

Voices on the ground

Experiences of HBCT in
Kenya

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- Methods/ strategies
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- Conclusions

HBCT in Kibera and Asembo

Kibera slum



Asembo terrain



Introduction

- HBHCT is an innovative approach to counseling and testing aimed at enhancing community access to counseling and testing by transferring the VCT services from facility level to the household level.

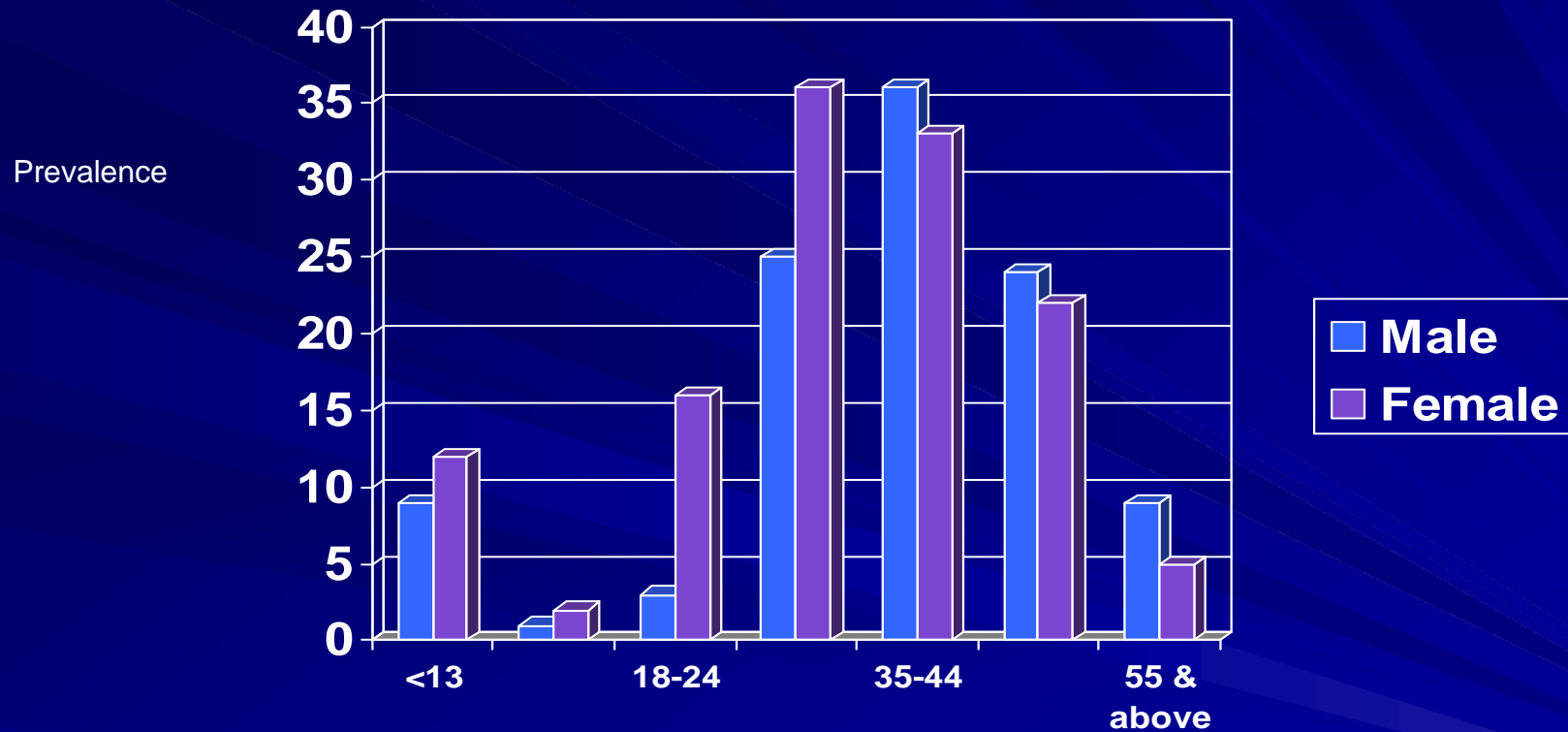
Goal

- To contribute towards the reduction of HIV/AIDS prevalence by enhancing community access to voluntary counseling and testing.

