



# Current available “Retention in Care” data from the Caribbean -what it tells us about Adherence

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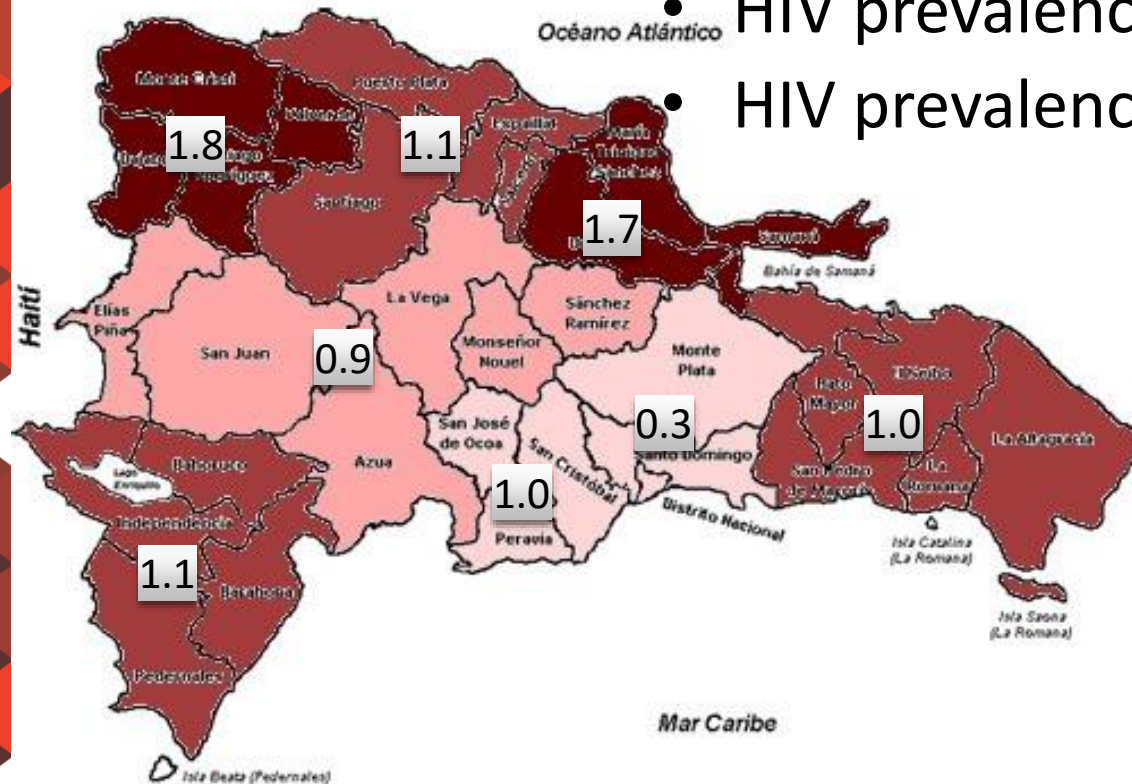


# The Caribbean



# HIV in MSM and Trans in Dominican Republic- numbers

- General HIV prevalence in DR 0.8%
- HIV prevalence in Transwomen 18%
- HIV prevalence in MSM 5.2%



# Retention in Care- a definition

- Continuous engagement from diagnosis in a package of prevention, treatment, support and care services.



