

Towards 95-95-95 targets among key populations in Namibia: Results from ten priority geographical areas

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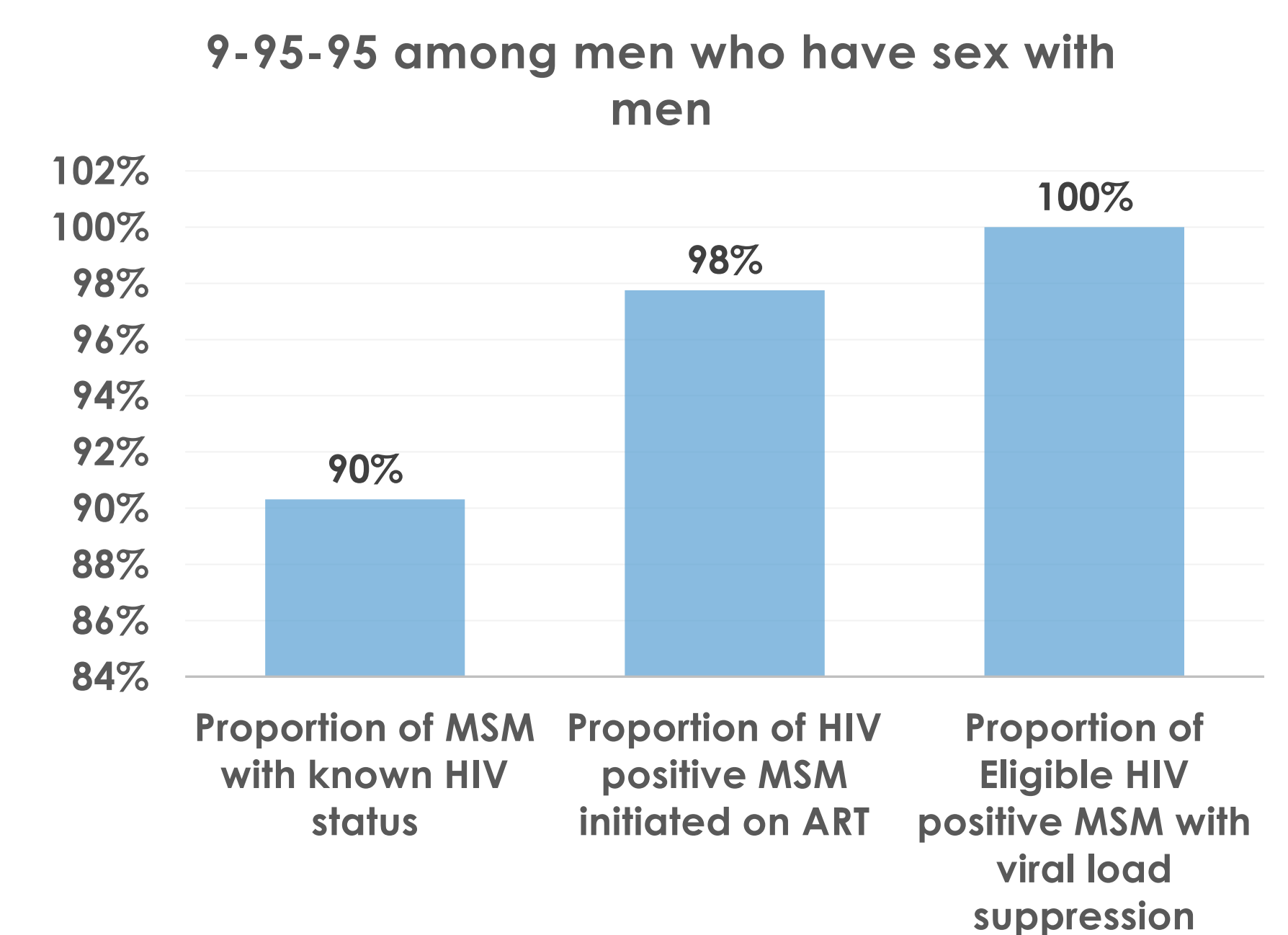
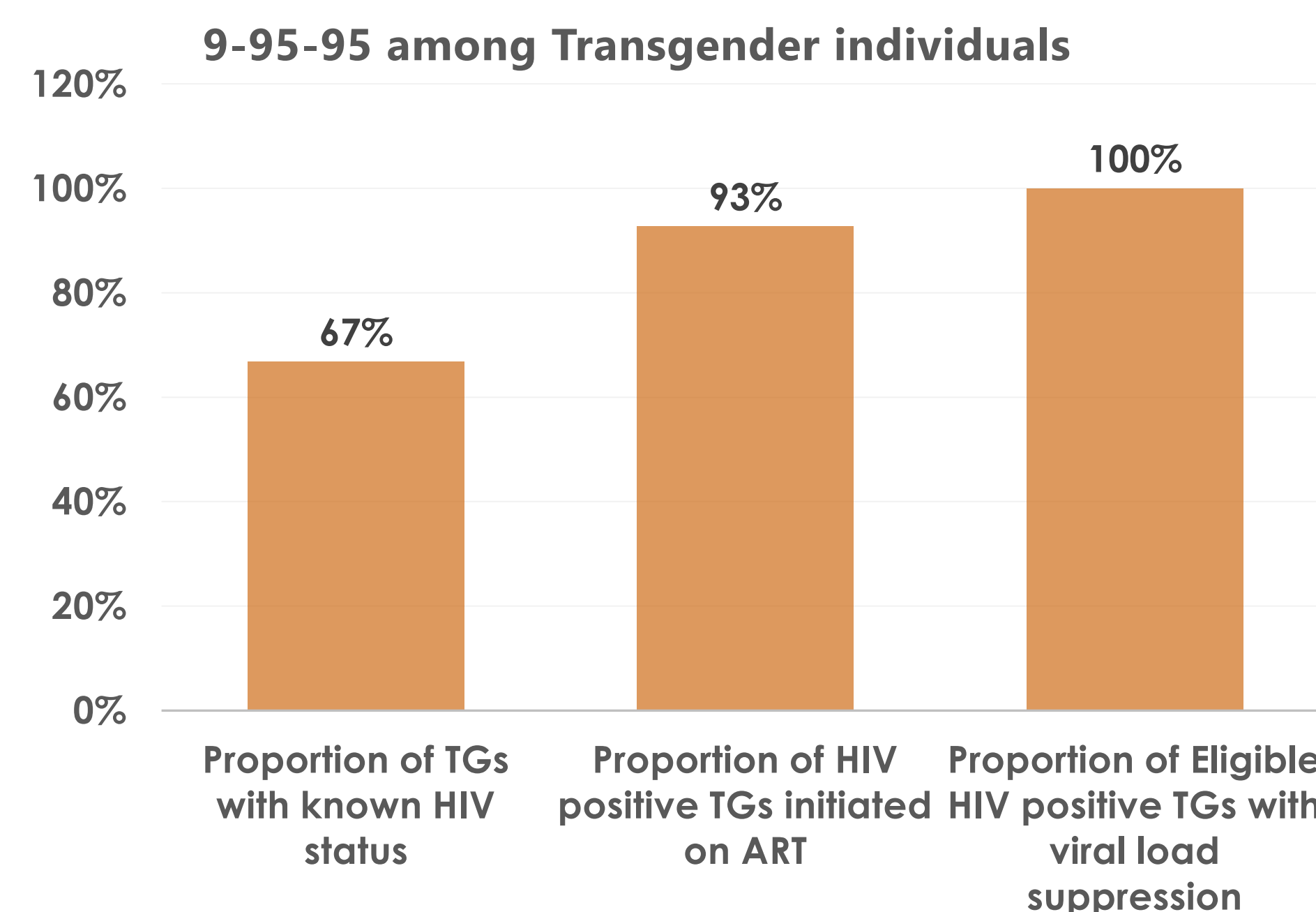
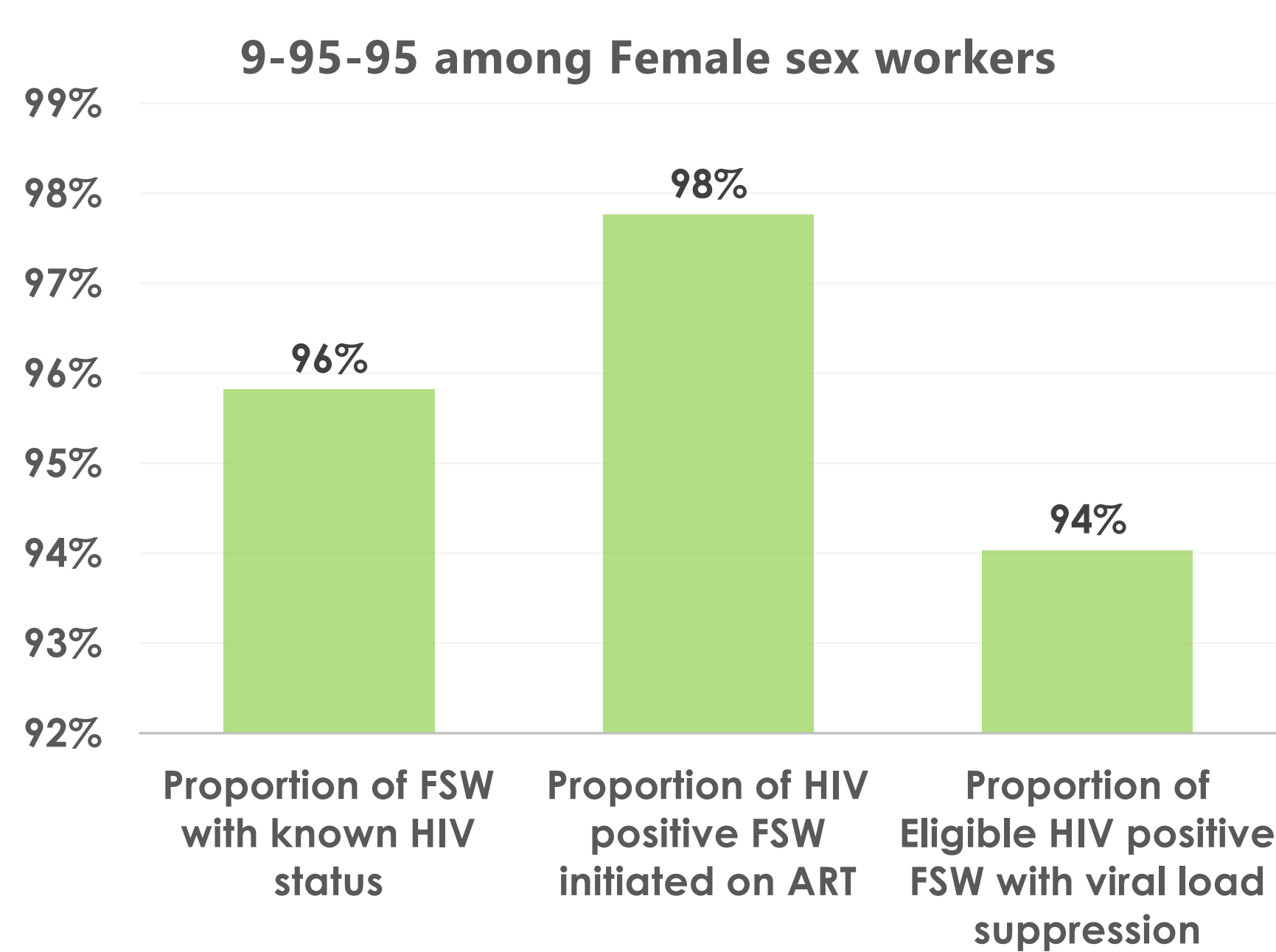
Background

