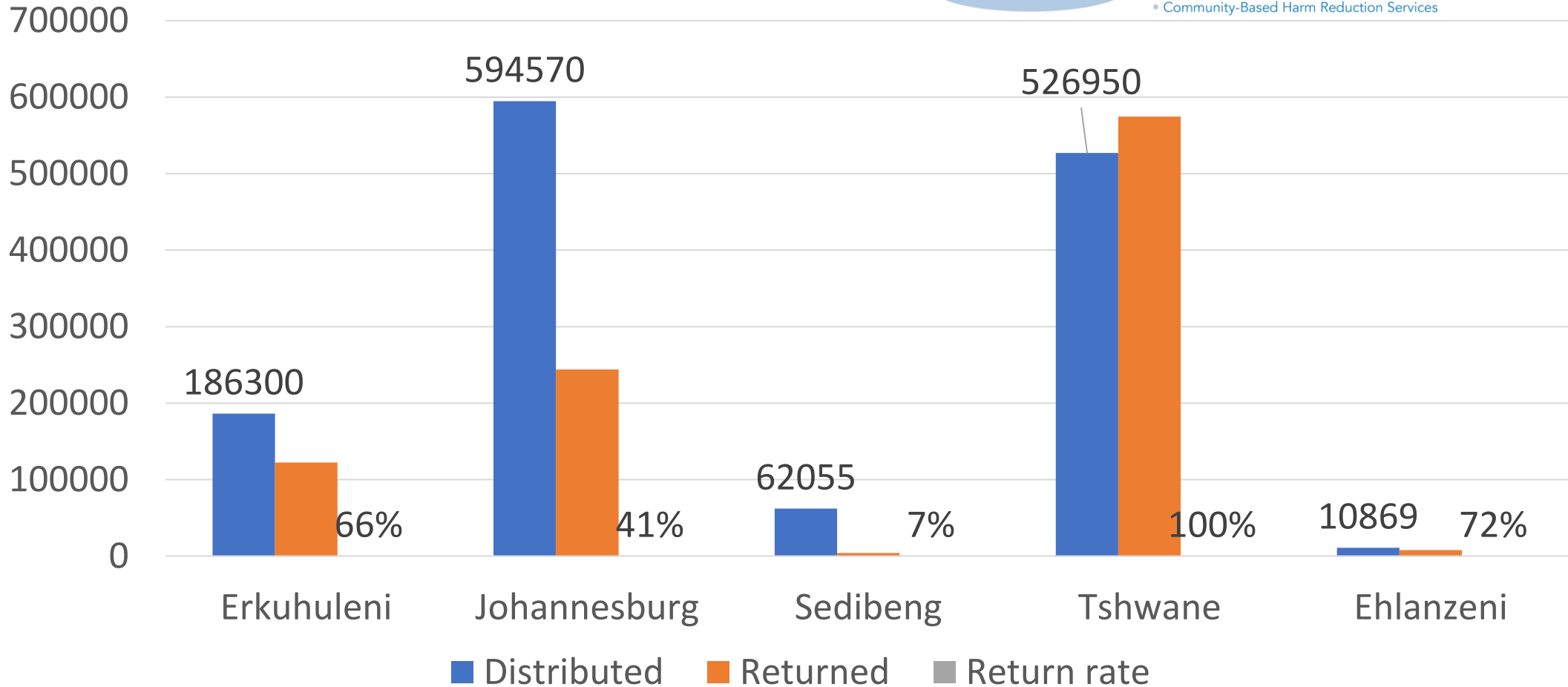
Needle & syringe distribution & return



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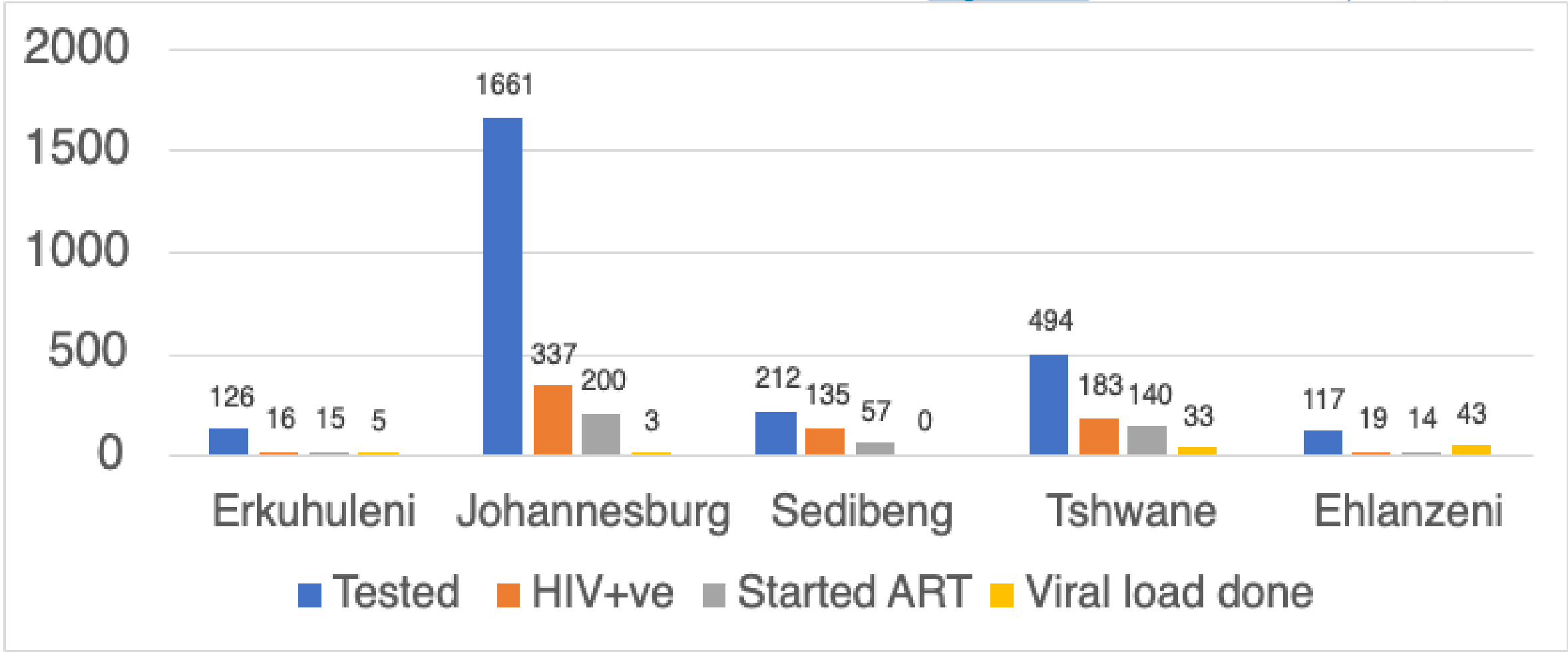
