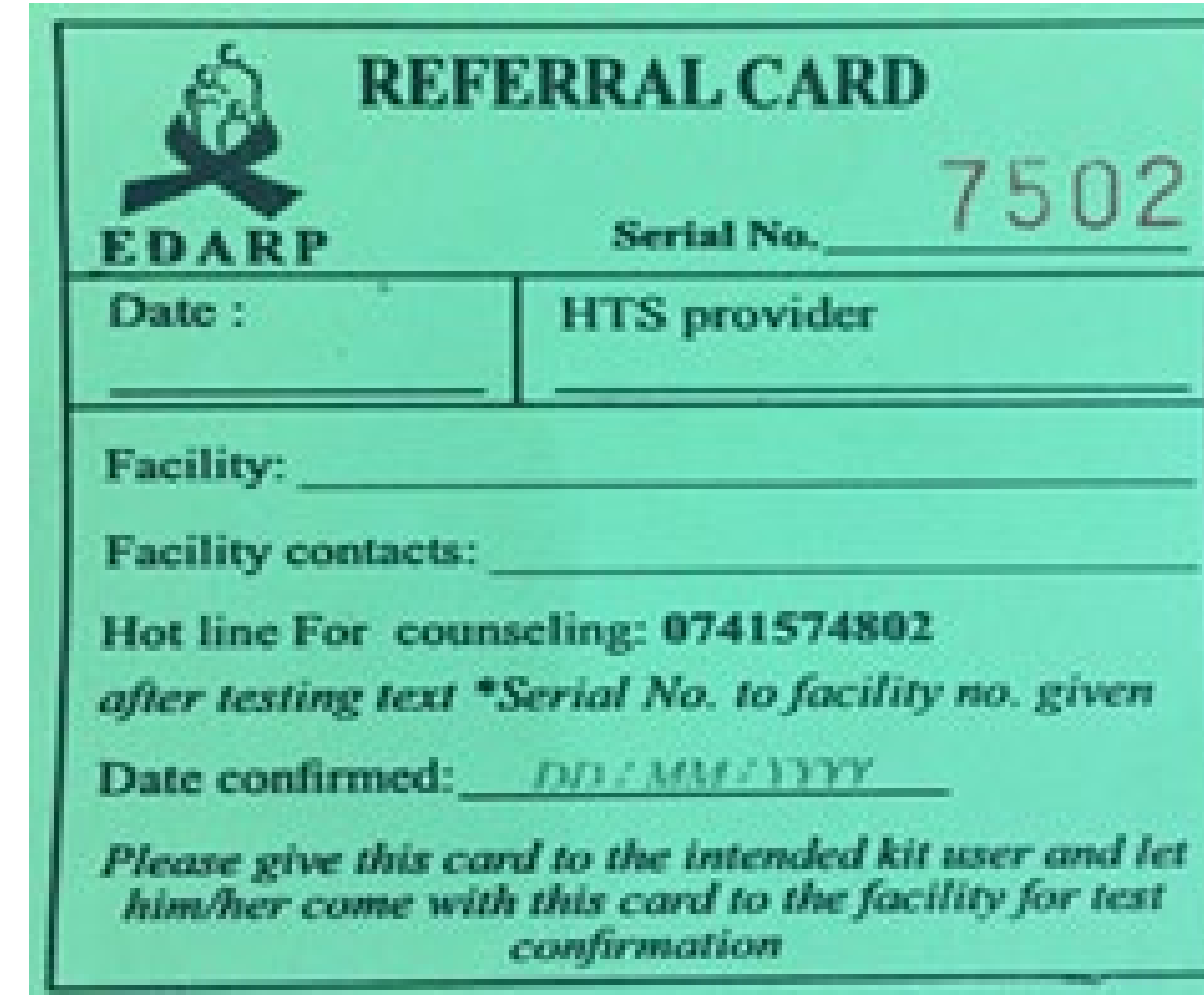




BACKGROUND

Gaps in HIV testing uptake and antiretroviral coverage, particularly for men, are evidence of significant barriers to health services. To increase HIV case-finding and linkage into care for persons living with HIV (PLHIV), particularly men, the faith based Eastern Deanery AIDS Relief Program (EDARP) engaged faith leaders in both community and clinical settings to introduce HIV self-testing (HIVST) in Nairobi Kenya.

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RESULTS

- 1332 staff and CHW's trained.
- HIV diagnosis and linkage among men increased by 117%
- HIV diagnosis and linkage among women increased by 134%
- HIV testing yield increased from 1.2% (294/22,429) to 2.8% (604/21,703 p,<00001) among men
- HIV testing yield increased from 1.7% (491/28,952) to 4.1% (1169/28,321 p<00001) among women.

