



KAMS

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services

Collaborative Outreach Testing for men in the Kimberley

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Acknowledgement

I acknowledge the country I am living on today, Yawuru country. I want to pay my respects to Aboriginal people's continuing connection to Country here in the Kimberley and all over Australia.

I pay respect to all the Aboriginal people I work with and have worked with, for their wisdom, guidance and for sharing their culture with me so generously.

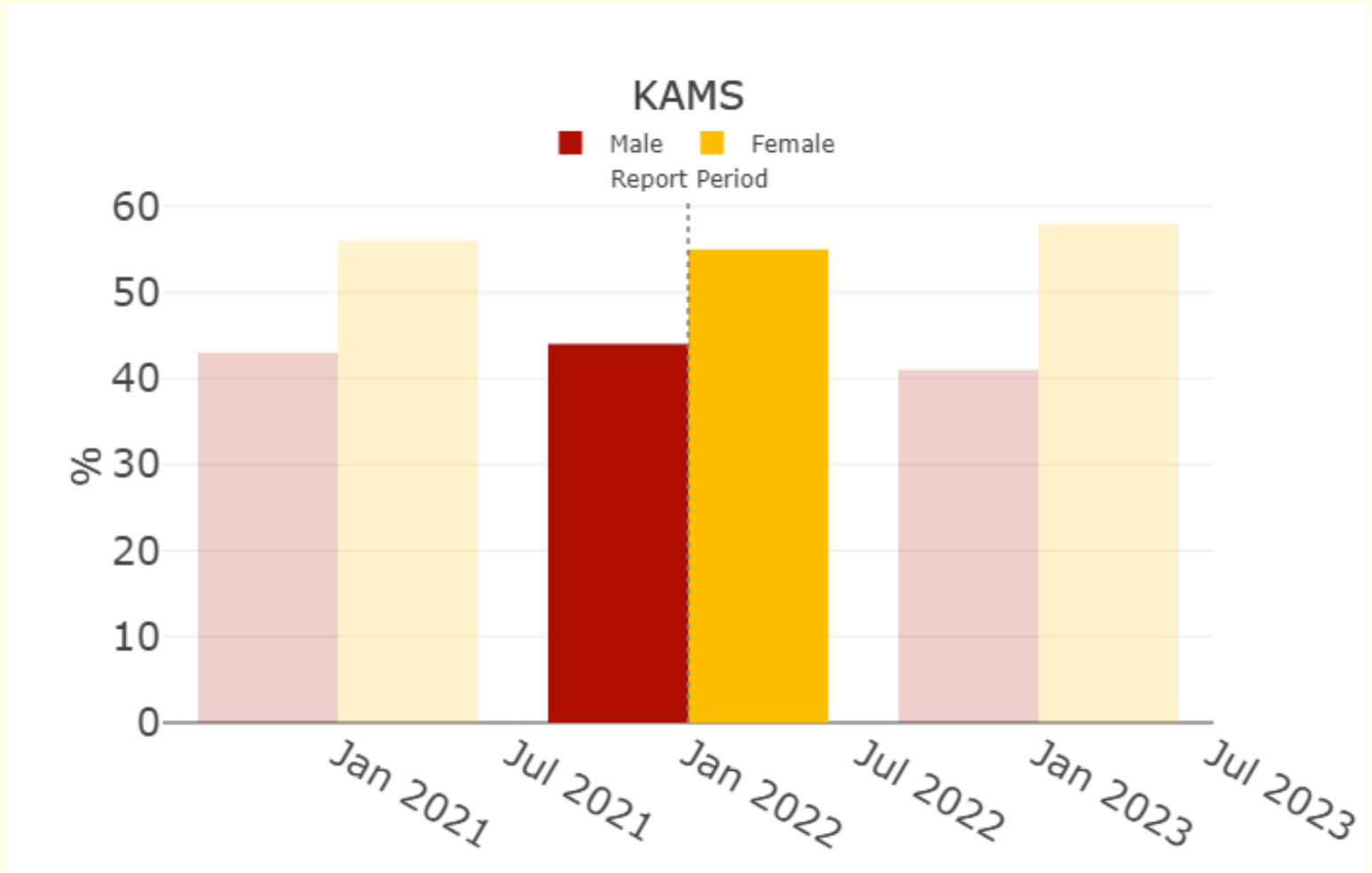
I acknowledge the wisdom of all Elders, those who came before us, those that are here today and those that are emerging.

Where this came from?

Let's take testing to men!