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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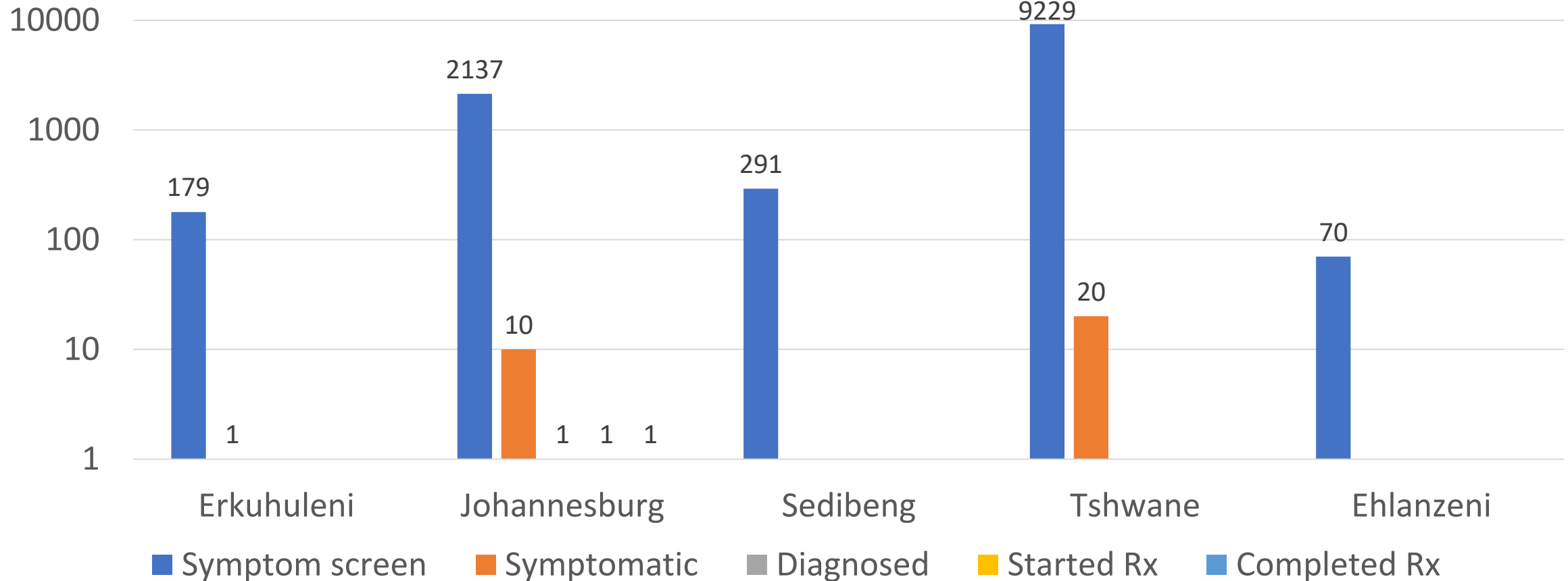
TB testing & treatment cascade