WHO, 2012

# Retention in Care (2)

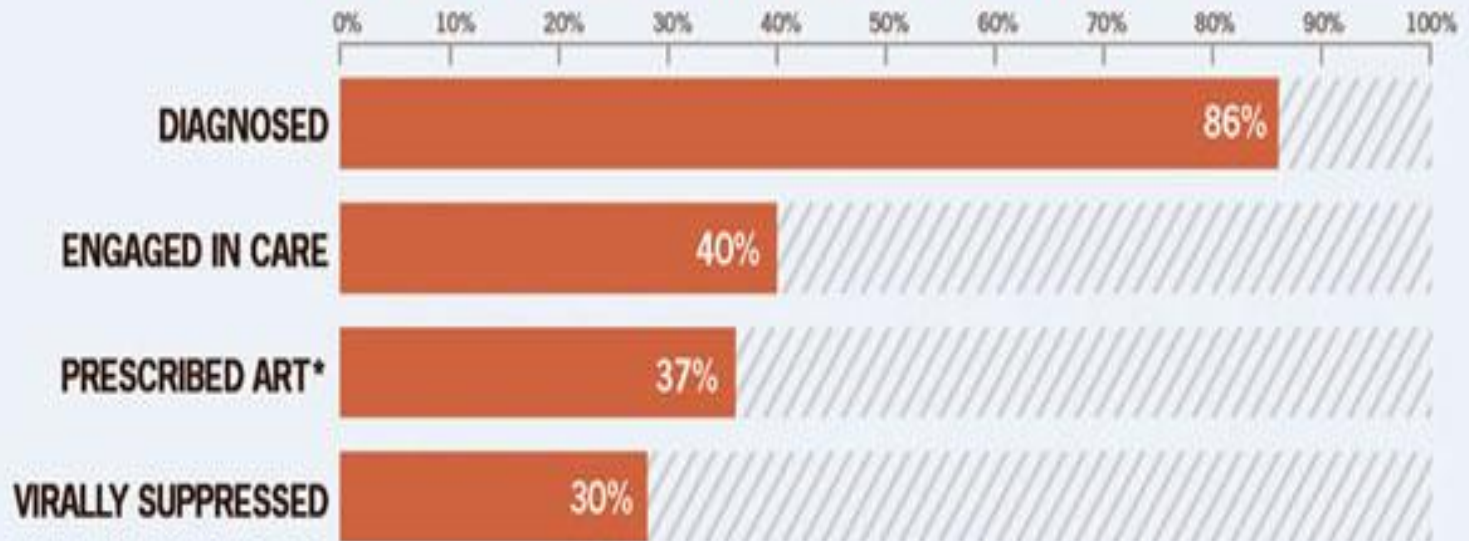
- Four stages:
  - Enrolment in Care
  - ART eligibility
  - Initiation of ART
  - Continuation of lifelong ART



# What to achieve?

## HIV Care Continuum Shows Where Improvements are Needed

In the US, 1.2 million people are living with HIV. Of those:



SOURCES: CDC National HIV Surveillance System and Medical Monitoring Project, 2011.

\*Antiretroviral therapy



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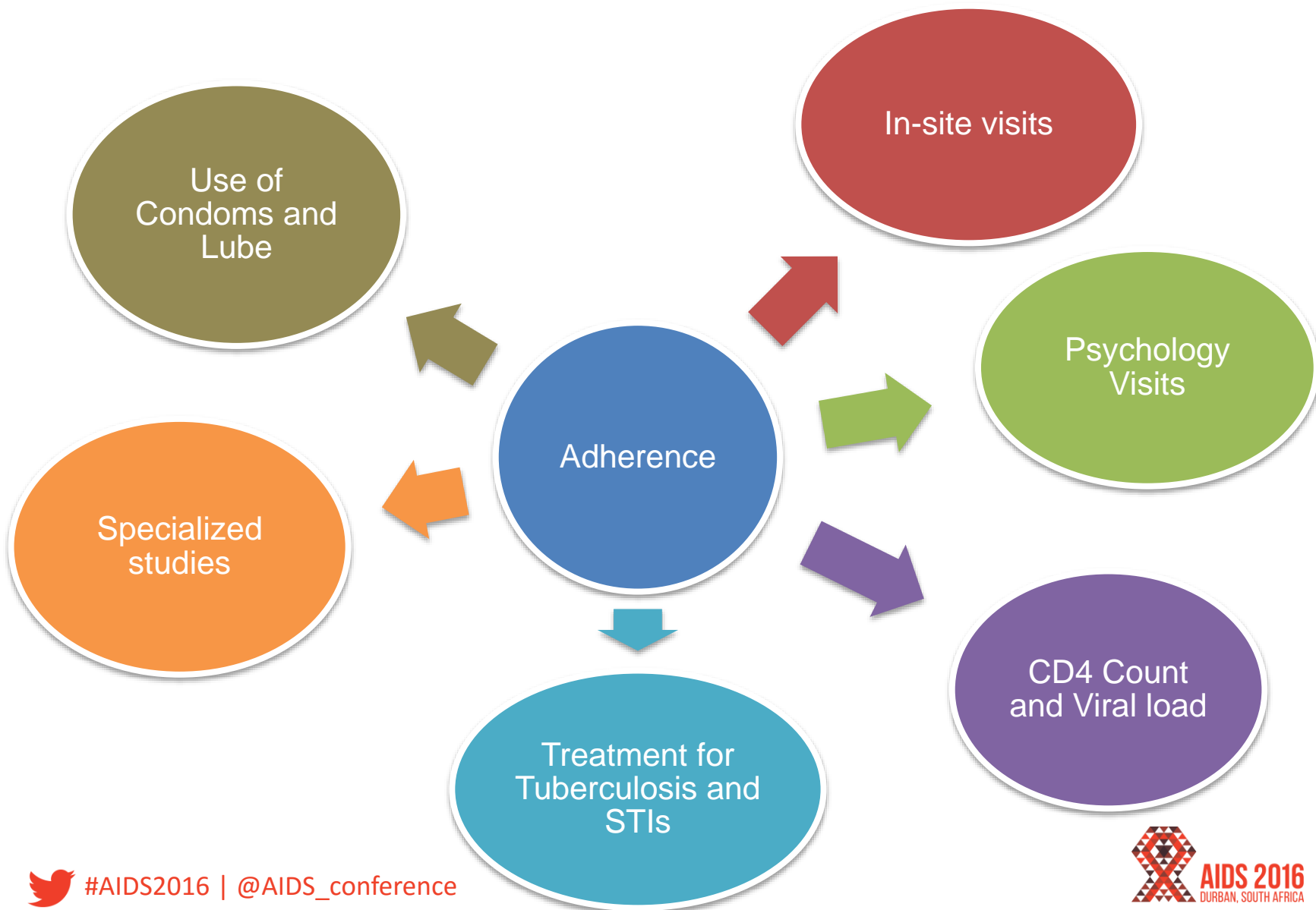


