

Meaningful Involvement of PLHIV: Community strategies for increasing access HIV Care and Treatment for persons new testing HIV positive

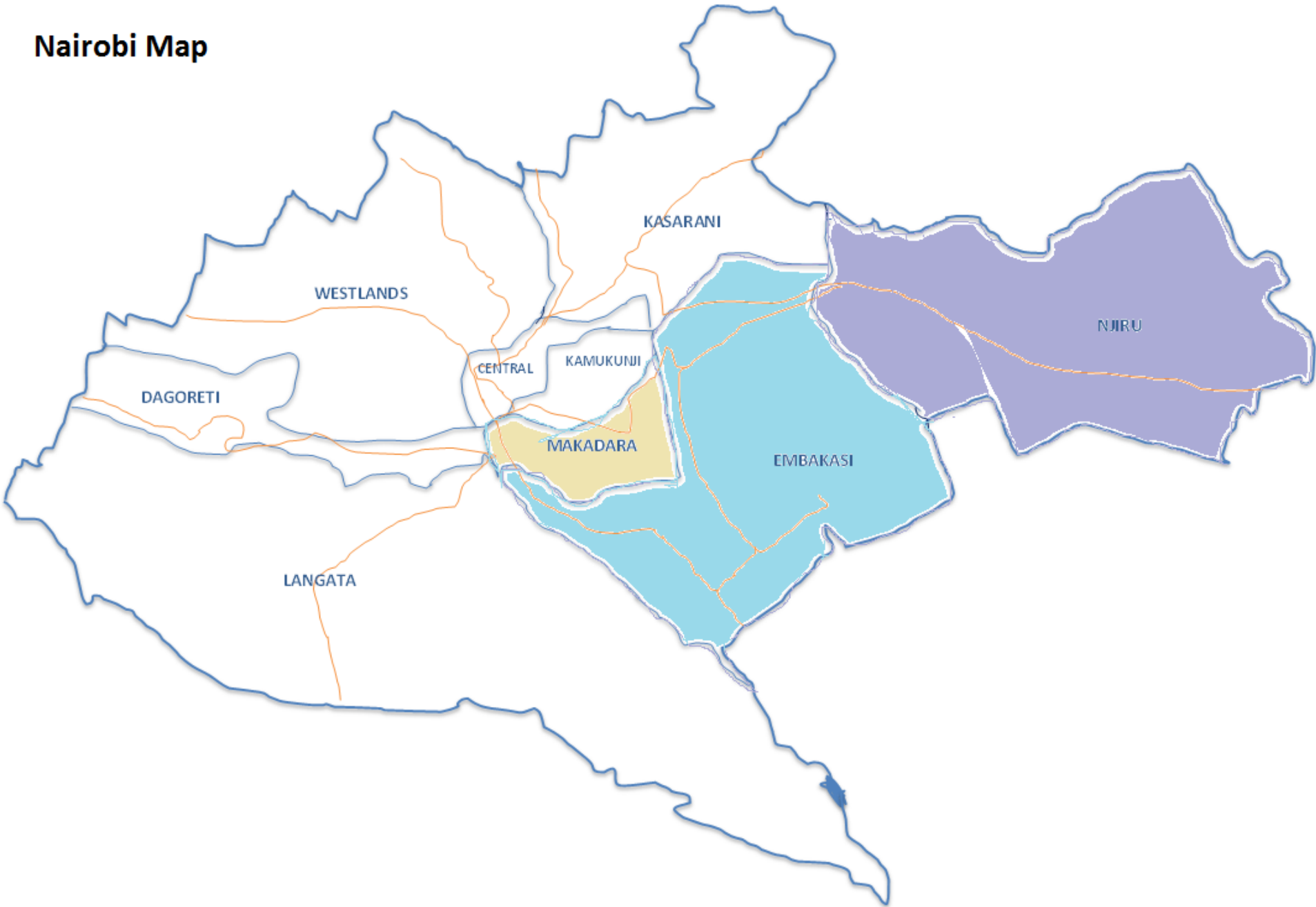
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Geographical Coverage