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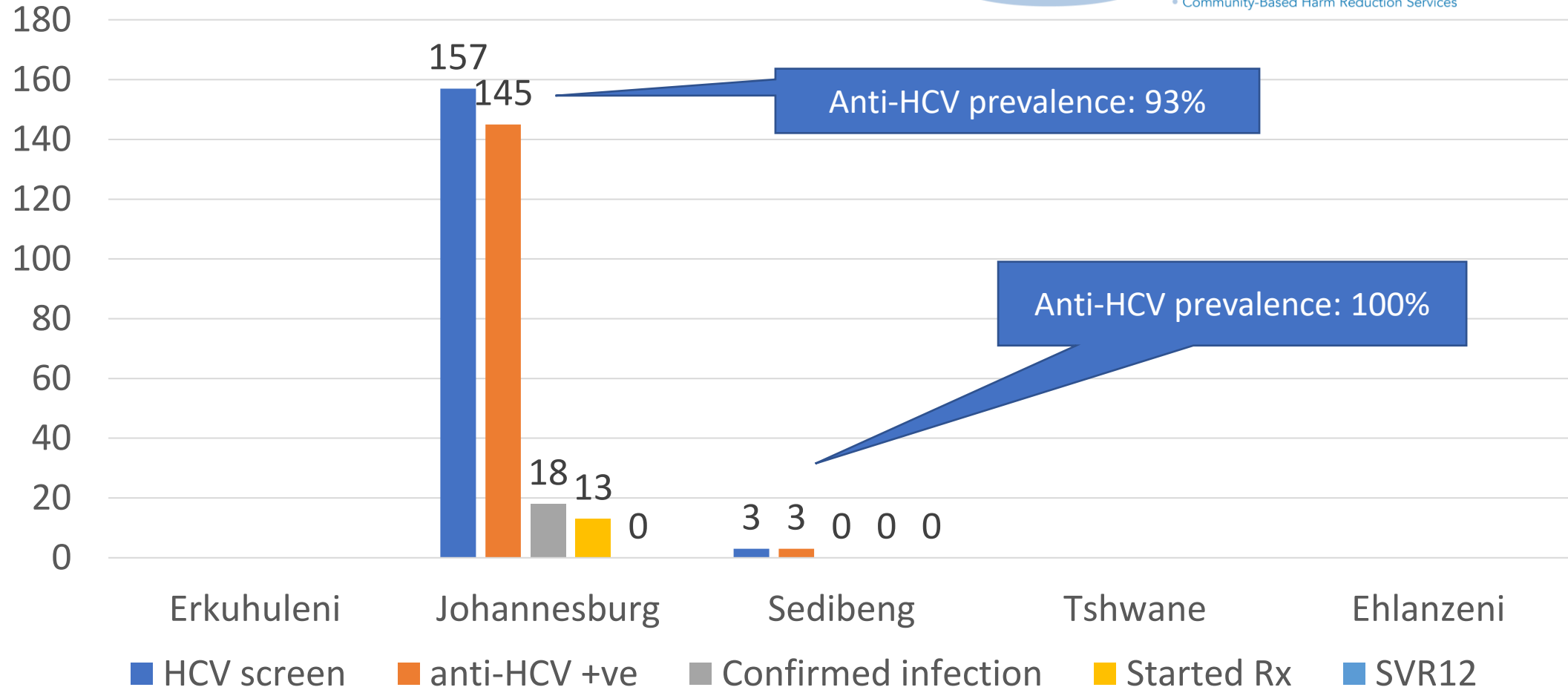
HCV testing & treatment cascade



