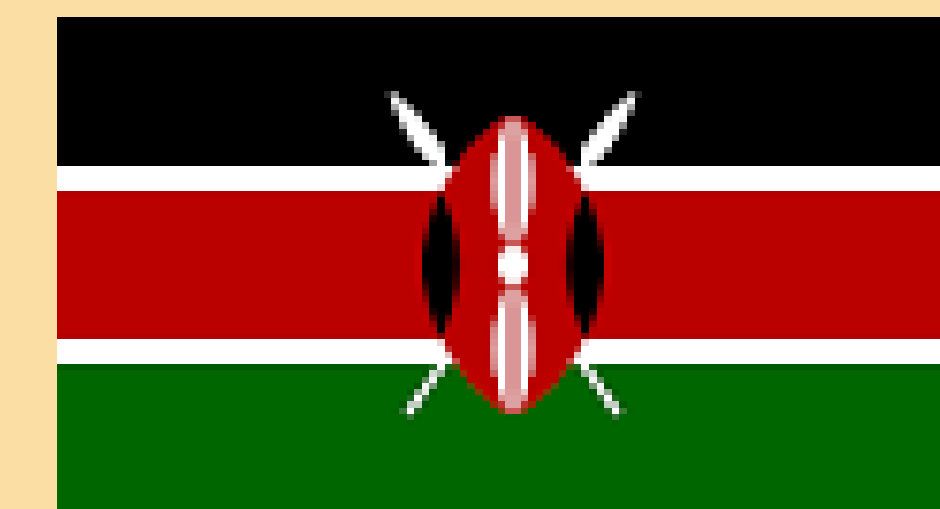




# Uptake of HIV services among Men who have sex with Men (MSM) at Ishtar MSM. Nairobi County

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## BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

ISHTAR MSM wellness Centre is a community urban clinic with diverse services such as free, confidential, non-judgmental routine HIV testing and counselling, STI screening and treatment, health education, condom and lubricants distribution and psychosocial support for Men who have Sex with Men in Nairobi County. The centre provides a clinical consultation and services at the community level that forms a building block for differentiated care model for key populations.