Nairobi Map

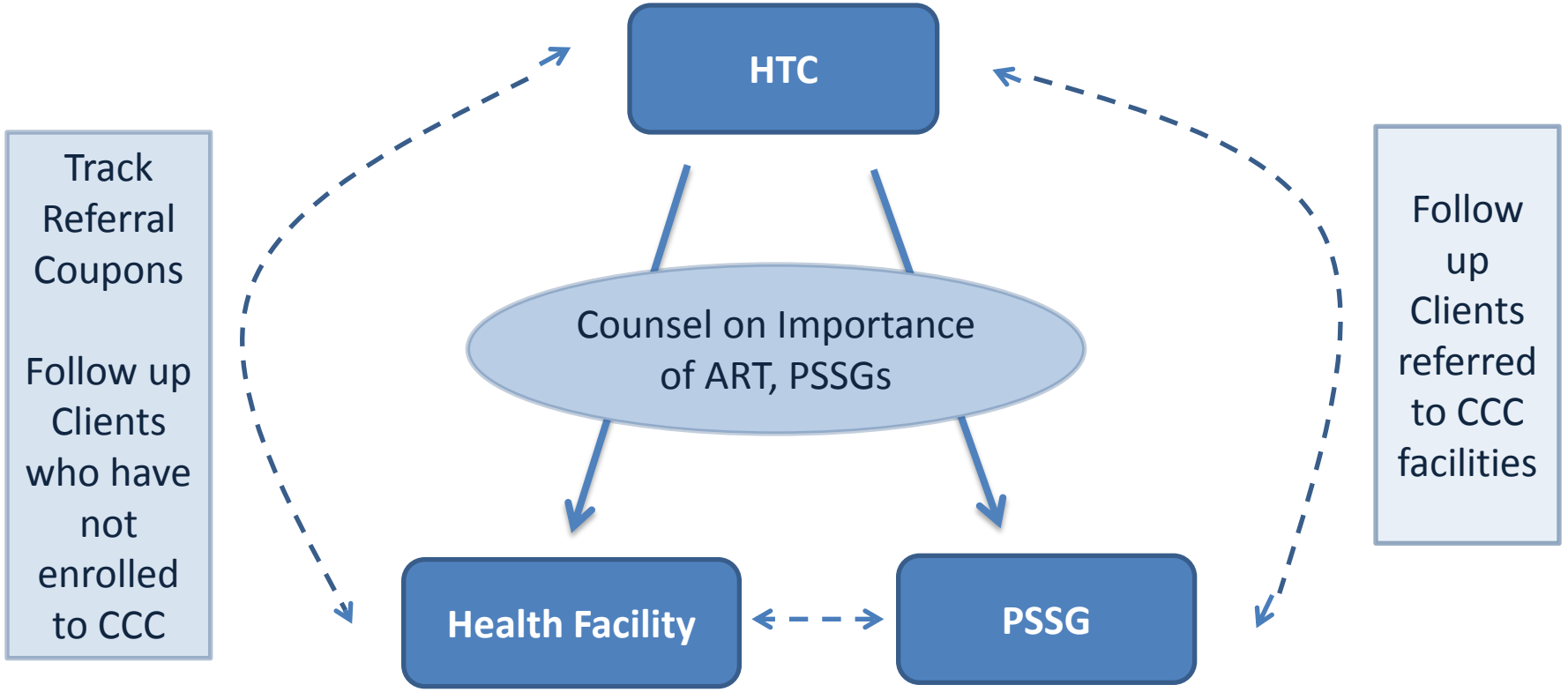


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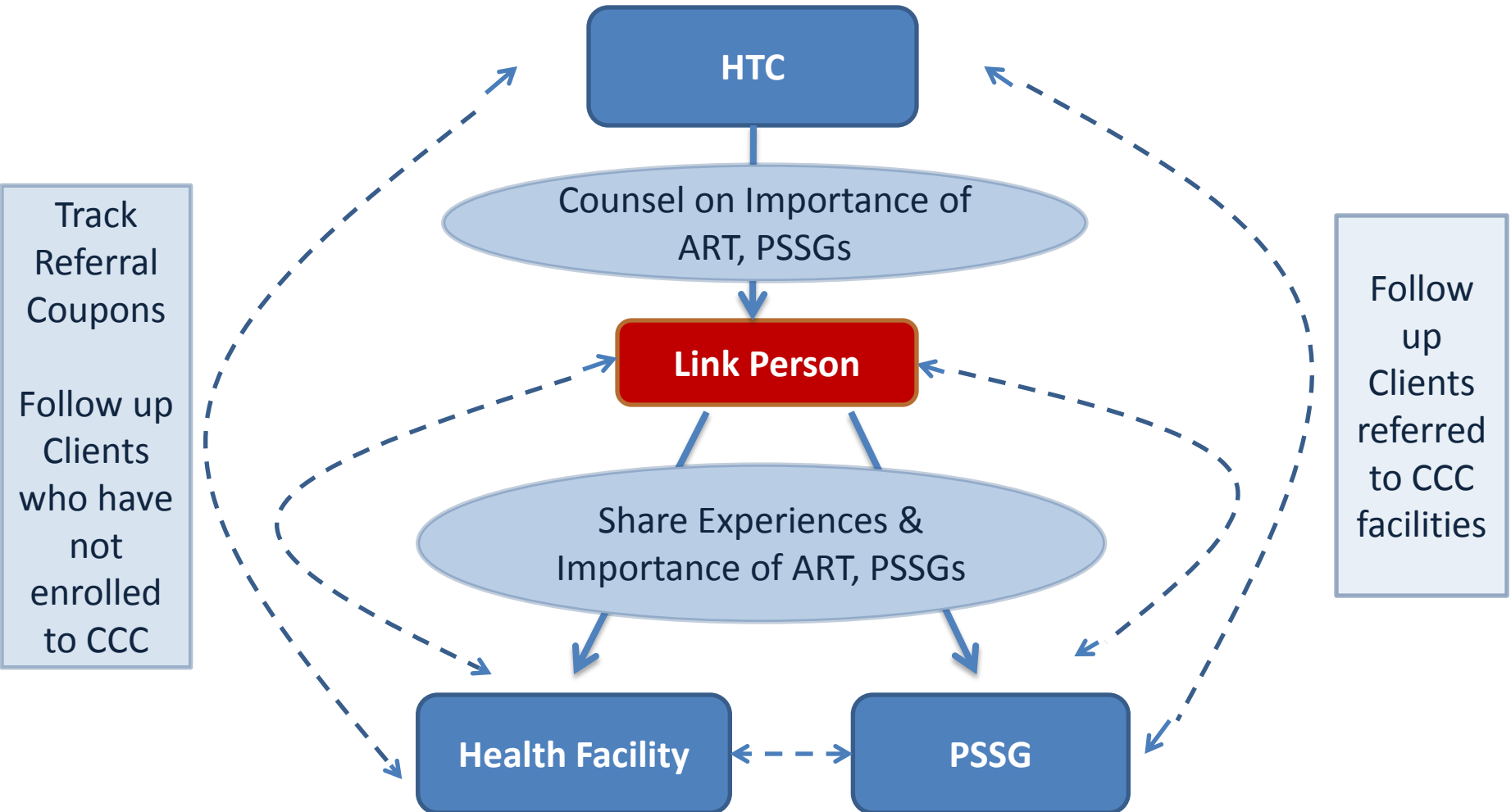
- HIV prevention project targeting Youth and General Population.
- Current evidence points at Treatment as Prevention as having a 96% efficacy.
- Linkage from HTC (esp mobile) to care and treatment has been a challenge.
- In this project, 83% of clients accessing HTC services did so during mobile outreaches.



