

The Use of SWAT Teams to Facilitate Linkage to ART/Care in Eastern Cape Province

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Men Testing Model

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

- To scale up testing of men for HIV and TB
- Increase number of eligible men initiated on ART or linked to care
- Perform targeted HCT in men to increase testing positivity rate including young persons



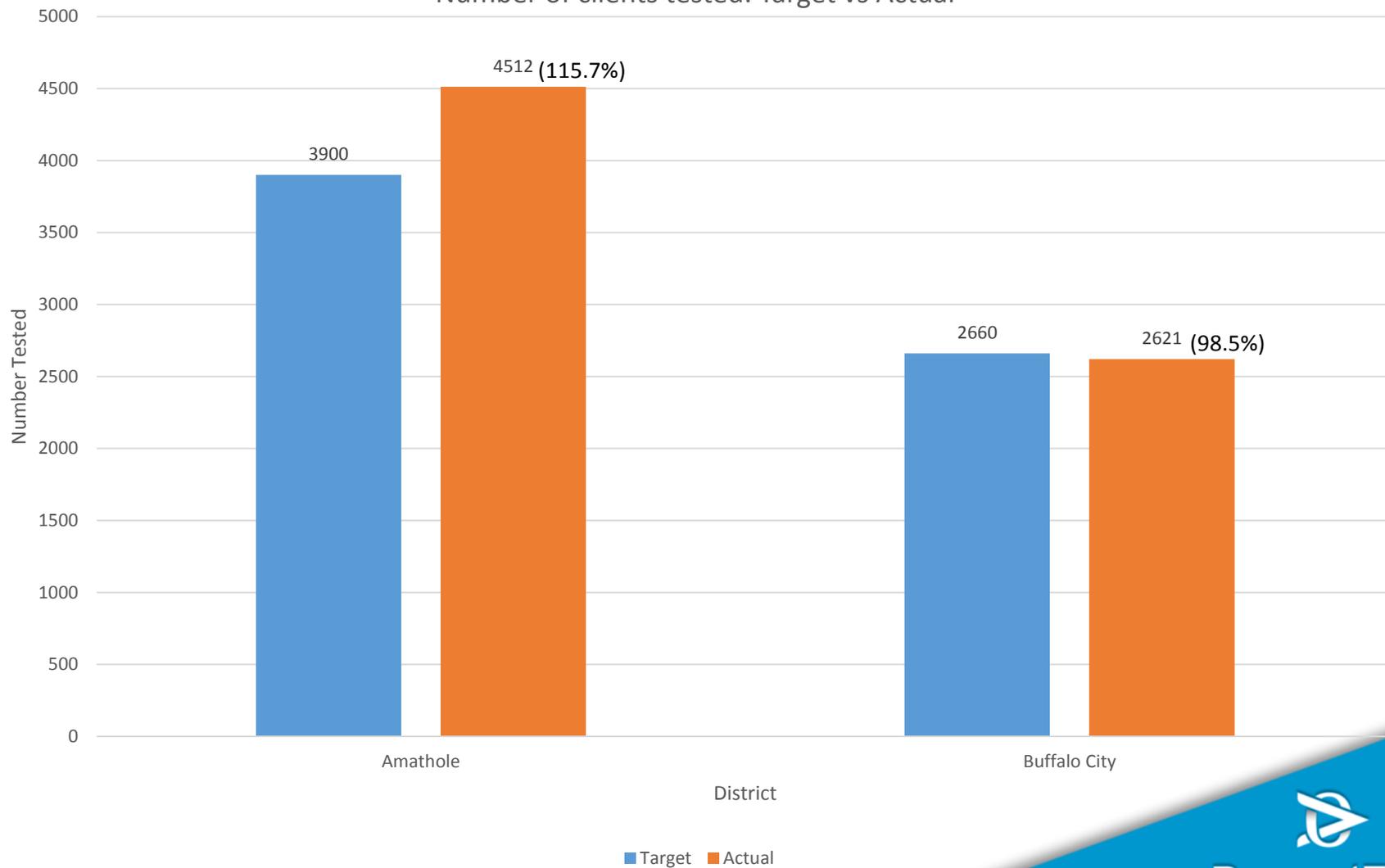
Methodology

- Mapping of facilities with low HCT uptake was conducted from ADM, BCM
- A purposeful sampling of high burden of HIV and TB sites in ADM, BCM, and HG was conducted
- Data collection tools were developed, training of collecting teams was followed by a piloting
- SWAT (roving testing teams) teams were deployed
- Data collection was conducted from October 2015 – March 2016