**Objective:** To demonstrate uptake of HIV testing services among MSM in Nairobi

## METHODS

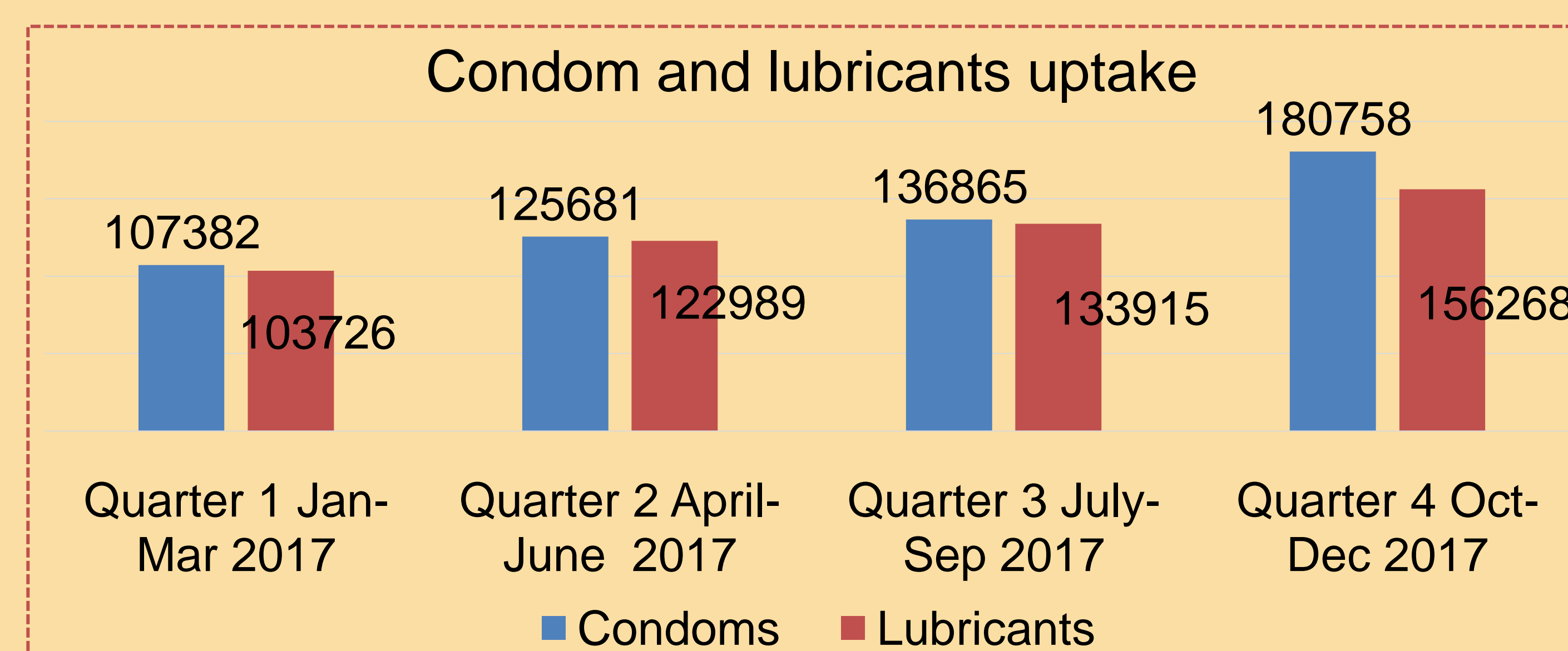
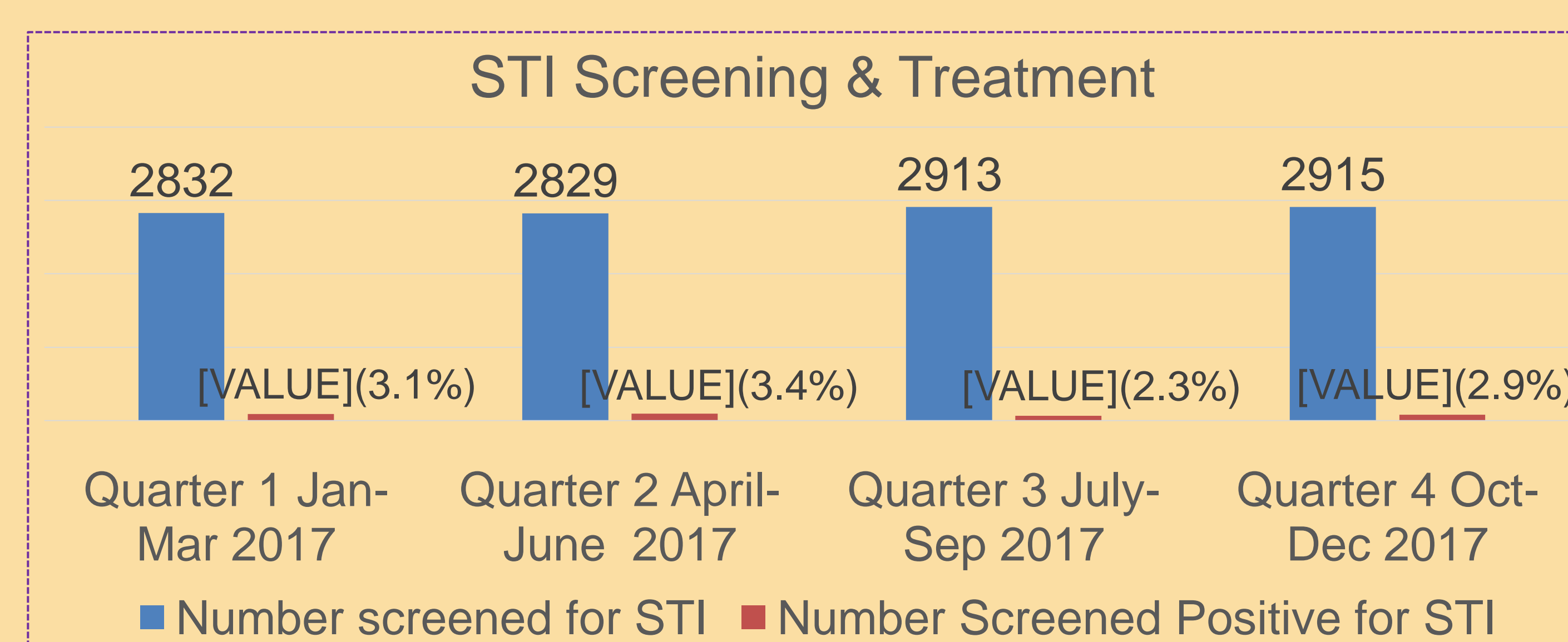
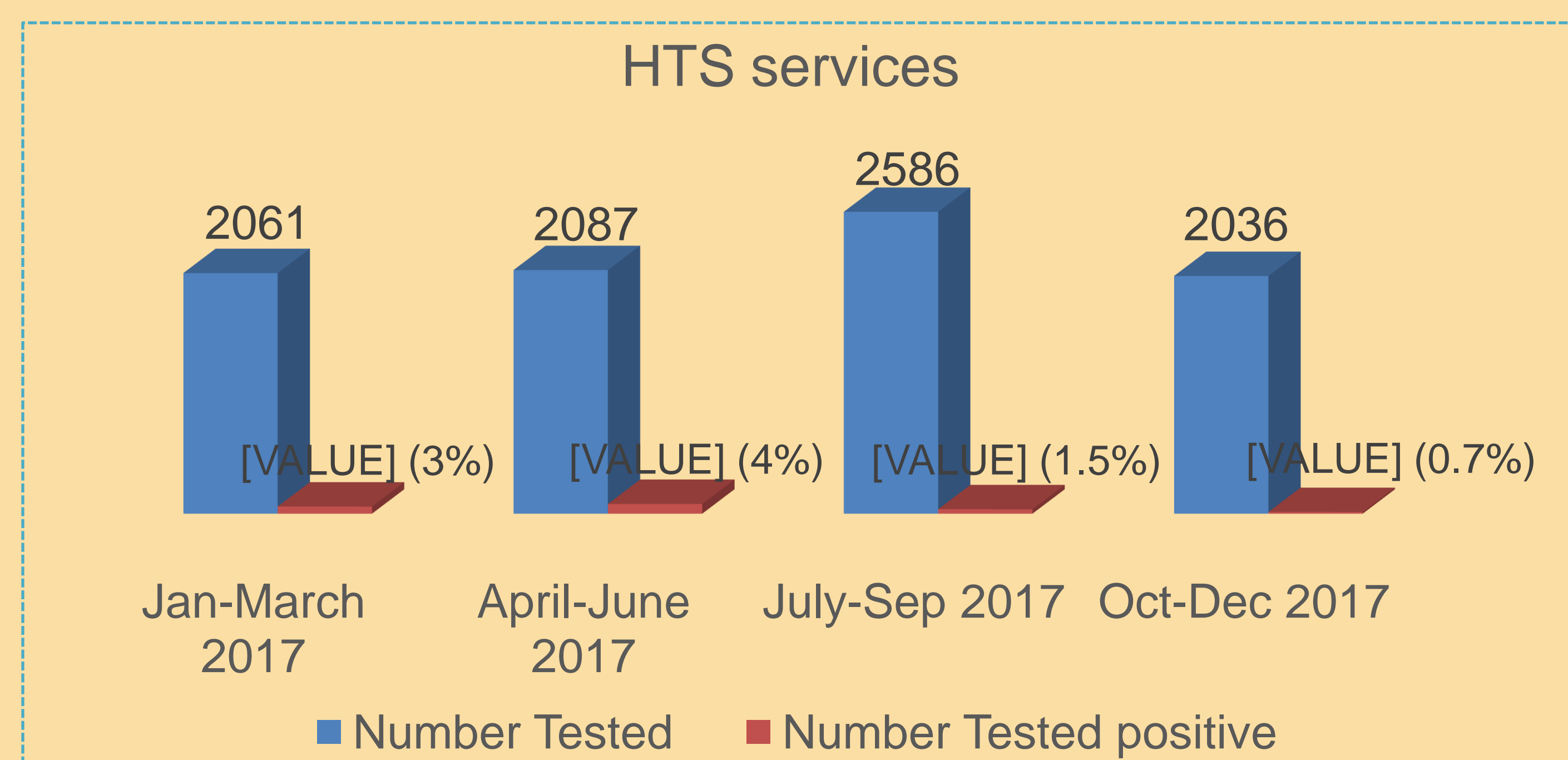
Ishtar has a robust peer education model that creates demand for health services, conduct information education for their peers, and distribute communication materials and commodities at both community and wellness level. Moonlight outreaches were conducted by the clinic at identified hotspots within Nairobi County. A comprehensive package of care that included HIV testing services, provision of condoms and lubes, and STI screening and treatment was provided where linkage and enrolment for HIV positives was done. Services were documented in standard MOH tools and where referrals done a follow-up internal tools were used. A review of records of MSM accessing HIV testing services at the ISHTAR wellness centre between January and December 2017 was done.



## RESULTS

In quarter 1 Jan-March 2017, 2061 MSM were reached with HTS services where 61(3%) tested positive; In quarter 2 April-June 2017, 2087 MSM were reached with HTS services where 83(4%) tested positive; In quarter 3 July-Sep 2017, 2586 MSM were reached with HTS services where 38(1.5%) tested positive; and in quarter 4 (Oct-Dec) 2017, 2036 MSM were reached with HTS services where 14(0.7%) tested positive.

## RESULTS, continued



## Conclusion

Positivity among MSM still remains a challenge in HIV prevention. A robust peer model, clinical service provision at the community, is critical to increase access to HIV and SRH services to the key populations in public health facilities.



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