# Retention in Care (3)

- Strategies to enhance retention
- Comprehensive services addressing specific needs of MSM and Trans populations
- Community-based follow-up by peer-navigators
- Use of peer-navigators for the provision of care and follow-up throughout the services in NGOs and the MoH HIV units

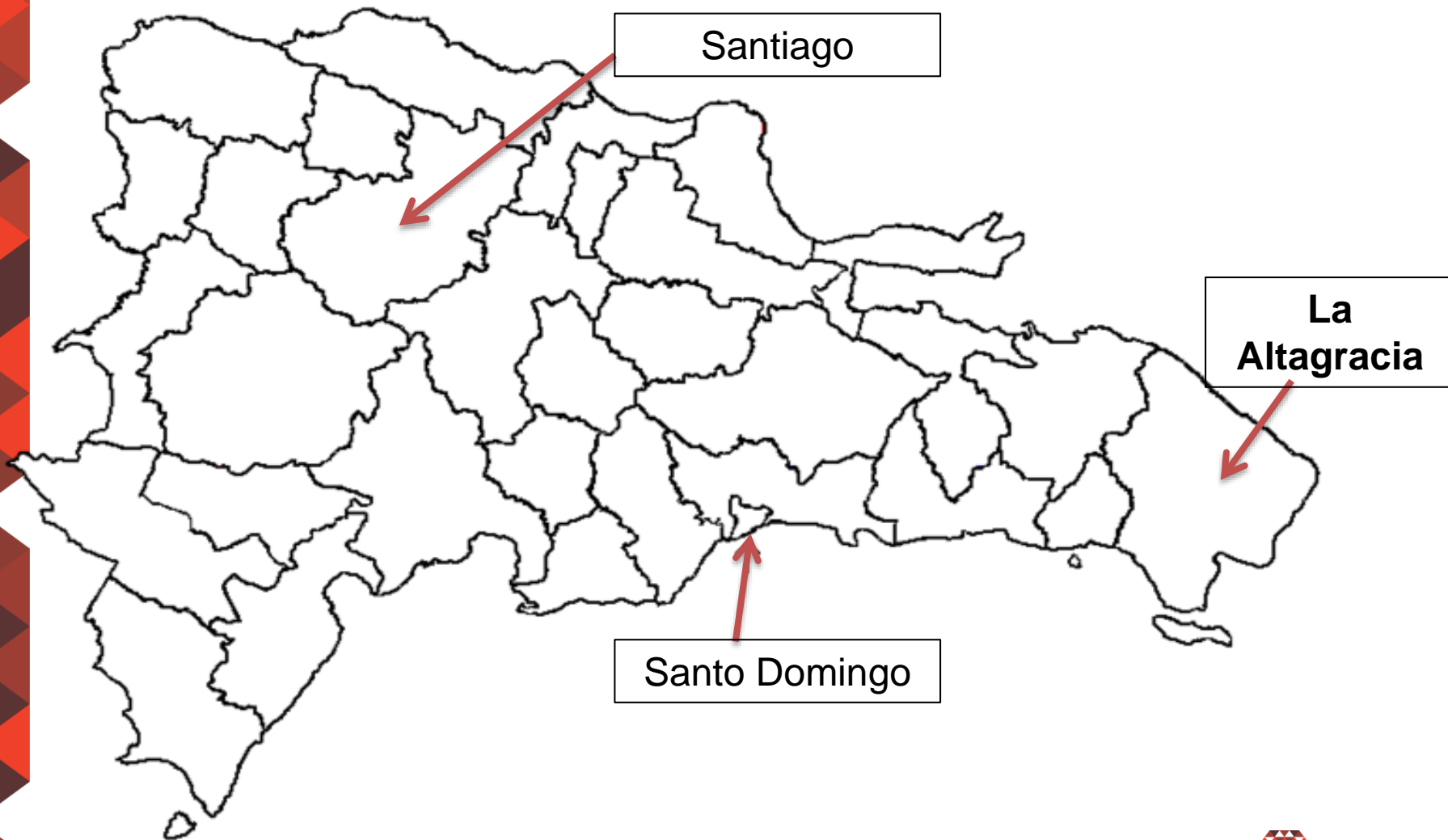


# Rethinking the Adherence terminology

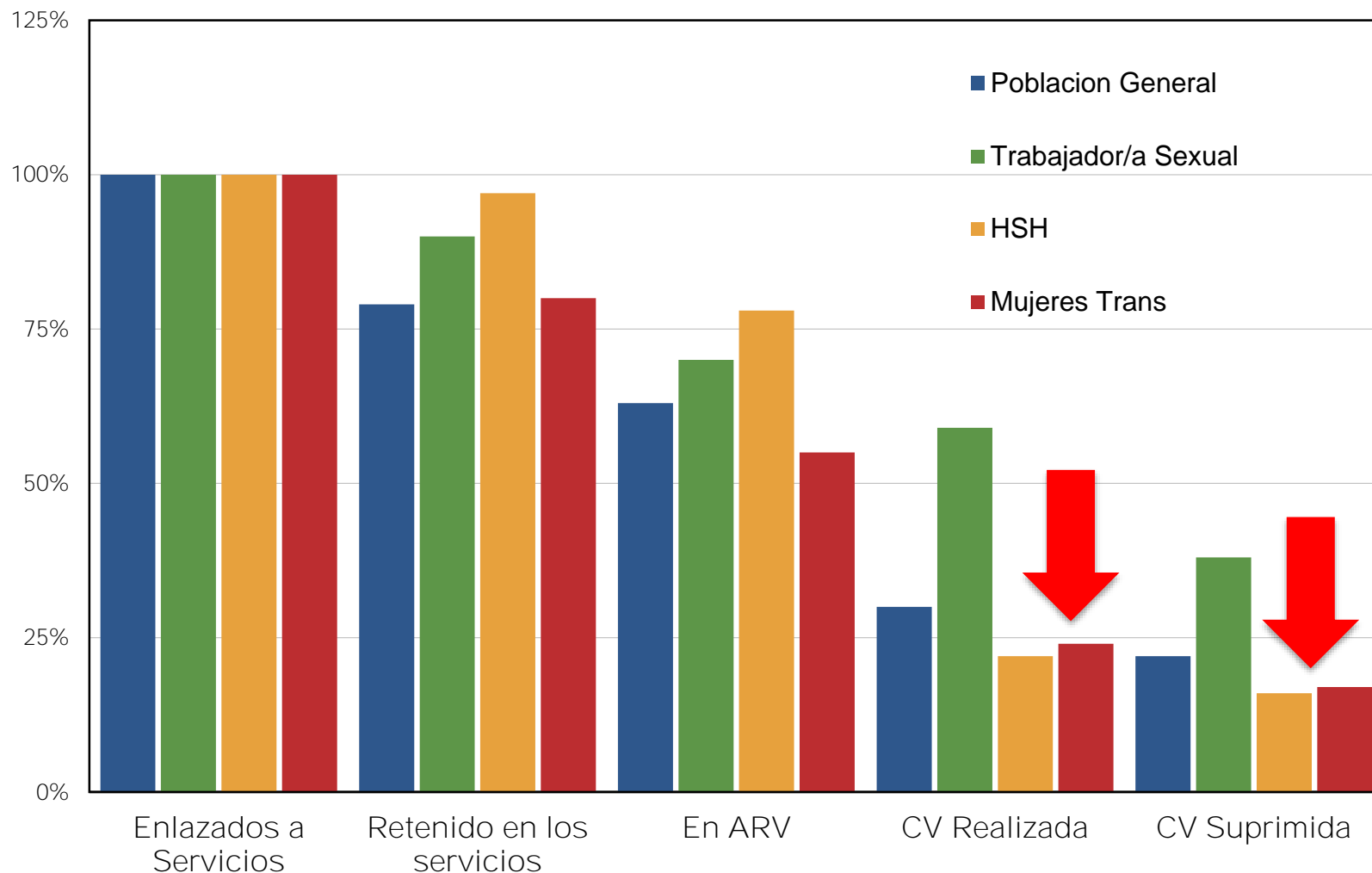