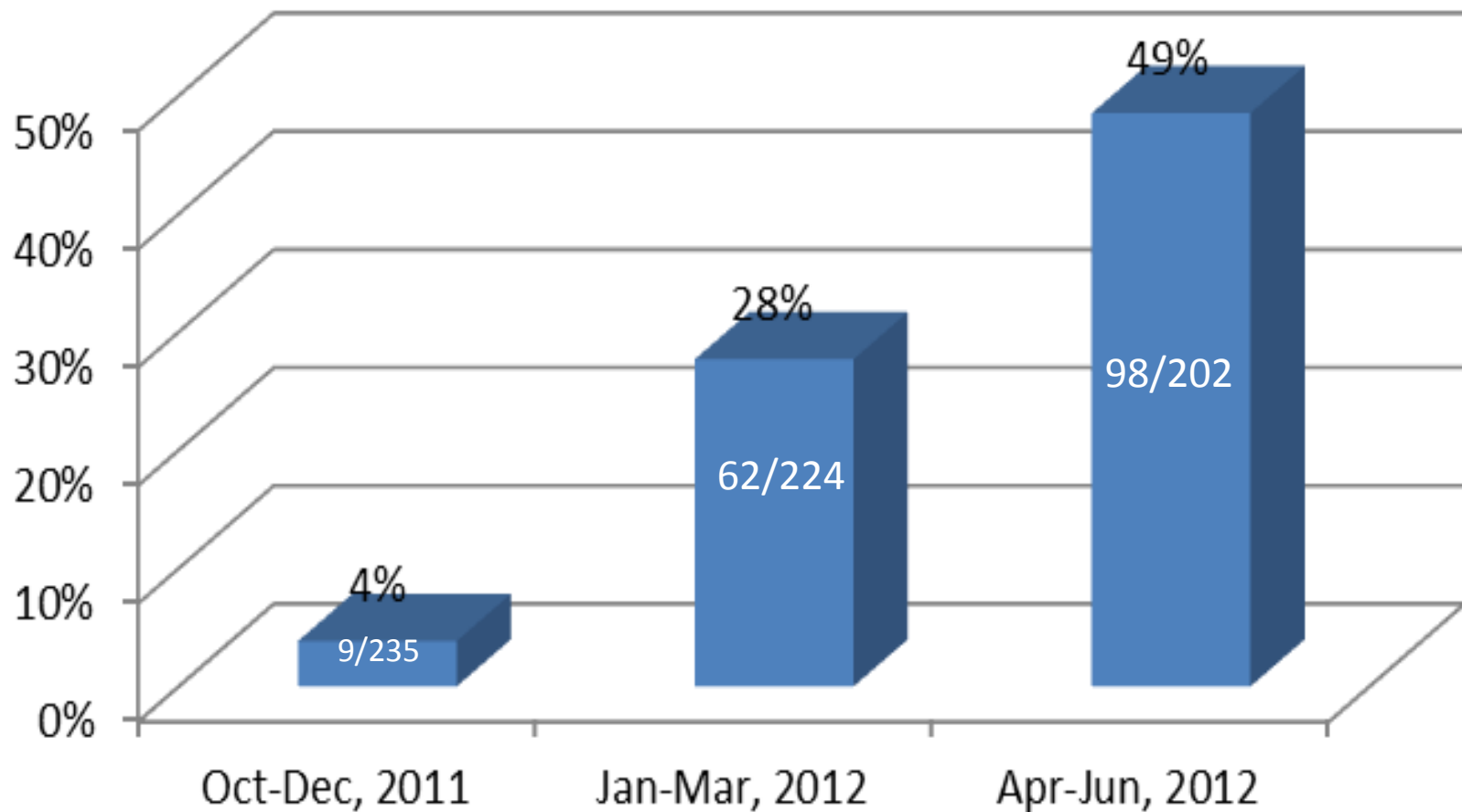
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