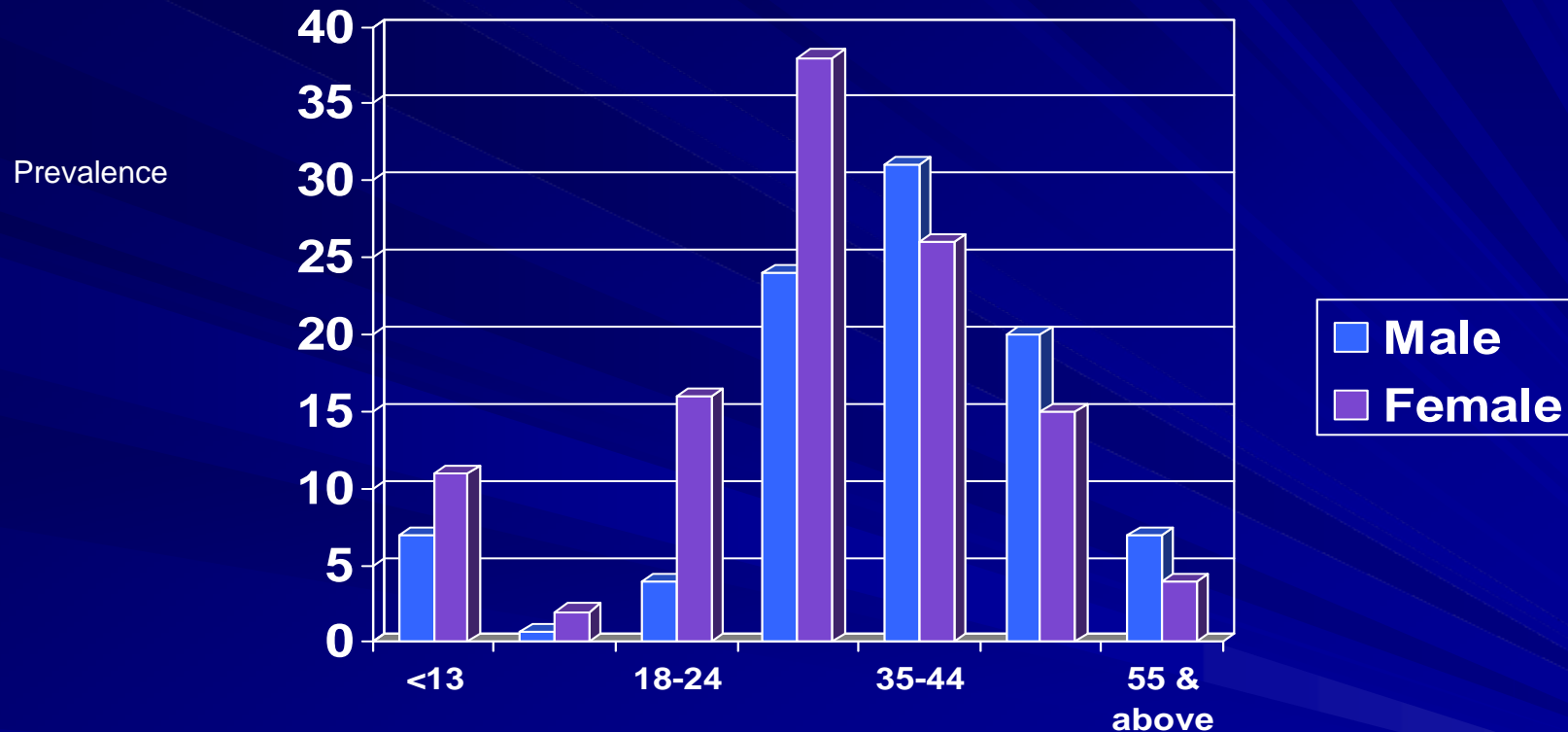
Methods / strategies

- Mapping of the Areas
- Recruitment and training of CM
- Community mobilization
- Making appointments by village reporters
- Door to door visit by Counsellors for HTC
- CD4 testing- in IEIP areas
- Collection of DBS for QA
- Referrals to care and treatment
- Follow up visits