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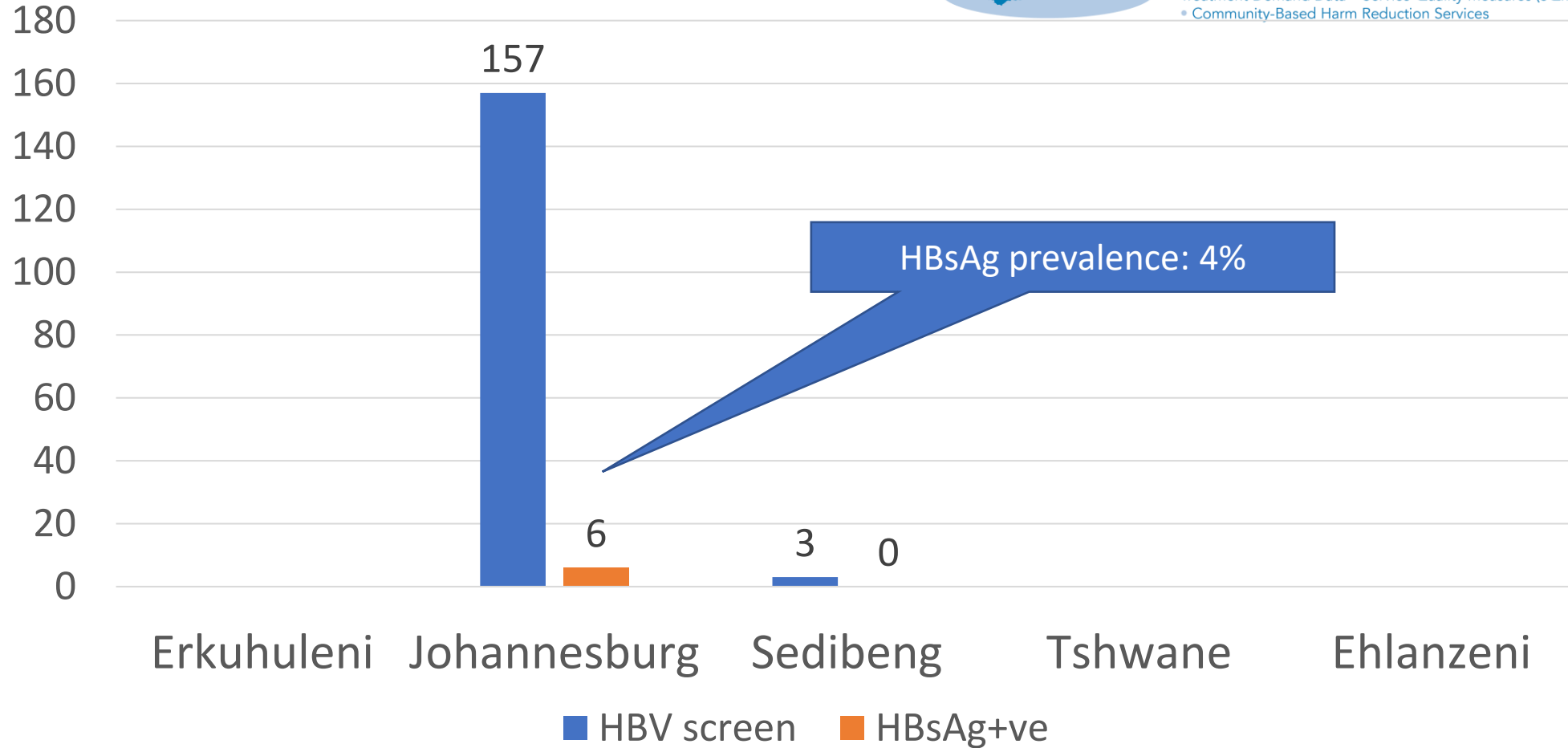
HBV testing



