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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

Memory Mahaso

Community-based harm reduction services: Eastern Cape, KwaZulu
Natal & Western Cape

13 April | Phase 51 21b | July – December 2021



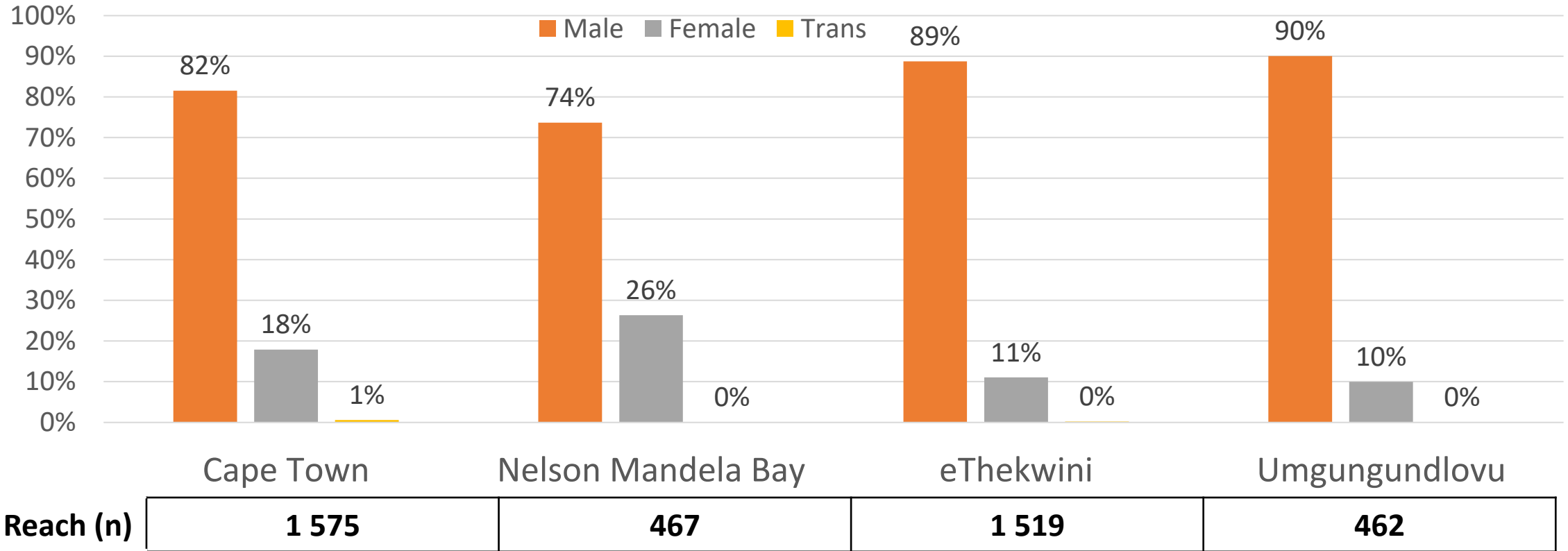