Namibia's modelled estimate towards the UNAIDS treatment goal is 90-97-96. However, key populations (KPs), especially men who have sex with men (MSM), female sex workers (FSWs), and the transgender (TG) community lag. We share results of efforts towards attaining the 95-95-95 targets among KPs in ten selected districts that receive technical assistance to implement peer-driven comprehensive HIV services for KPs from the KP-STAR project funded by PEPFAR through USAID and implemented by IntraHealth Namibia.

Methods

We analyzed routinely collected aggregate data reported in the district health information systems from 10 districts between April 2020-March 2021. The KP-STAR project works with peer educators and case managers who are trained to provide comprehensive HIV prevention messaging, adherence counseling, and tracking of Interruption in Treatment patients, among other tasks. Site coordinators oversee the management of peer-driven interventions in the district.

Results



Conclusions

Using refined case management and peer-to-peer outreach demonstrates feasibility to accelerate uptake of HIV testing services and ART. Peer-driven support facilitates rapid and sustainable viral load suppression across all KP groups. To achieve these successes, partnerships with KP-led organizations and the government is critical. With well trained, supported, and equipped case managers and peer educators, it is possible to achieve 95-95-95. KP-STAR regularly shares results with the Ministry of Health and Social Services as a way of advocating for improved access to services for KPs.



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