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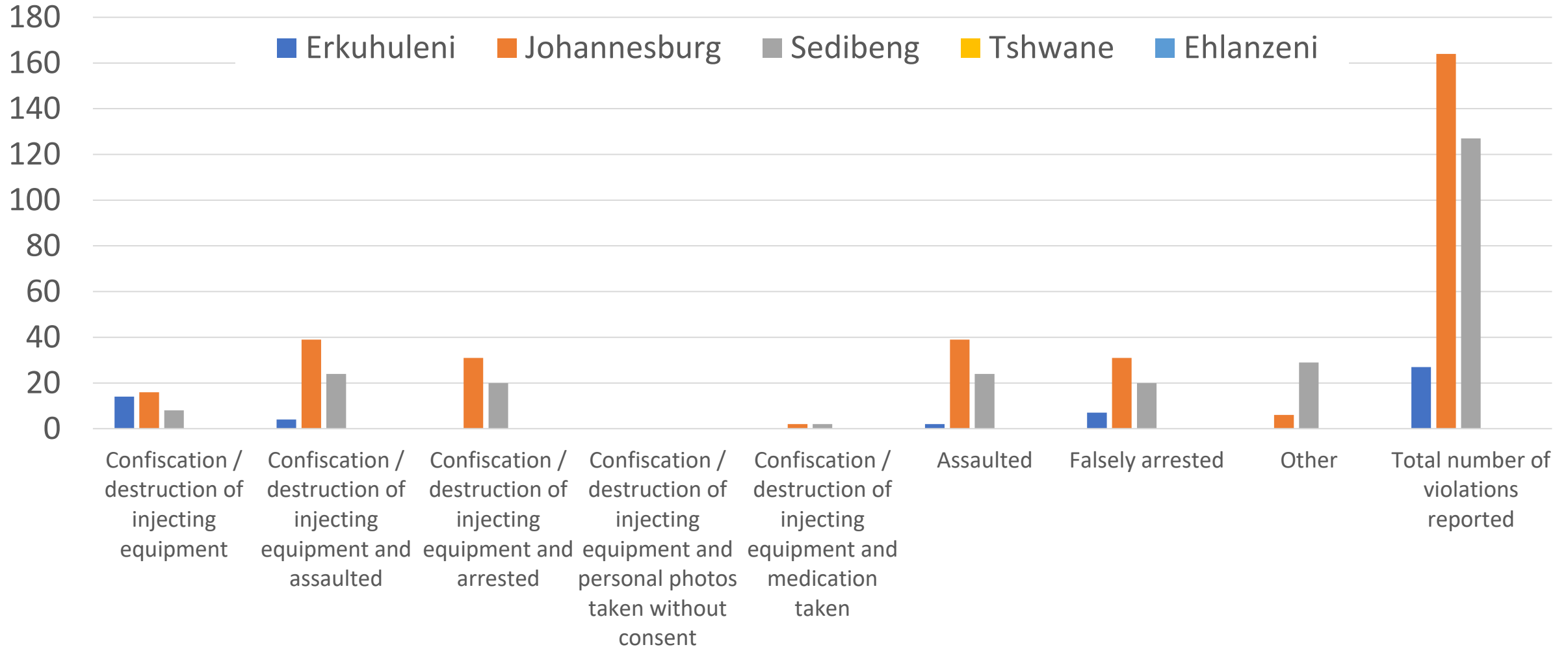
Human rights violations