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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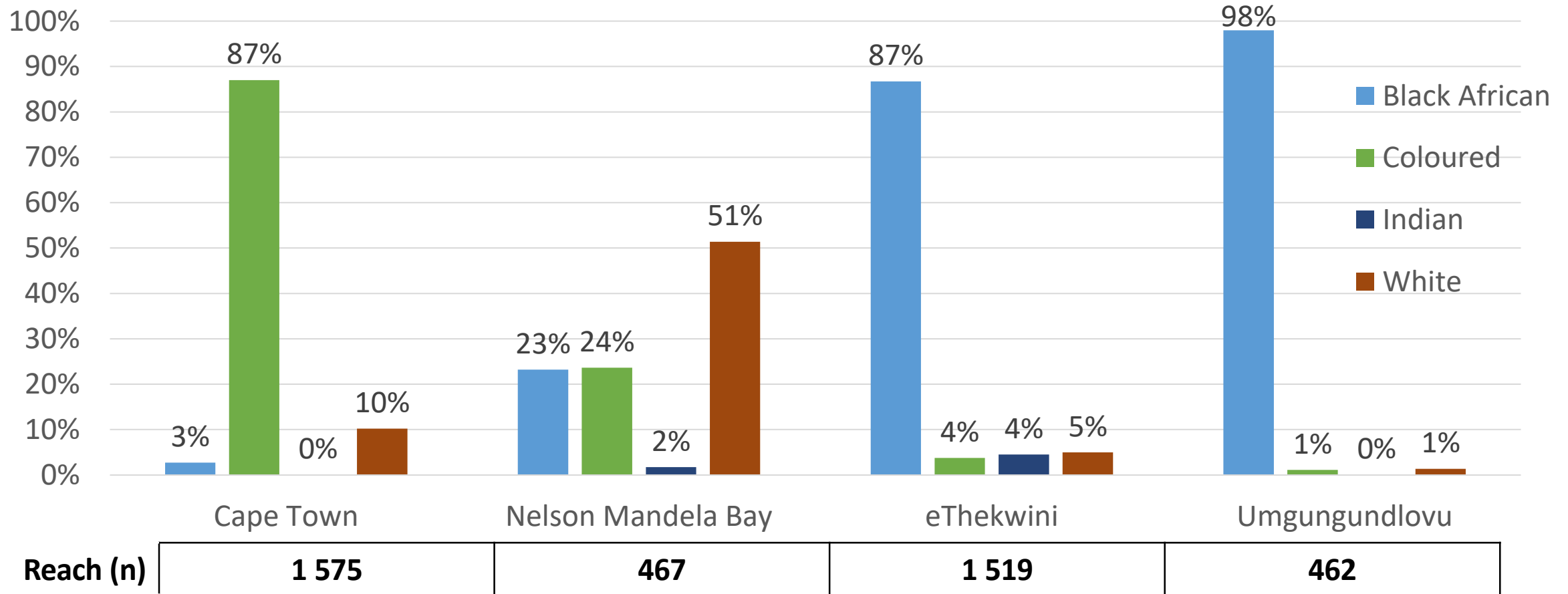
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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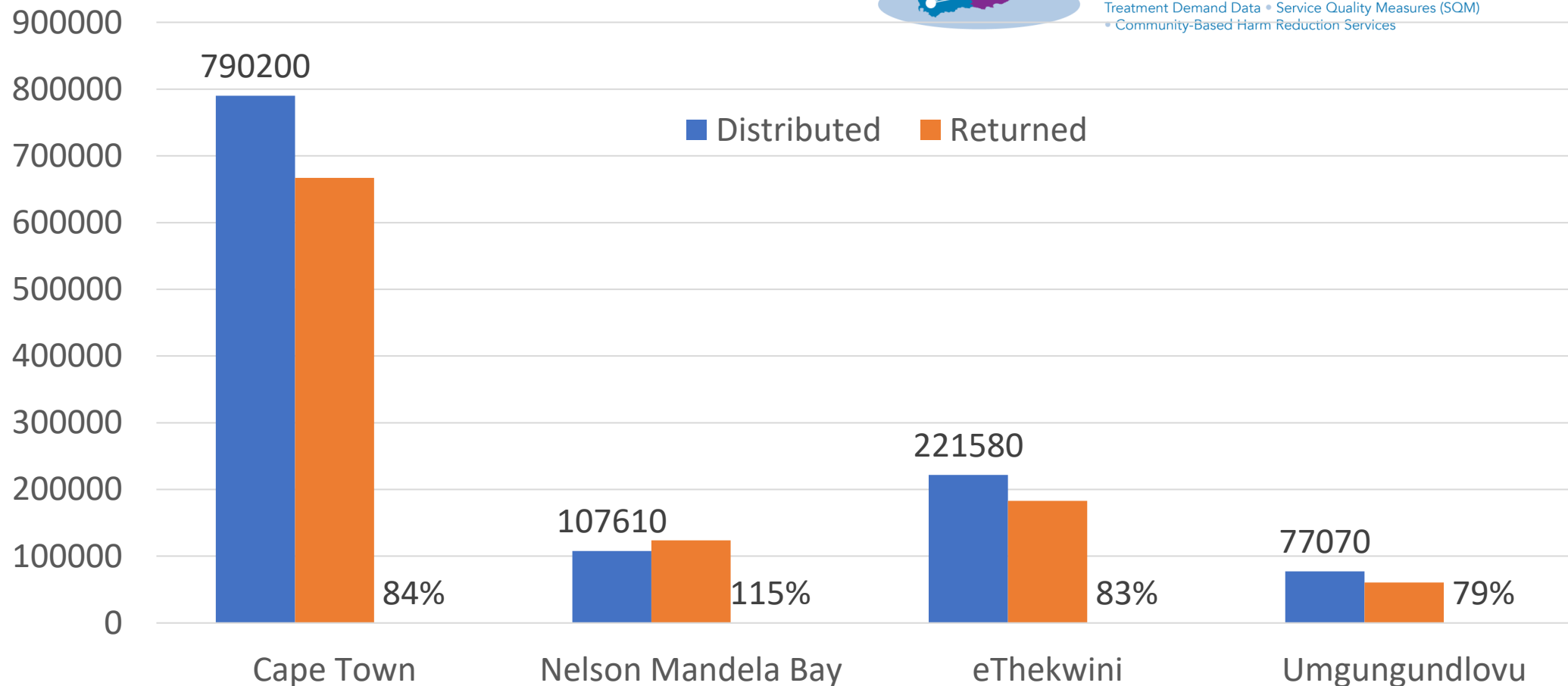
Needle & syringe distribution & return