Overall HIV Prevalence by Gender/Age



HIV Prevalence for FIRST Time testers by Gender/Age



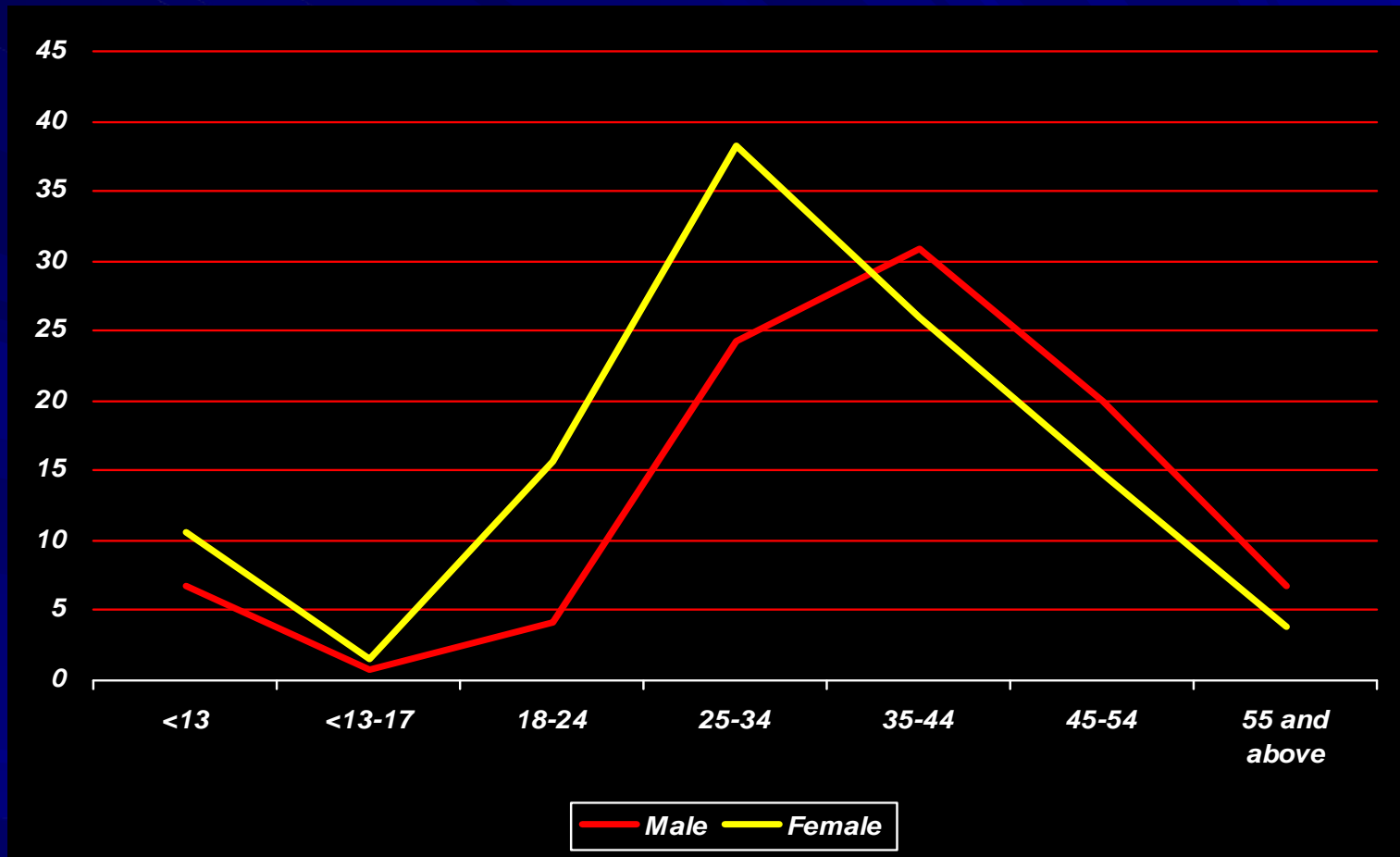
These individuals never tested for HIV prior to Home Based testing but were unknowingly infected with HIV. It is important to diagnose early for HIV to ensure proper care and treatment. 69% of participants in Lwak never had an HIV test. 67% of HIV-infected participants in Lwak did not know they had HIV until HBTC.