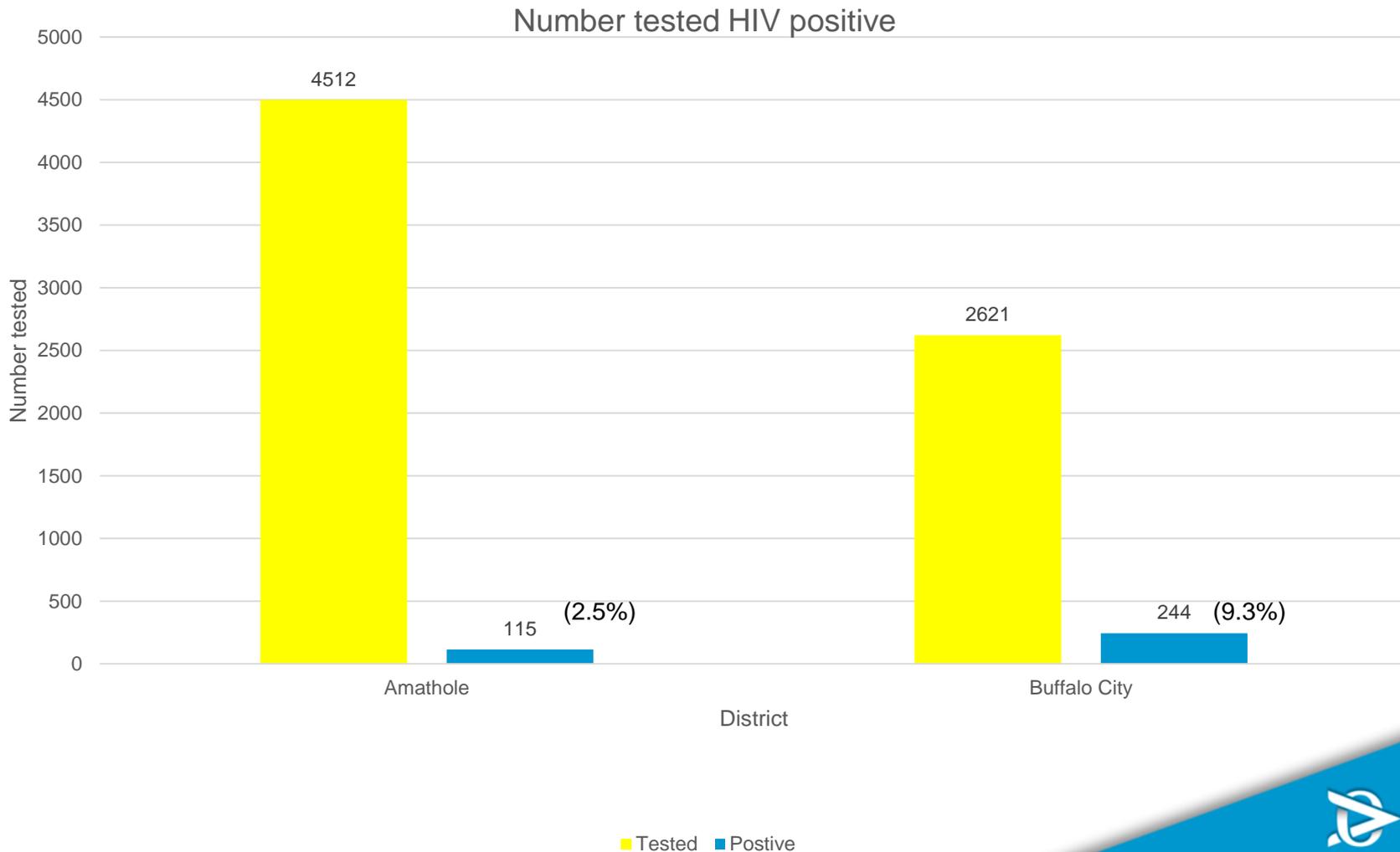


Key Findings

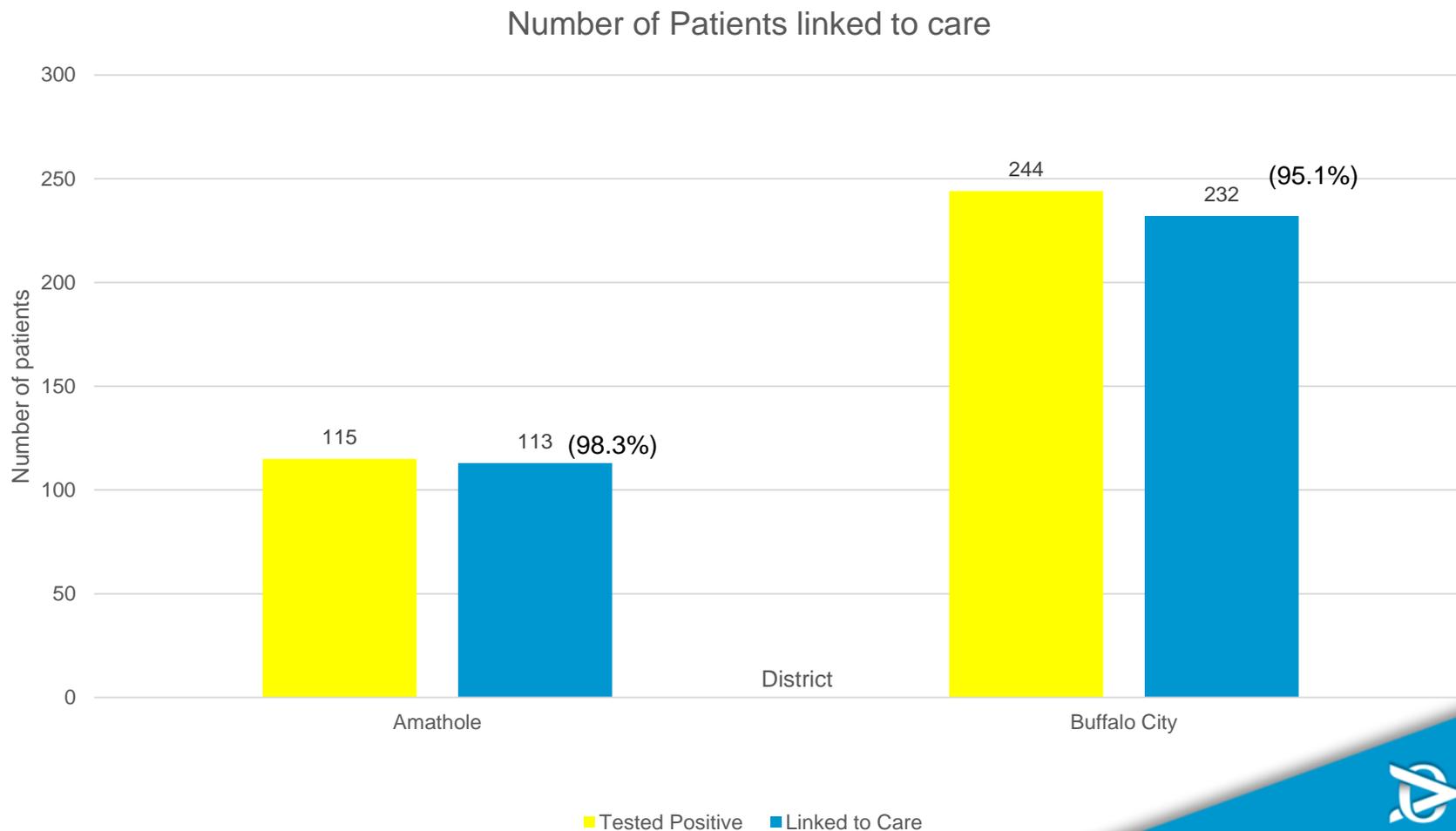
Number of clients tested: Target vs Actual



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Conclusion and Recommendations

- Data driven, targeted testing yields better identification of positive clients
- Men are available to be tested at community level
- Men want to be tested by other men
- Effective linkage of positive men to care is achievable
- Roving testing model is effective in improving HCT uptake and yield



Conclusions and Recommendations

- Data driven, targeted testing yields better identification of positive clients
- Identification of priority groups is crucial
- Involvement of Community leadership is critical for successful HCT uptake
- Data collected at community level must be included at facility



Way Forward

- Adopt and scale this strategy for all key populations in the HIV prevention strategy
- Ensure weekly monitoring through mentoring teams
- Assist local authorities to adopt the “Men Testing Model”
- To explore feasibility of testing over weekend and other public holidays



Summary of Key Points

- Roving testing team model is an effective intervention to close identified gaps
- Men are available for HCT at community level
- Linkage of Community based HCT data to facilities is achievable
- Weekly close monitoring of targets achievement is required to attain 909090 goals
- Focused testing of priority groups such as testing of men gives better yield



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