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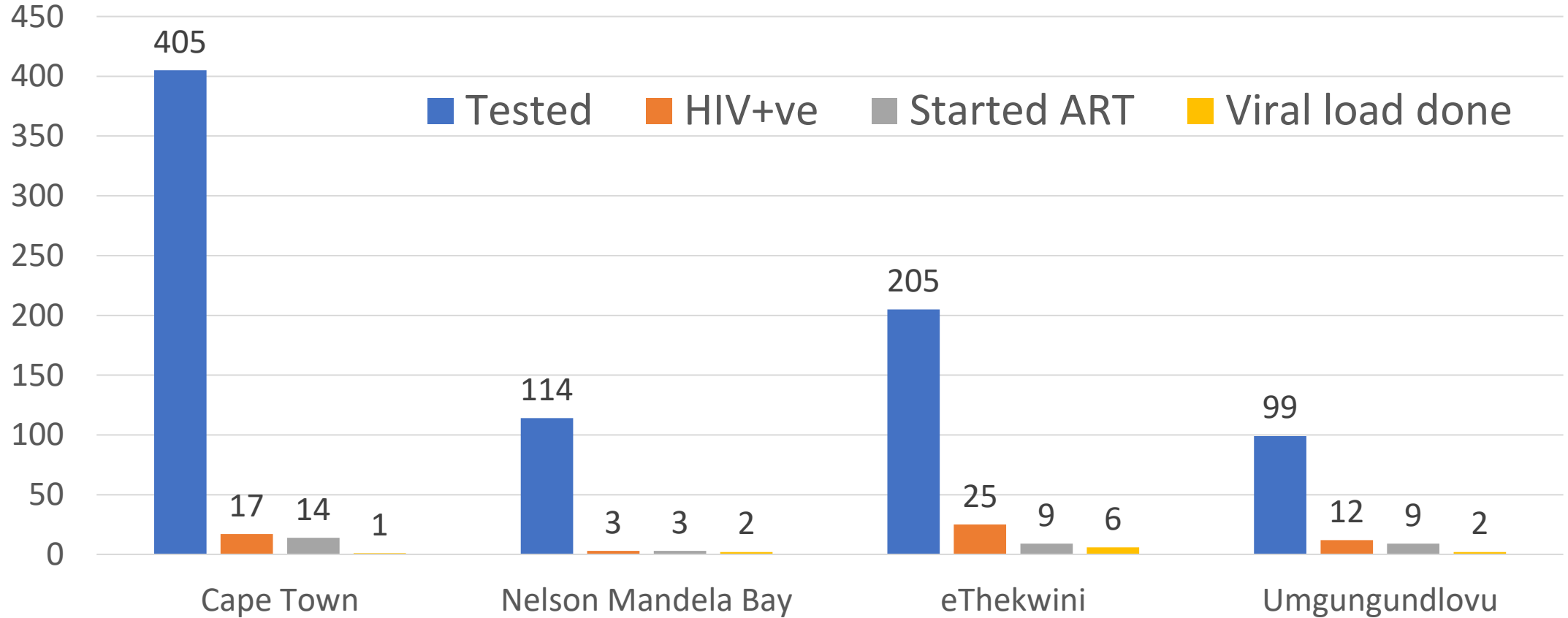
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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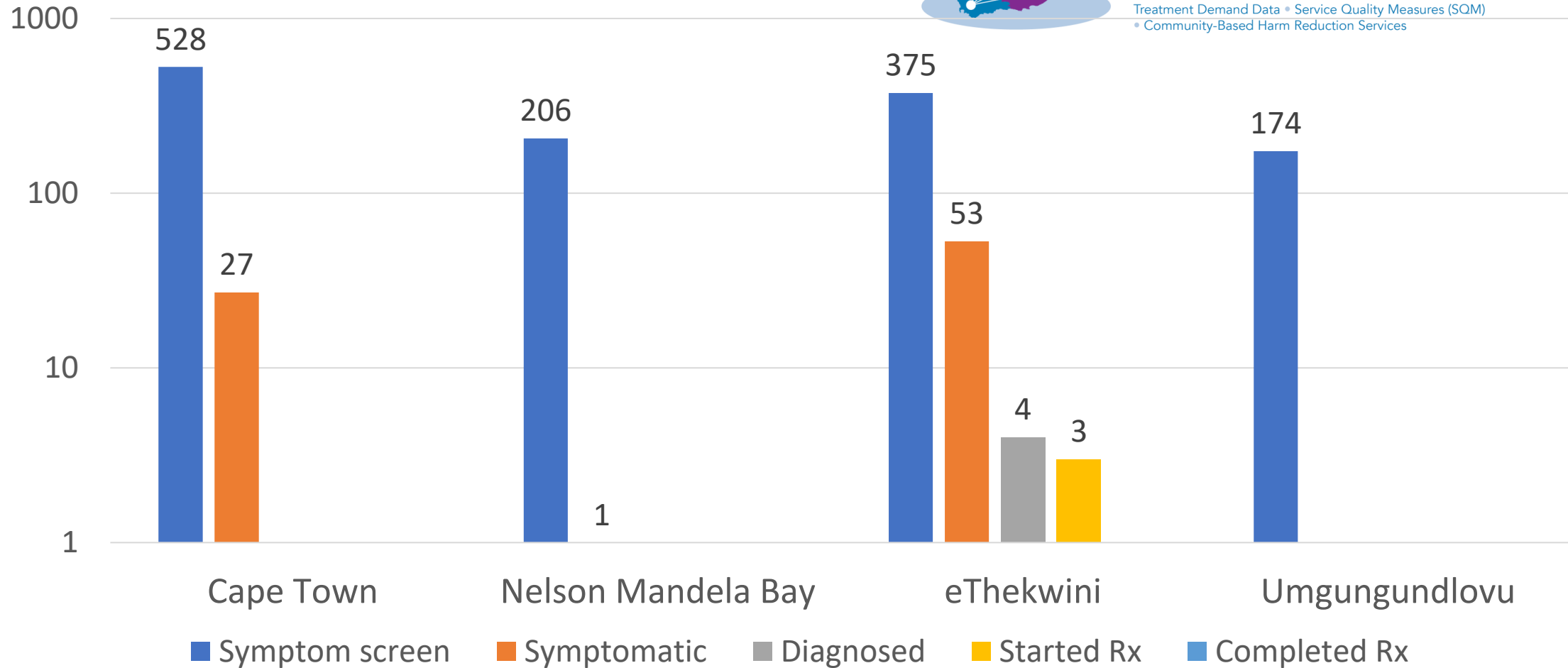
TB testing & treatment cascade



