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BACKGROUND

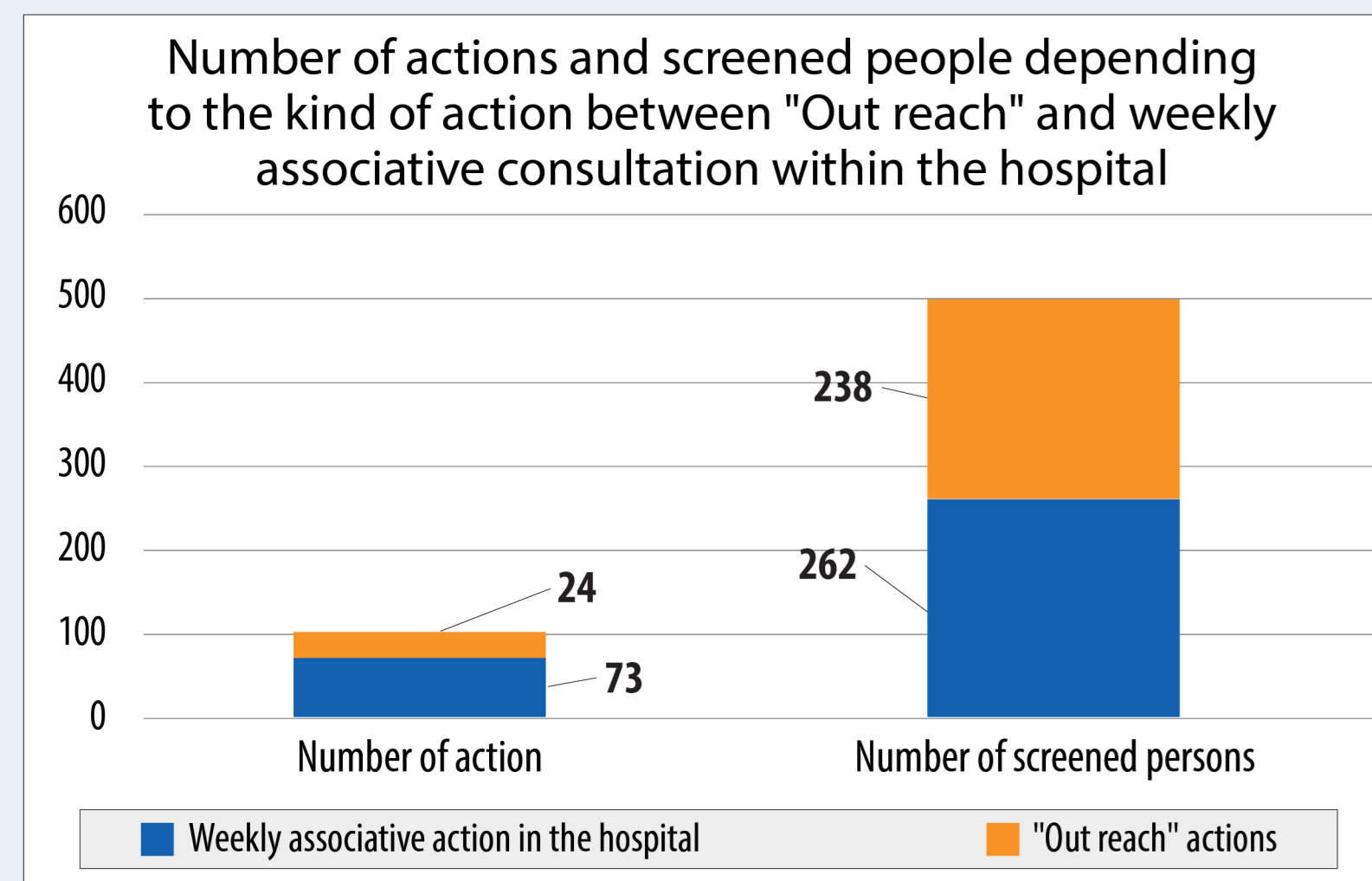
Epidemiologist estimate that there are 10 000 undiagnosed HIV-positive people in Île-de-France region. 70% would be men, among which 40% MSM and 40% subsaharan African migrants. Public institutions are promoting preventing actions dedicated to "key" populations, which are mostly unrepresented in the mainstream health system, in order to reduce the "hidden epidemic". The public health association AREMEDIA has been designing a bridging program to reach this populations through the collaboration with community associations and free screening hospital center. From march 2018, it has been decided to open weekly an associative STI screening session within the hospital walls, "indoor", reserved for ARDHIS association which support each year, more than 1 000 asylum seekers because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, in their administrative procedure. It should remote people going to the hospital.