HIV prevalence among first time testers in Lwak

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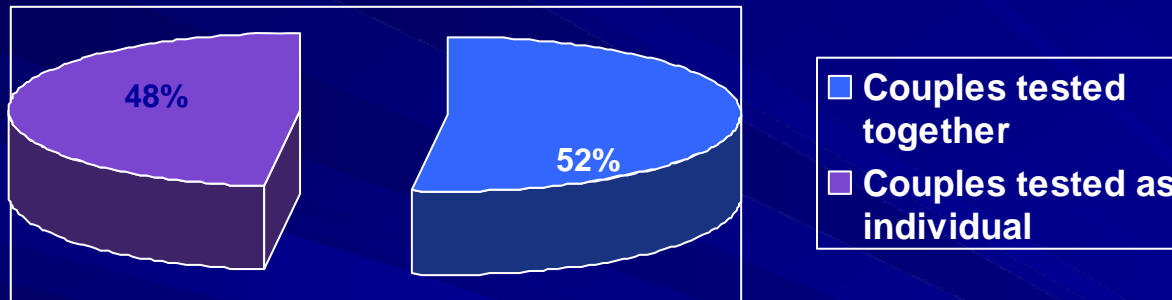
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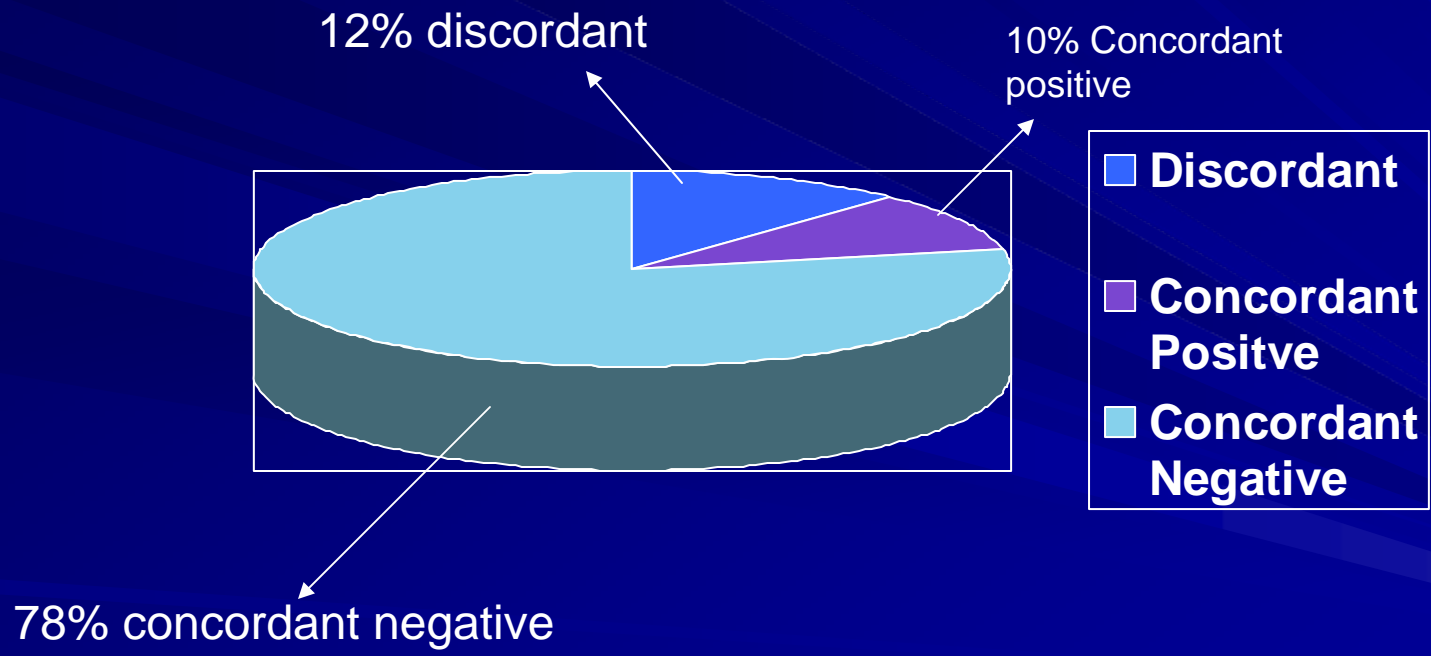


67.4% of HIV-infected participants in Lwak did not know they had HIV until HBTC.