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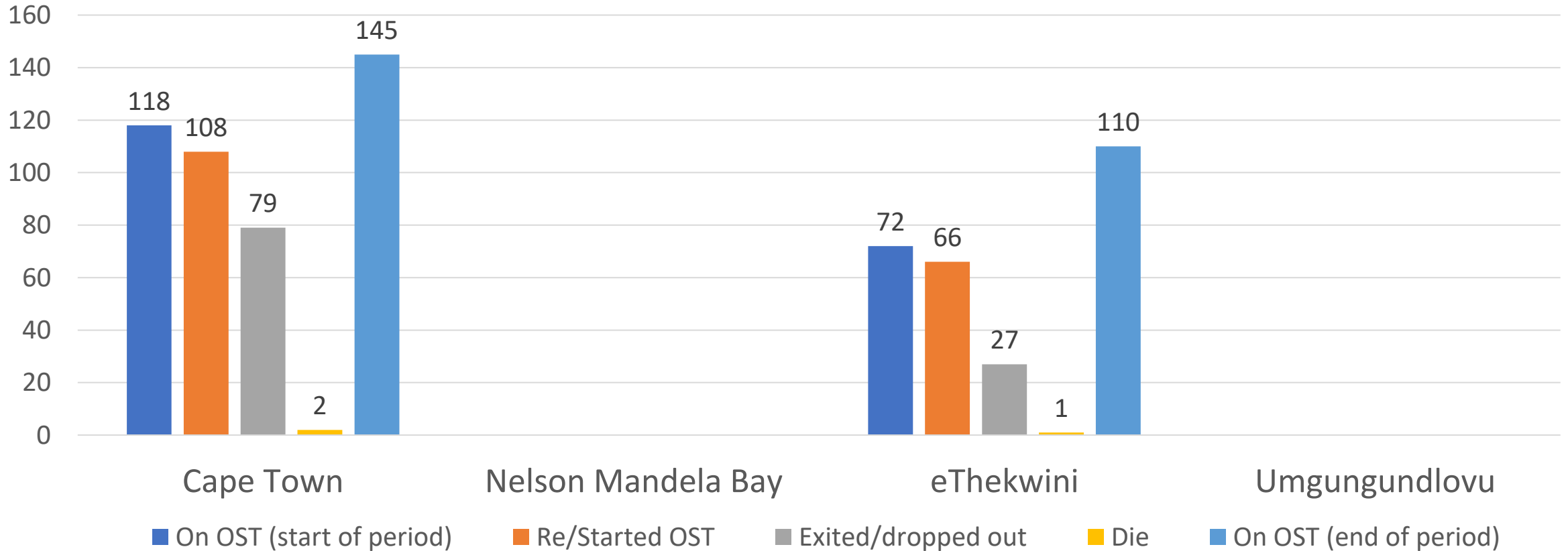
Opioid substitution therapy