ISSUES

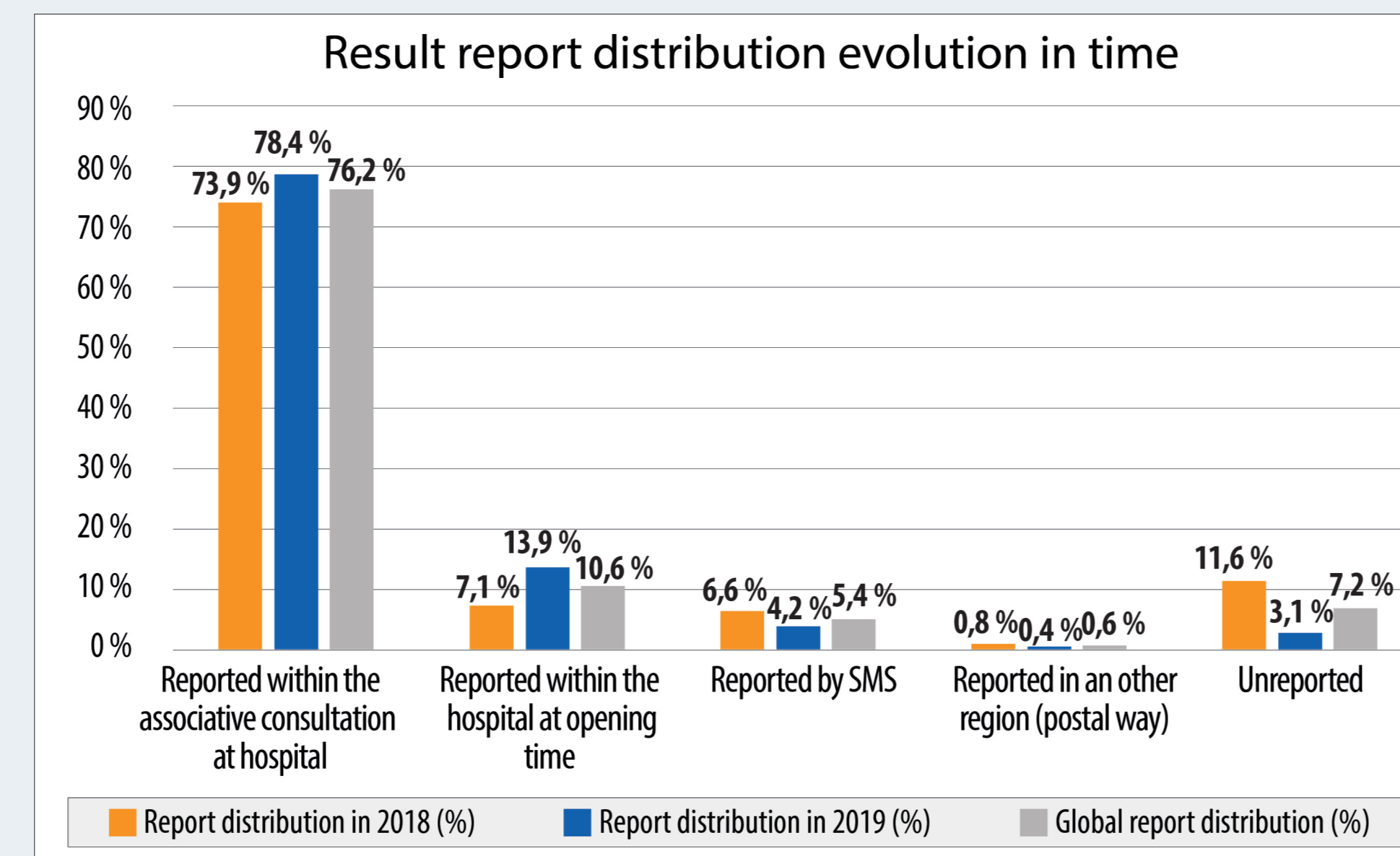
Despite the weekly screening device promotion through ARDHIS volunteers and directly to the asylum seekers during occasional community events, this consultation allowed to screen 23 people in 4 months and 16 actions. While AREMEDIA was able to reach "key" populations through reproducing hospital screening center offer in community places, the challenge were different. This poster aims to present the methodology designed by AREMEDIA to involve people into this device, and resolve the lack of attendance.

RESULTS - 15 MONTH LATER...

Thanks to the "Health community Relay" involmment



- More than 500 people have been tested and around half of them in the weekly associative consultation within the hospital.
- "Out reach" actions has been the starter to screen people, collect phone numbers and orient them to the associative consultation within the hospital.
- The "Out reach" actions has been designed to make the number of people coming to the hospital growing and start a real health and sexual health monitoring.



- 464 results have been reported among which 381 at the associative consultation within the hospital.
- "Lost to follow-up" are decreasing until 3% among which zero contaminated people in 2019.
- 58 people under PrEP for 179 médical consultations in 2019.
- 19 Sexual Health Workshop and several medical orientations.

METHOD

Outdoor screening action



AREMEDIA organized traditional outdoor action to screen people and make them coming into the hospital to collect their results, promote the specific consultation reserved for ARDHIS members, insist on the freeness of the test, the confidentiality, everything we thought may influence people to come. These actions were :

- Public STI test free and anonymous, in the same conditions as in the hospital.
- Health stand promotion in community meetings.

Community "Health relay" training



In collaboration with CeGIDD Fernand Widal, AREMEDIA association organized a "Health relay" training. For 3 days, volunteer asylum seekers have followed

- Medical interventions to learn about modes of contamination, the PrEP consumption rules, symptoms.
- Associative interventions to exchange about the manner to speak about sexuality, the posture to adopt, the group animation technique.

Peer support



"Health relay" has been involved organizing :

- A phoning support in order to book medical appointment for STI screening, PrEP appointment, vaccines...
- A peer orientation in medical system.
- Sexual health workshop organization and animation.



CONCLUSIONS AND MAINS LESSONS

- Free and anonymous access is not enough to remove the barriers to access to care.
- Strong support is needed to guide people in mobilizing their rights in areas of concern to them.
- Community empowerment is necessary to build bridges between vulnerable people and the public health system. Including the people concerned in the improvement of the device is central.