Couples HIV Testing and Counseling in Home Based

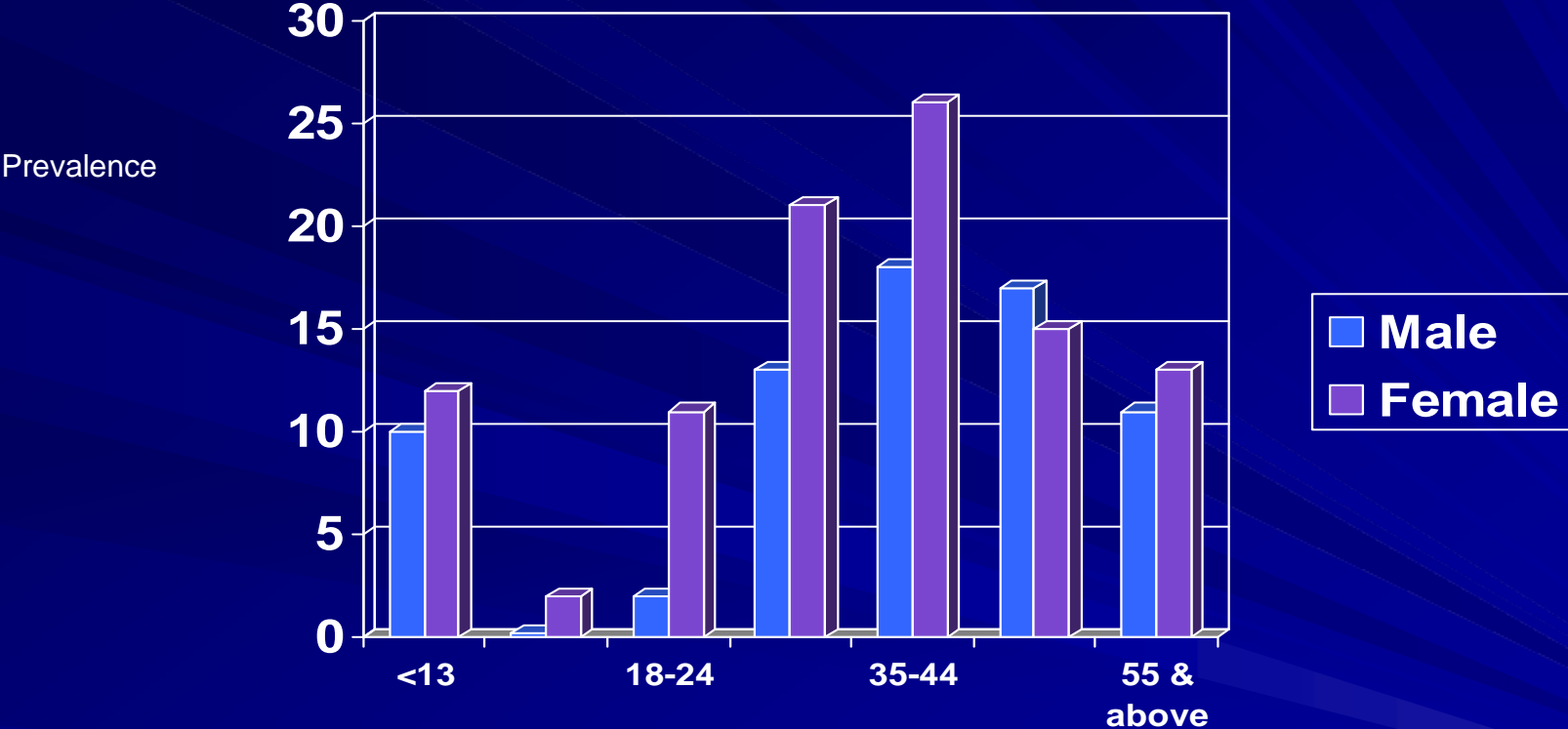


HIV status in couple

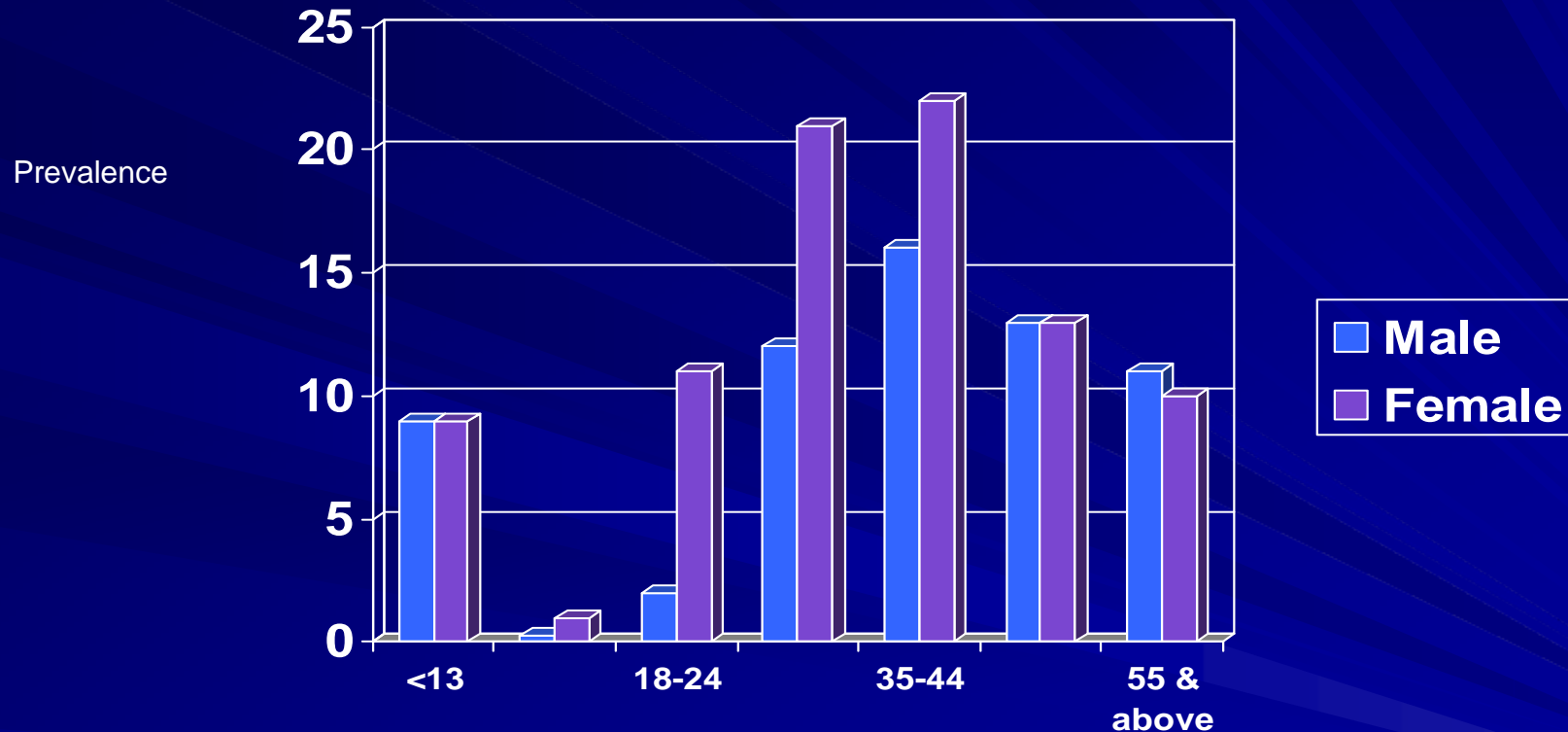


HIV Negative partner in the discordant relationship most at risk for HIV!!!! Important to protect the one you love!!