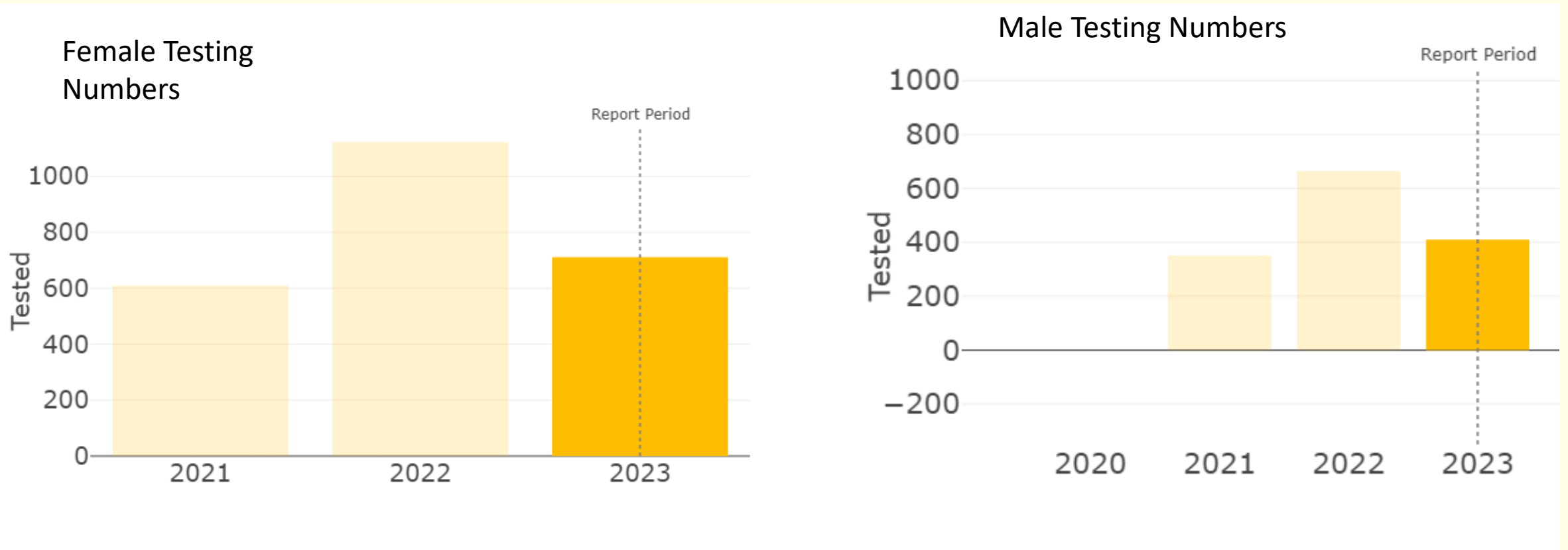
Why?

We see lower clinic attendance rates amongst men



Where this came from??

Lower testing rates for men





Where this came from?

- Informal community consultation
 - On-country
 - Male specific settings
- Easier to offer where men are already gathered
- Sitting under the mango tree



Goal

- Increase opportunistic screening amongst Aboriginal men at KAMS remote clinic sites and in Broome.

Objectives

- Collaborate with local clinics to provide at least one opportunistic testing event at a men's specific site in each of KAMS remote clinic sites and Broome by the end of the year
- Deliver STI education at each of these opportunistic testing events



The process

- Find an appropriate location
- Collaborate with local clinic, local staff and local stakeholders
- Have a BBQ or cook a feed
- Deliver STI education
- Provide opportunistic screening



STI education

- **IMBRE**
- **Information** – No condom for sex = risk for STIs
- **Motivation** – STIs can stop you starting a family
- **Behaviour** – Explaining what's involved in a test
- **Resources** – Provide condoms to prevent most STIs
- **Environment** – Make testing available



What we have done so far

Delivered at:

- Men's Outreach Service – Drop in (Broome)
 - 4 men tested, out of 10 (40%)
- Bidyadanga Men's Centre
 - 5 men tested out of 12 (42%)



What we have done so far

Delivered at:

- Billiluna Clinic
 - 3 men tested out of 11 (21%)
- Balgo community
 - Two events
 - 8 men tested out of 31 (26%)



What we have done so far

Delivered at:

- Mulan Clinic
 - 0 men tested out of 6 (0%)
- Beagle Bay Clinic
 - 7 men tested out of 19 (36%)



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Reflections

- A learning process
- Collaboration is key
- What works in one community won't necessarily work in the next
- Reception to opportunistic testing by men suggests men are happy to get tested in male specific settings, where they already are gathered



Reflections

- Encouraging visiting the clinic is still very important.
- Allows men to connect with local clinic workers.
- Great opportunity for education and linking with other health workers:
e.g. foot health screenings, SEWB





Tackling Indigenous Smoking





Thank you

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