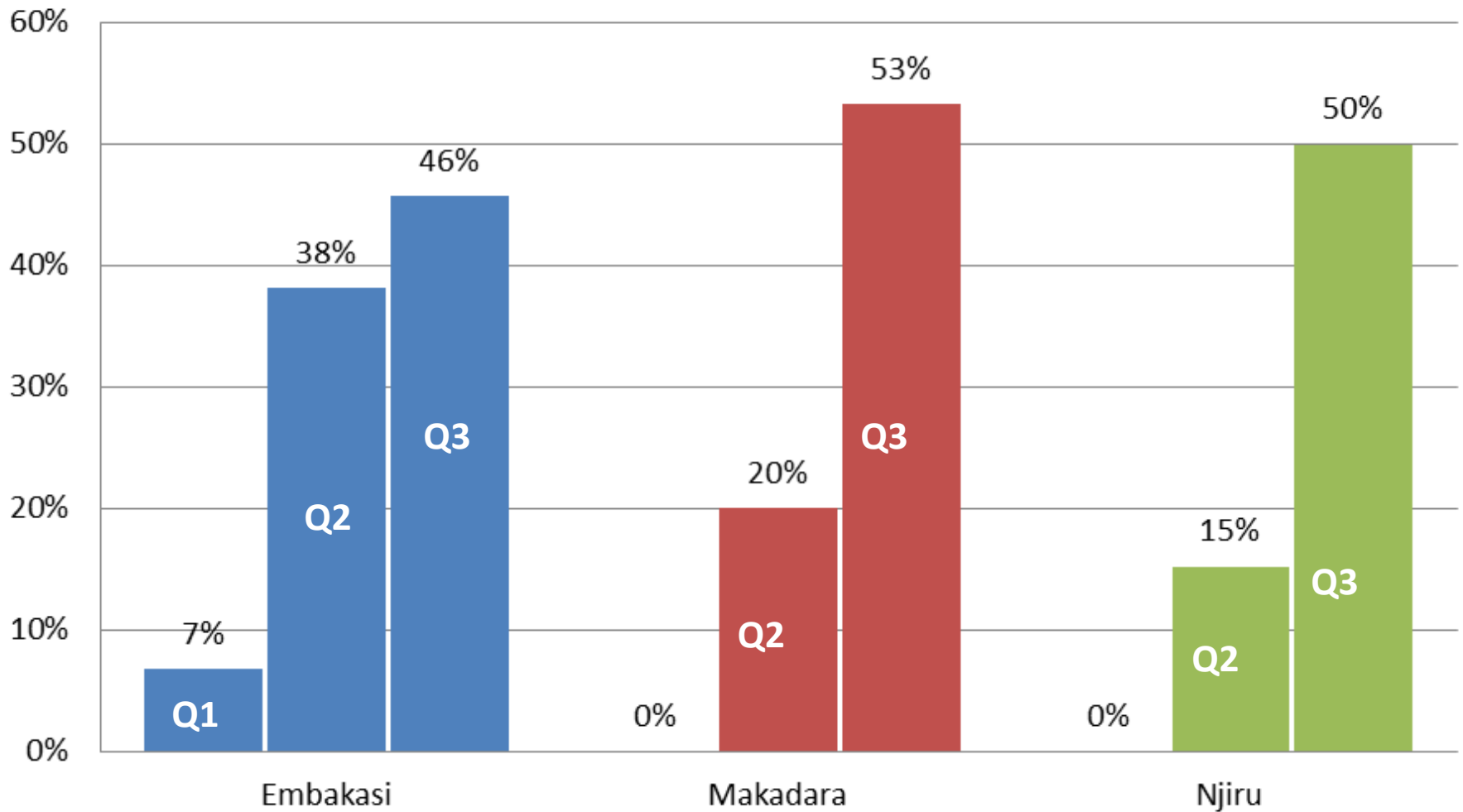
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