Overall HIV Prevalence by Gender/Age in Kibera



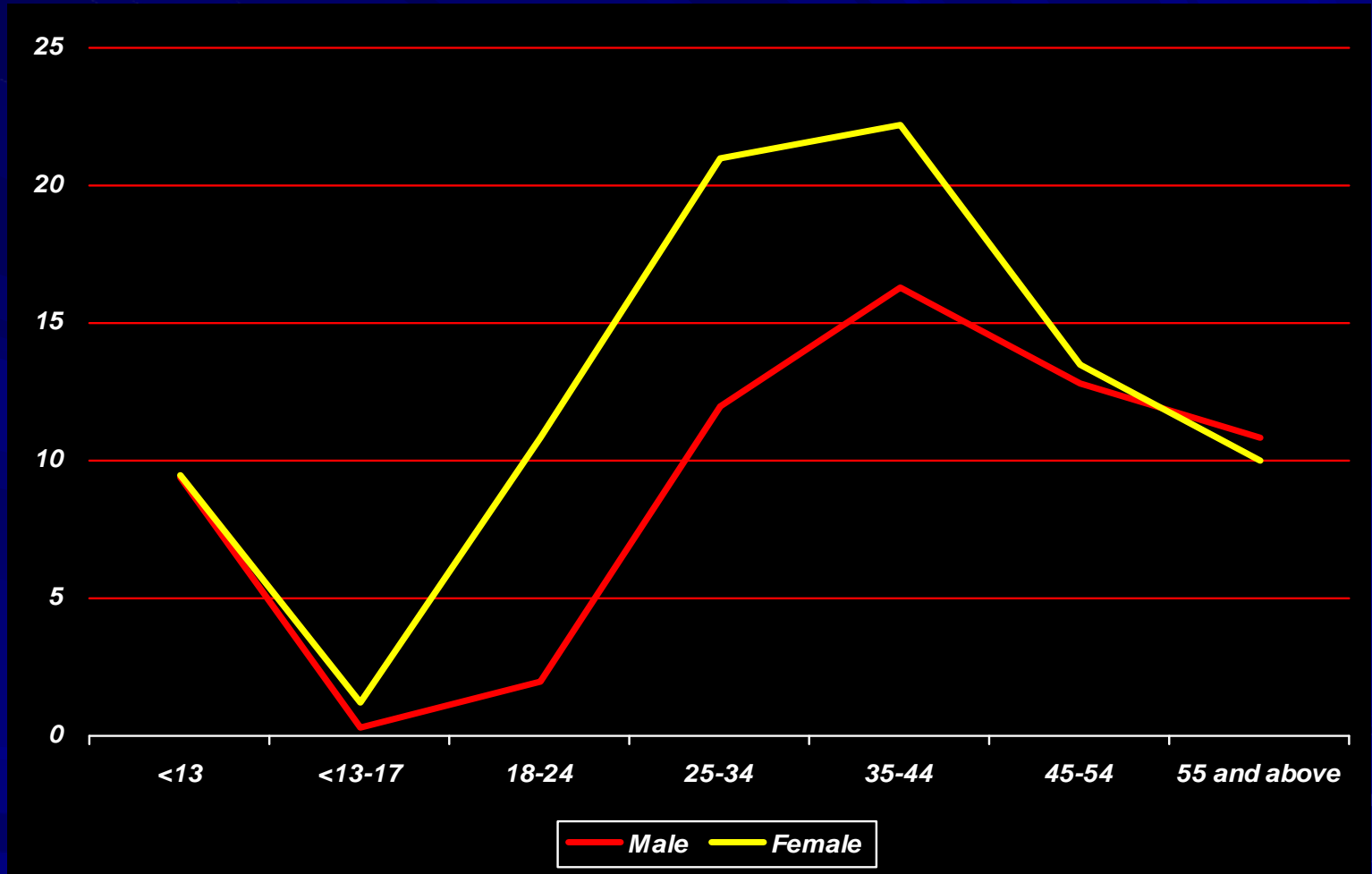
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These individuals never tested for HIV prior to Home Based testing but were unknowingly infected with HIV. It is important to diagnose early for HIV to ensure proper care and treatment. 56% of participants in Kibera never had an HIV test. 65% of HIV-infected participants in Kibera did not know they had HIV until HBTC.