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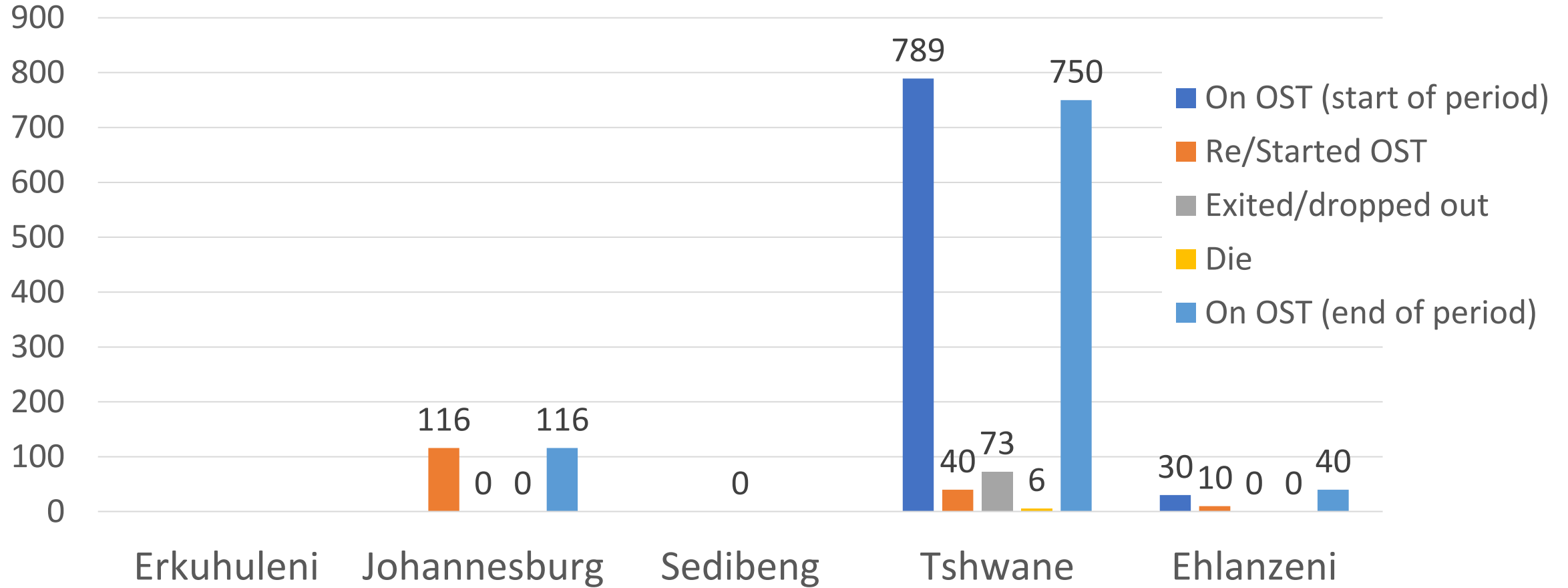
Opioid substitution therapy



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Issues, challenges & issues to note



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Tshwane:

- Cost of opioid agonist medications for OST continues to limit the number of clients that can receive treatment
- Increasing number of mental health care users identified due to harmful stimulant use (not quantified)
- The PEPFAR PWID sites in Tshwane and Ehlanzeni transitioned from FPD to TB HIV Care from October 2021
 - In Tshwane there was a delay in MOU and SLA finalisation. The Tshwane TB HIV Care team were unable to provide HTS or any pathology services between October and December. Only needle and syringe services and HIV treatment.

Joburg & Sedibeng:

- High prevalence of HCV infection noted among OST clients – indicating high demand



Successes



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National

- Methadone price reductions
 - During this period two additional methadone products were registered at SAHPRA (Misyo and Adco).
 - Misyo methadone due to launch in April 2022, at \pm 30% less than current price of Equity methadone.
 - Adco methadone pricing still to be defined, launch expected in 2022.
 - Equity methadone announced a price reduction in 2022, reducing price to some degree
- Methadone on the National Department of Health Essential Medicines List of Opioid Substitution Therapy
 - EML committee has noted value of methadone for OST, recommending NDOH plan a pilot project of OST integration into primary care level facilities to assess feasibility

Tshwane

- Harm Reduction packs were received from NACOSA Jul-Sept 2021 which improved allocation of numbers of needles per client per week and increased coverage of needle and syringe services

Joburg & Sedibeng

- Global Fund OST sites started integration of work-up for HCV treatment using DAAs





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