DESCRIPTION





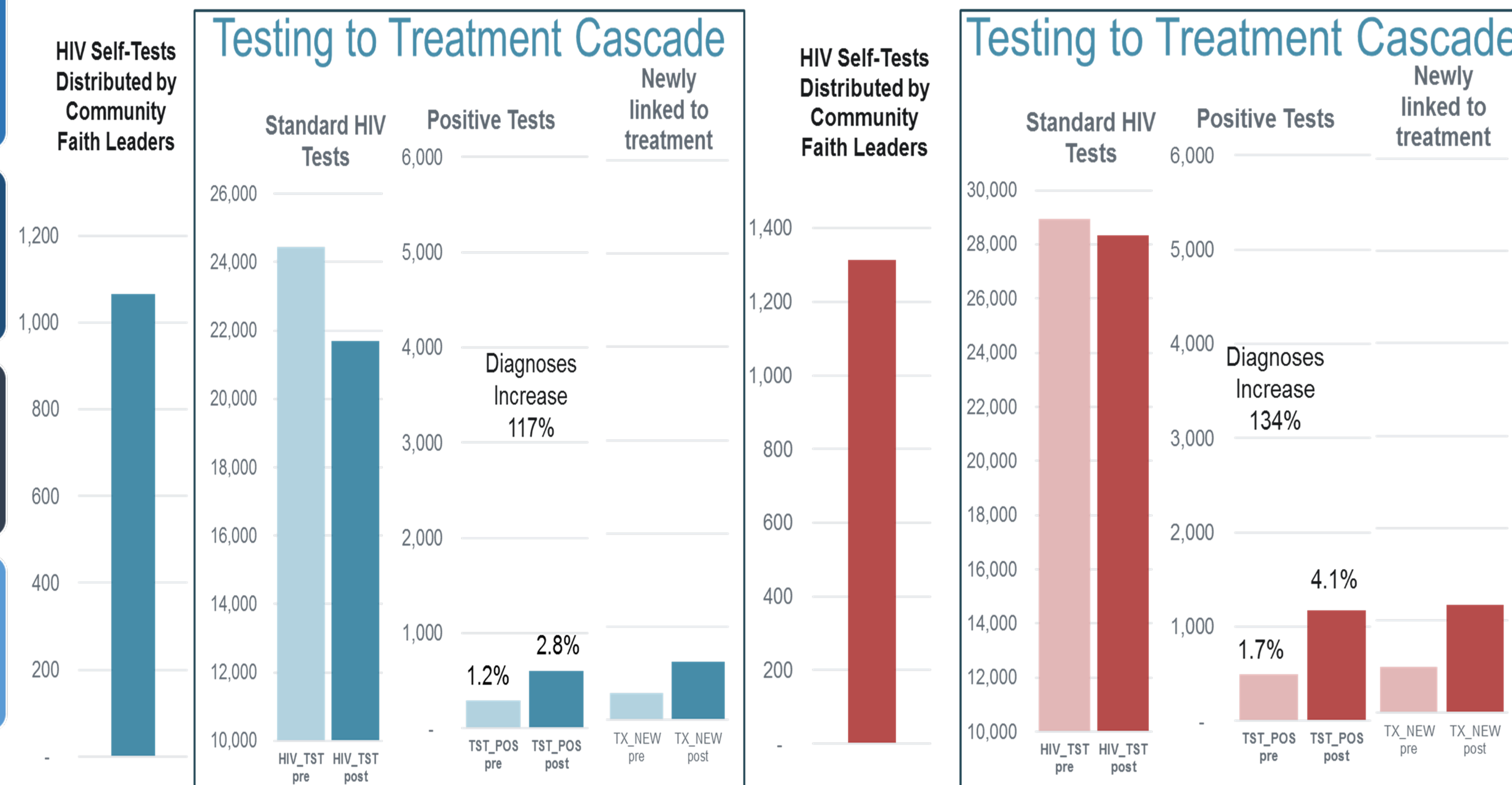
-  Retrospective - cohort survey in routine HIV testing services at 14 Eastern Deanery AIDS Relief Program (EDARP) facilities
-  Training of staff and community health workers (CHW) on use of HIVST
-  Eligible individuals tested for HIV through assisted and unassisted HIV self testing using Oraquick® HIV self-test kit
-  Demographic, training and HIV self testing data abstracted from training logs and HIV testing records in EDARP electronic medical records

TABLE: Increase in HIV positive test, linkages and testing yield among men and women in Nairobi, Kenya



LESSONS LEARNT

- Seamless community- clinical integration
- Skills building for improved partner elicitation
- Welcoming environment (especially for Key populations)
- Staff emotional and spiritual support
- 24 hr hotline for HIVST users
- Call back card utilization (Referral card)
- Weekly progress review and celebration of top performing sites and staff

CONCLUSIONS

- Distribution of HIVSTs by faith leaders can substantially increase case-finding and linkage to care for both men and women
- Expanding this model in and beyond Kenya may help advance epidemic control.

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