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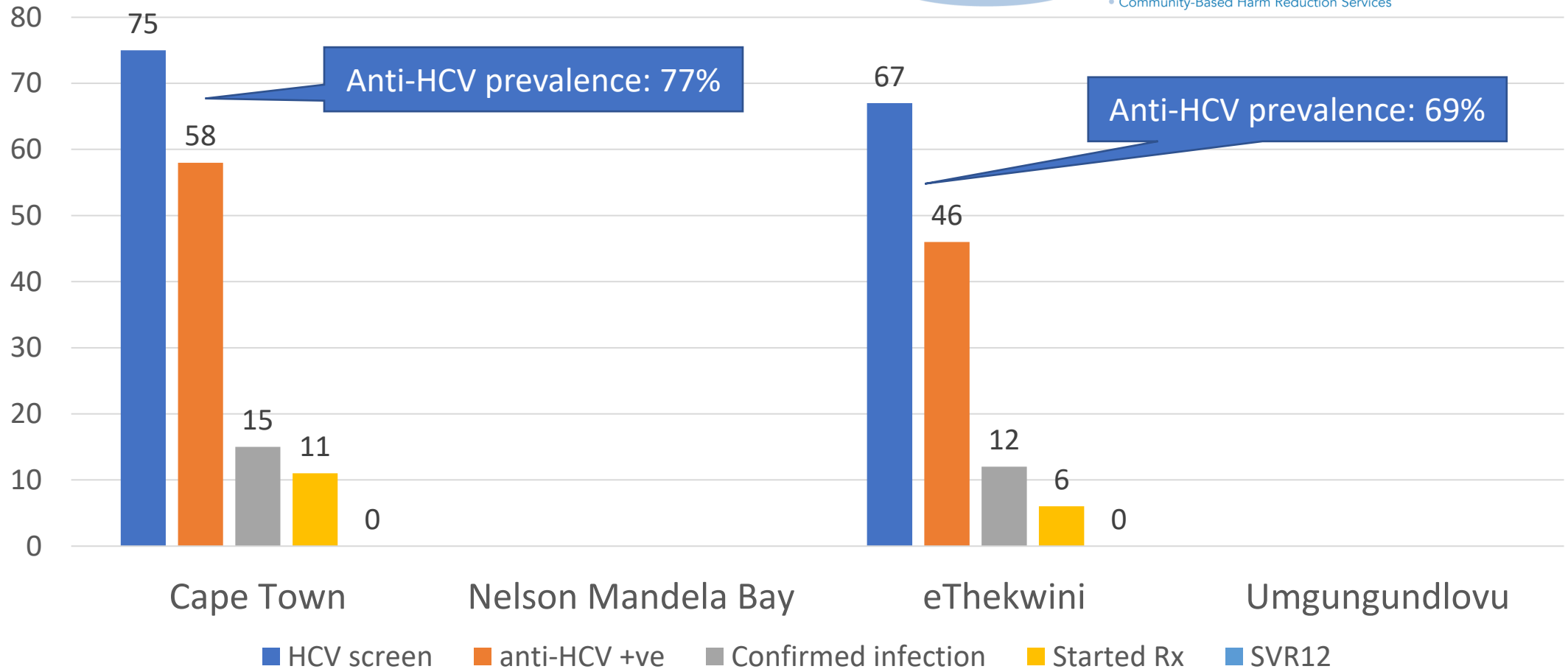
HCV testing & treatment cascade among clients on OST