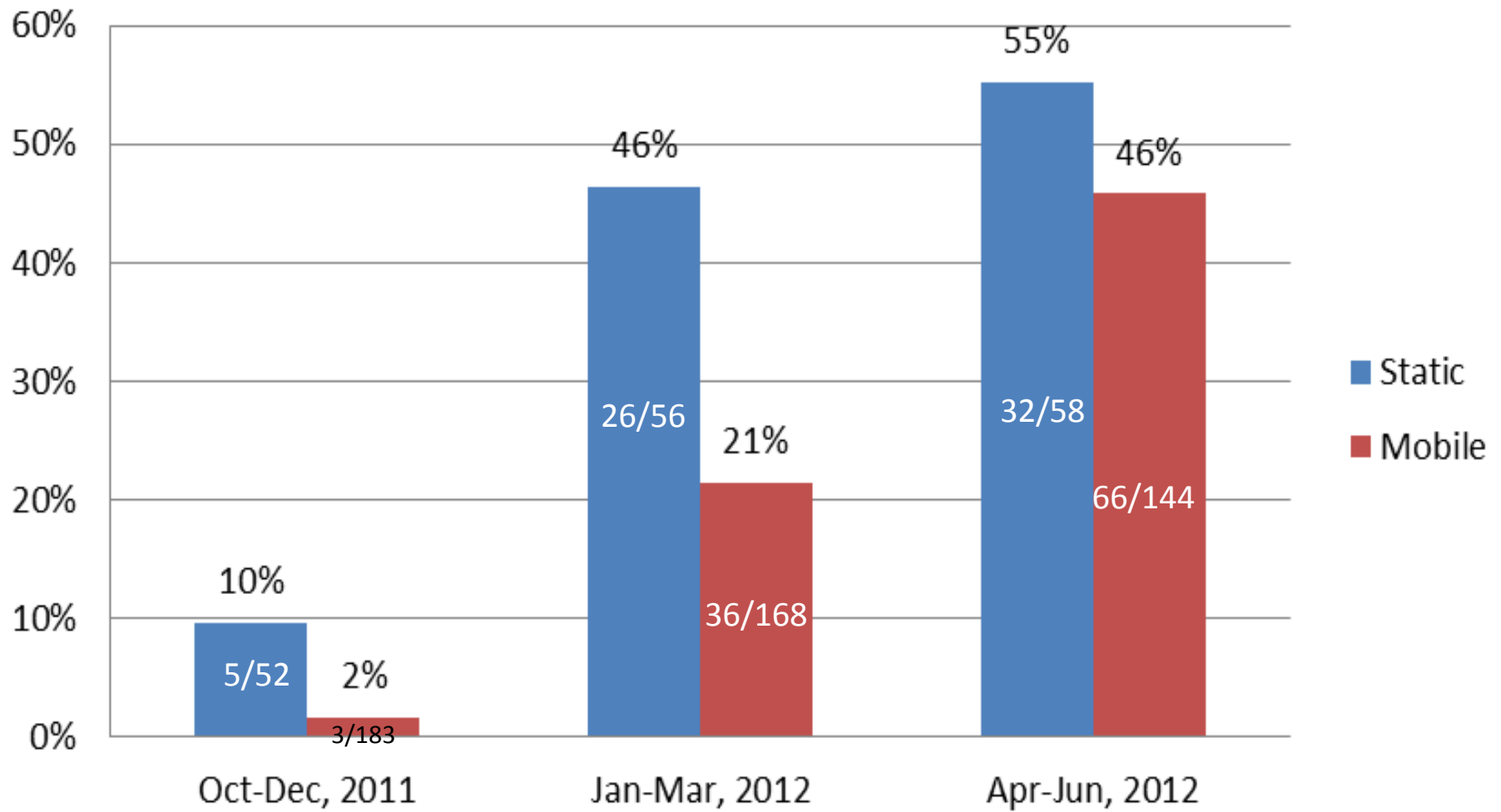
Proportion of HIV+ Clients Linked to Care by Quarter (2011/12)