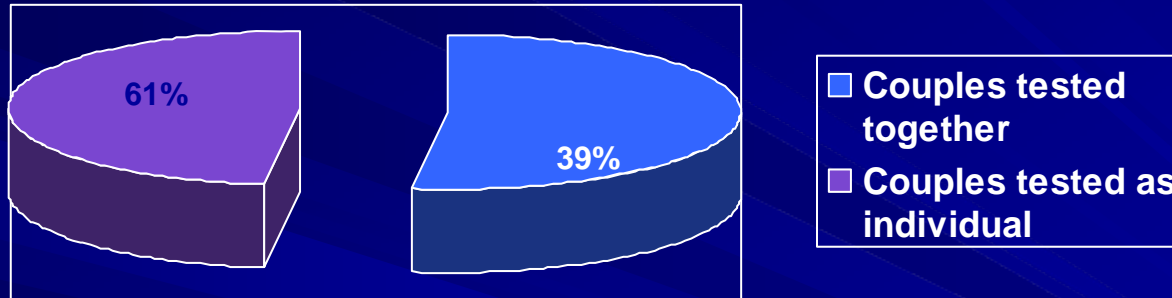
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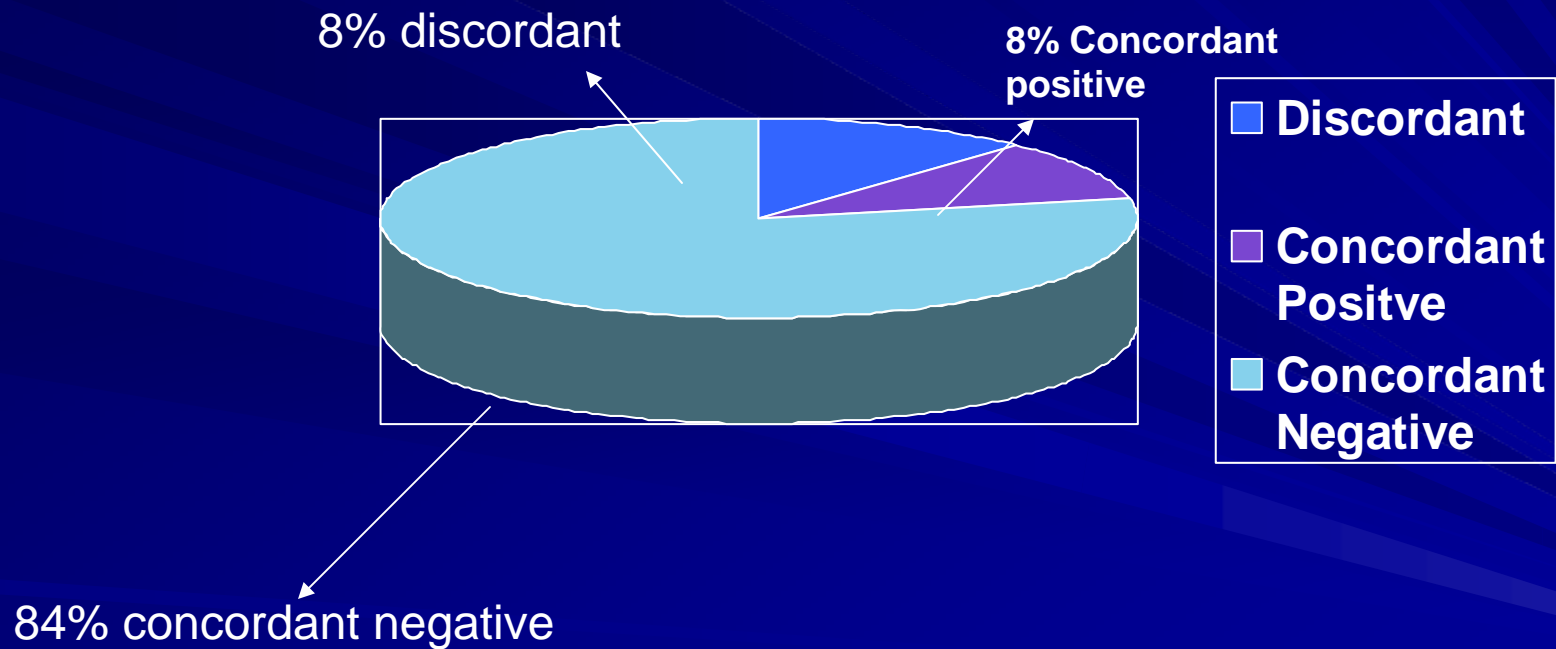


64.9% of HIV-infected participants in Kibera did not know they had HIV until HBTC.

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Strategies used to overcome challenges

- Working during holidays and weekend
- Use of both Male and Female CM
- Partnership with MOH, care & treatment & lab.
- Unique mechanism for follow up-task shifting-PE
- QA in activities- review meetings, sit in sessions and collection of 5% of DBS.
- Key messages for couples
- Use of DSS data to know target population
- Counsellors staying in the village

HBCT in Kibera



HBCT- in Action

HIV result interpretation session.....



Testing wherever you are.....



Testing children after school.....



Testing couples.....



Conclusions and Recommendations

- Over 81% of people approached for HBTC services accepted testing in their homes.
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- Among all participants in HBTC, 65.1% had never had an HIV test
- HBTC is an important strategy for early diagnosis of HIV-infected persons in countries with high HIV prevalence who have never previously tested for HIV, 64.9% of HIV-infected participants in Kibera, and 67.4% in Lwak did not know they had HIV until HBTC
- Over 44.9% of couples in HBTC were counselled and tested together demonstrating that HBTC is an important intervention to provide Couple HIV Testing and Counselling
- More than half of those tested HIV positive are accessing care and Treatment.

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THANK YOU!!!!