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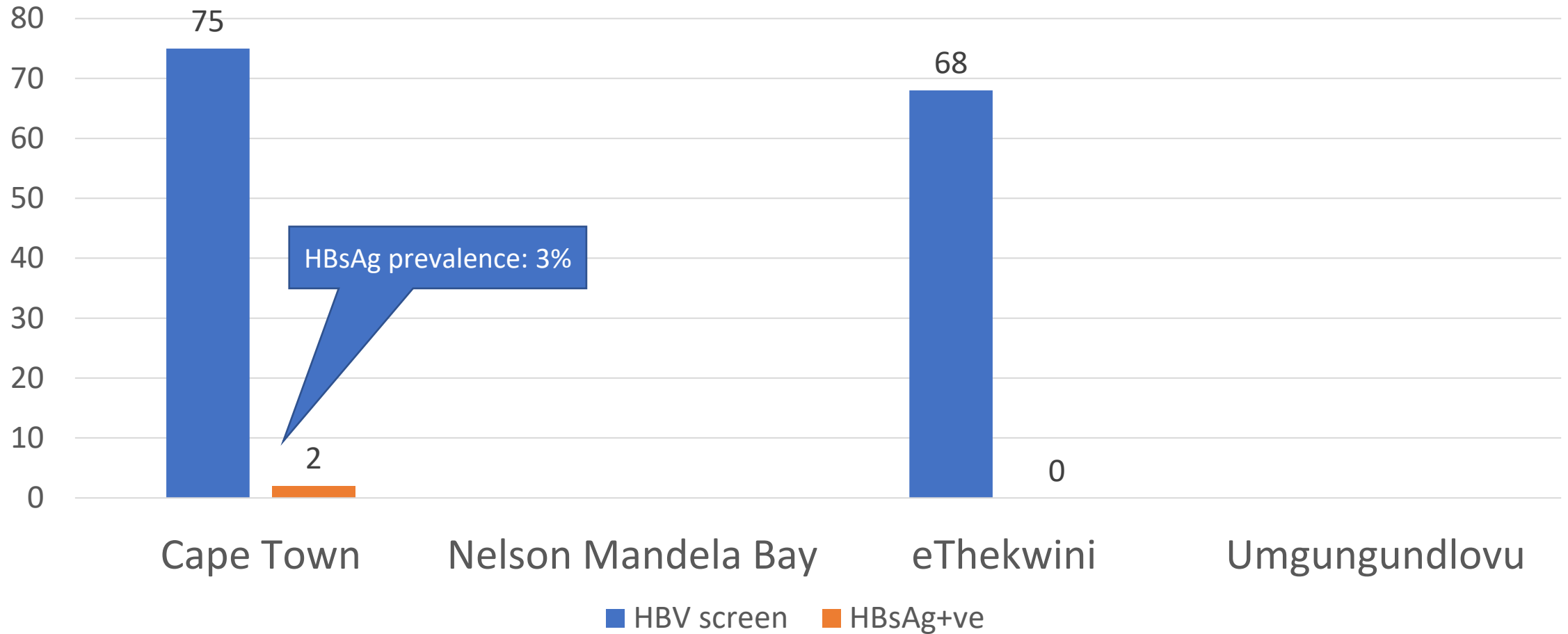
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Issues & challenges



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- Global Funding cycle ended in March 2022, engagement for defining new grant (April 2022 – March 2025) underway
- Some resistance to needle and syringe services in Cape Town, raised by neighbourhood watches. Engagement with service providers continuing.
- Ongoing challenges to enhance linkage to HIV treatment among people that are identified with HIV infection



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

Cape Town & eThekweni

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





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