HIV+ Clients Linked to C&T By District 2011/2012

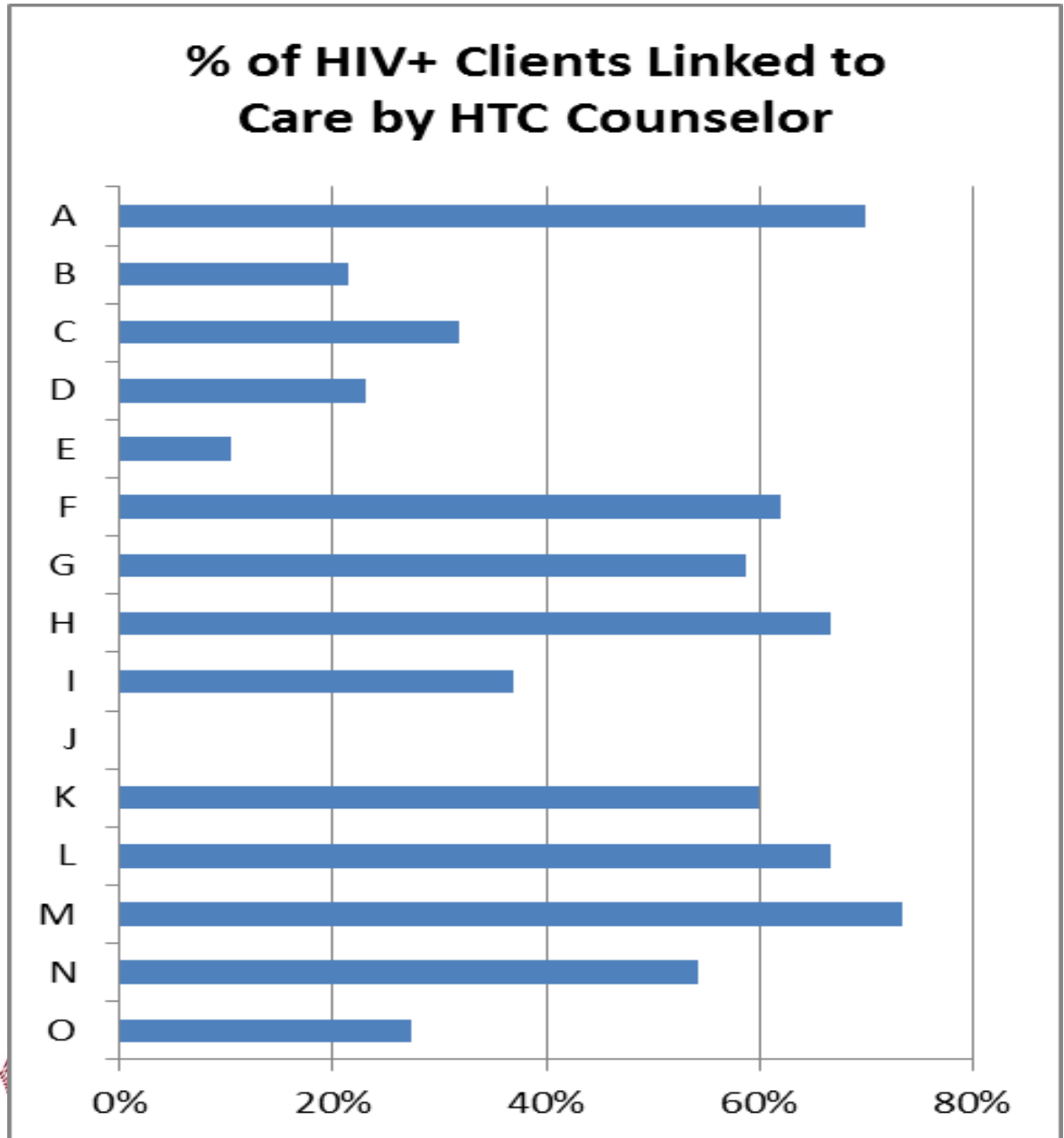


Proportion of HIV Positive Clients Linked to Care by Strategy (2011/2012/)



Linkage to Care by HTC Counselor

Counsellor Label	Number Tested HIV+	Number Linked	% Linked
A	10	7	70%
B	14	3	21%
C	22	7	32%
D	13	3	23%
E	19	2	11%
F	21	13	62%
G	17	10	59%
H	33	22	67%
I	19	7	37%
J	11	0	0%
K	10	6	60%
L	15	10	67%
M	15	11	73%
N	24	13	54%
O	11	3	27%



Janet (coloured jacket), one of the link persons with a newly formed PSSG (Taken April 2012 at Mukuru Slums, Embakasi District.)



Challenges

- **Work hours:** Most clients at mobile sites come after working hours when the facilities have closed.
- **Clinic enrollment days:** Some facilities enroll clients once a week. When clients go home, some are lost.
- **Re-affirming HIV status after being ‘prayed’ for:** Risk of defaulting on ART.
- **Clients on transit :** Some clients test whilst visiting relatives and soon travel back home.



Lessons Learned

- **Team work:** Success of linking client depends on the role played by the whole spectrum of service providers.
- **Role models:** Link Persons should be “living examples” that treatment helps them stay healthy
- **Timing of linkage:** Linkage to care & treatment is substantially increased if clients are linked on the same day they test.



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