# HIV Retention Network units



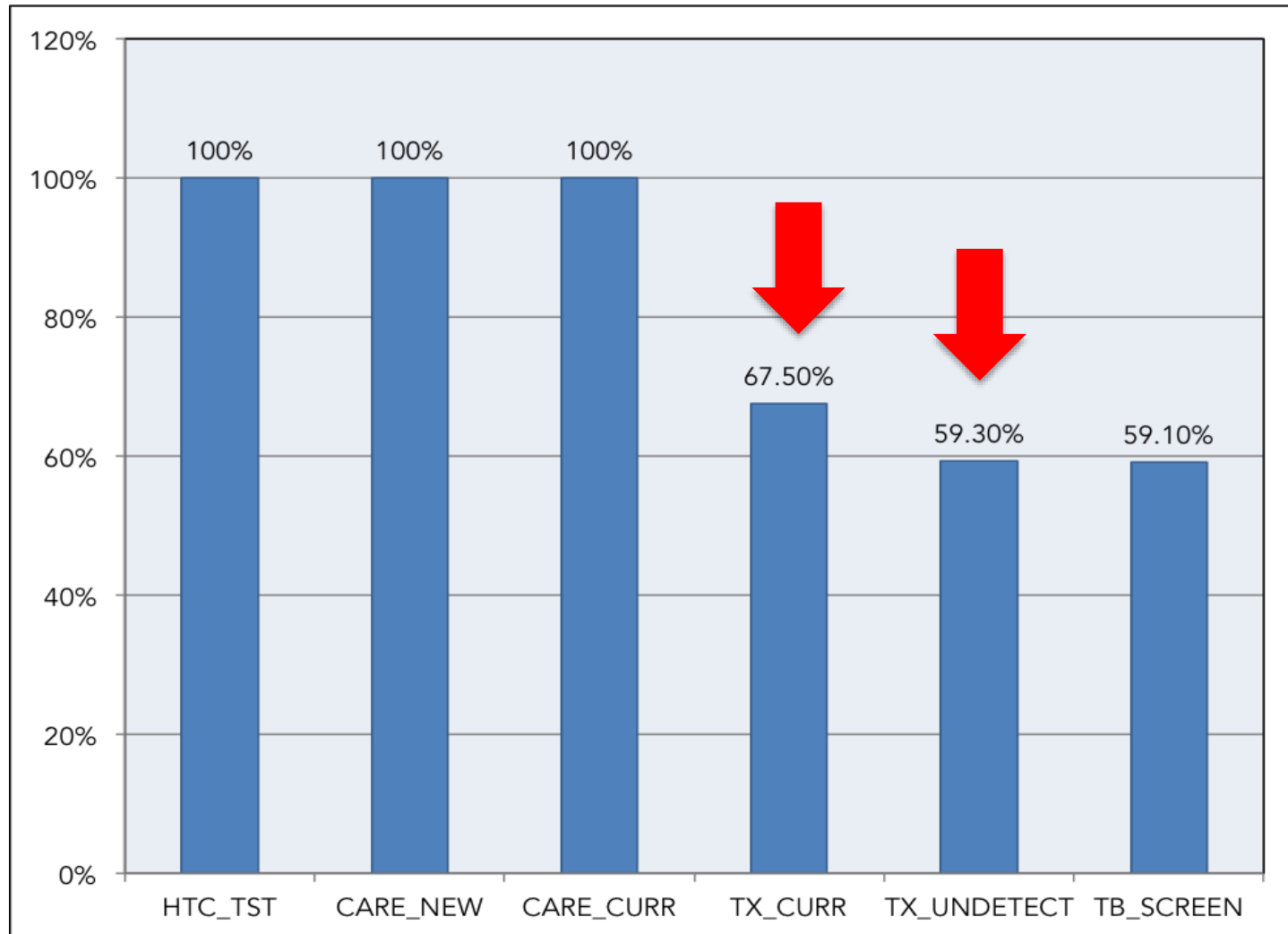
# Cascade of Care



# Intervention results

- After offering specific services within the units:
  - Better HIV viral load results, and thus, viral suppression
  - Access to ART (still affected by locals guidelines)
  - Linkage to care w peer navigators
  - Better access to services not provided by the primary care units (eg. Images, hospitalization, etc)

# Cascade of Care after interventions



# Challenges

- Modification of Country HIV guidelines to increase access to ART
- Evaluate criteria of starting ART in MSM and Trans

# Q & A

- How better achieve viral suppression among MSM and Trans?
- Which services should be provided for a better retention in Trans populations?
- What about MSM population?



# Thanks!!!