

# Risk to Results - Strengthening the VTP Cascade for Mothers and Infants in Nigeria

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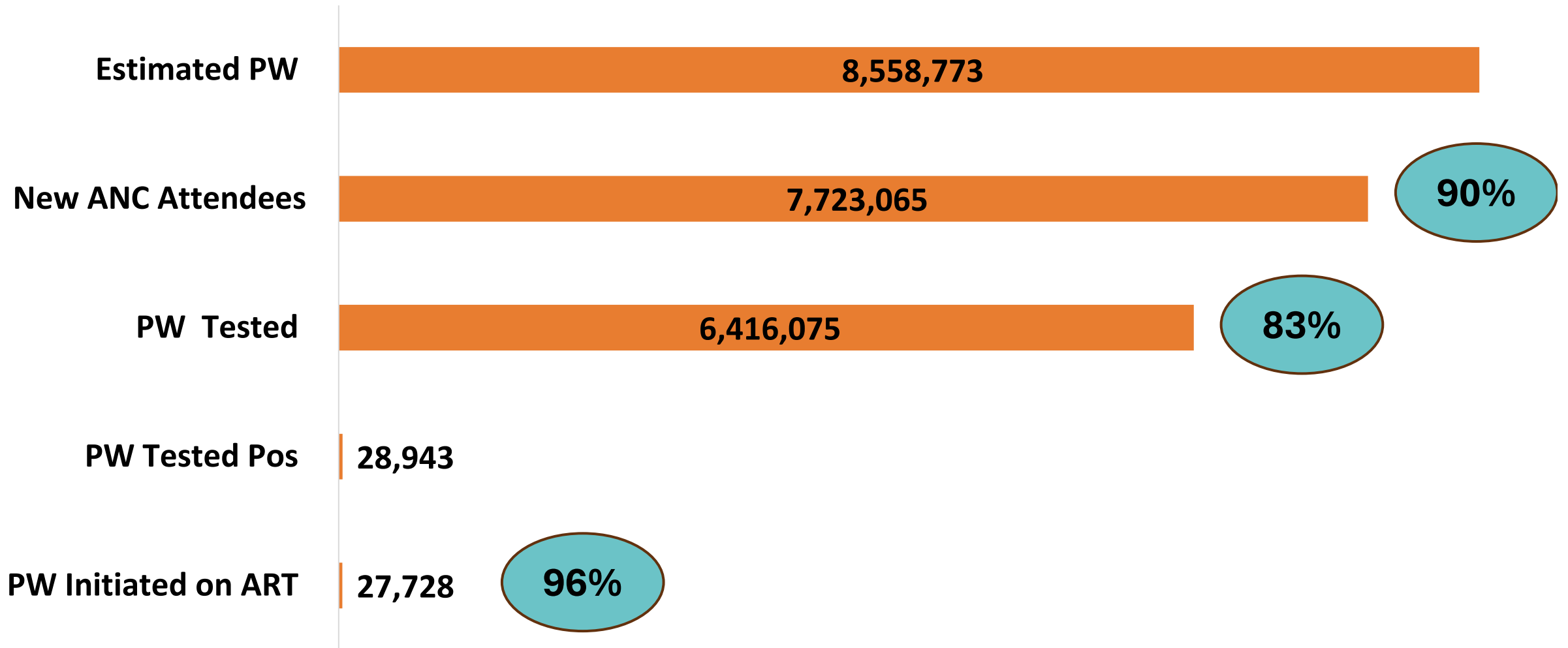


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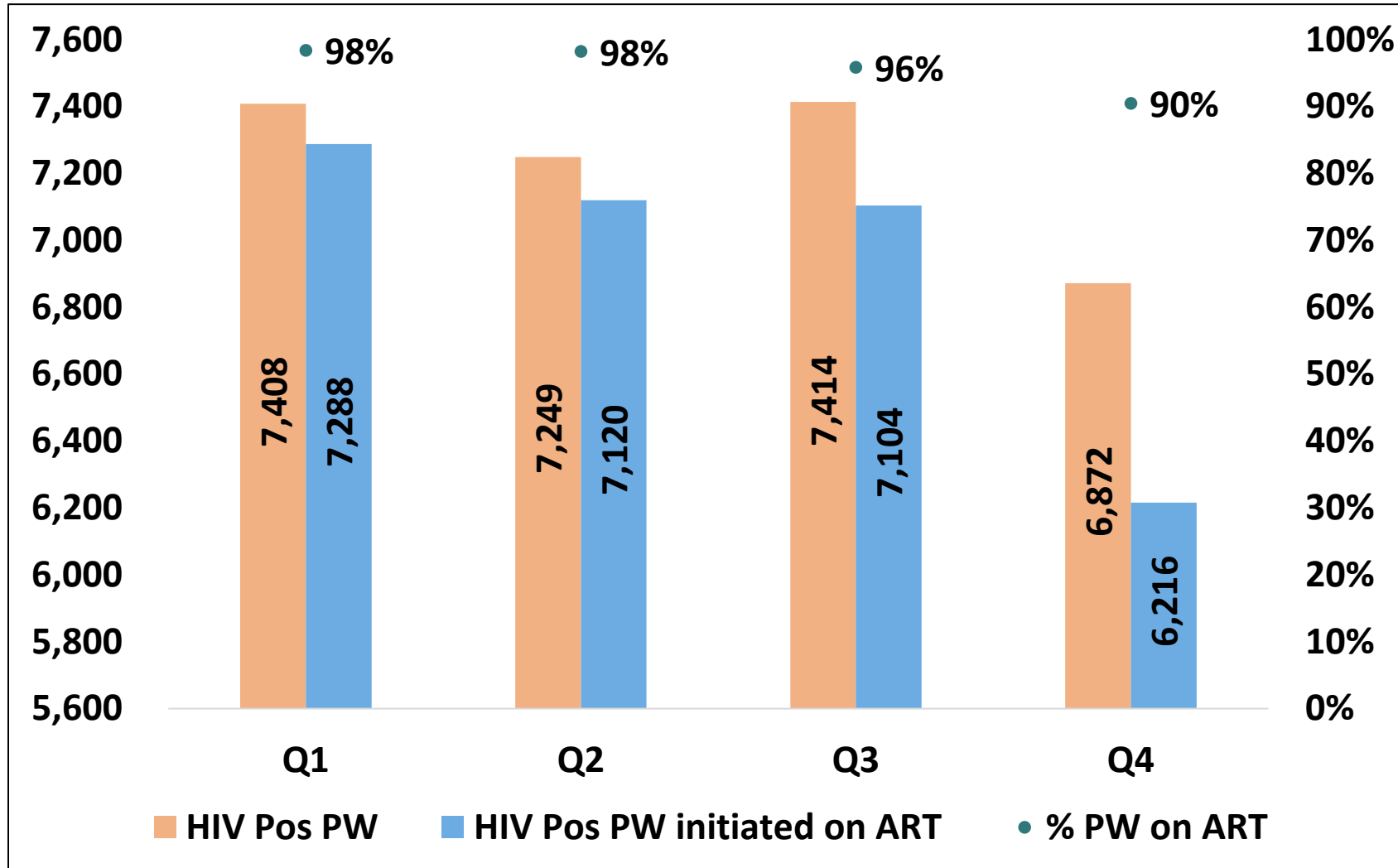


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# VTP Cascade 2025



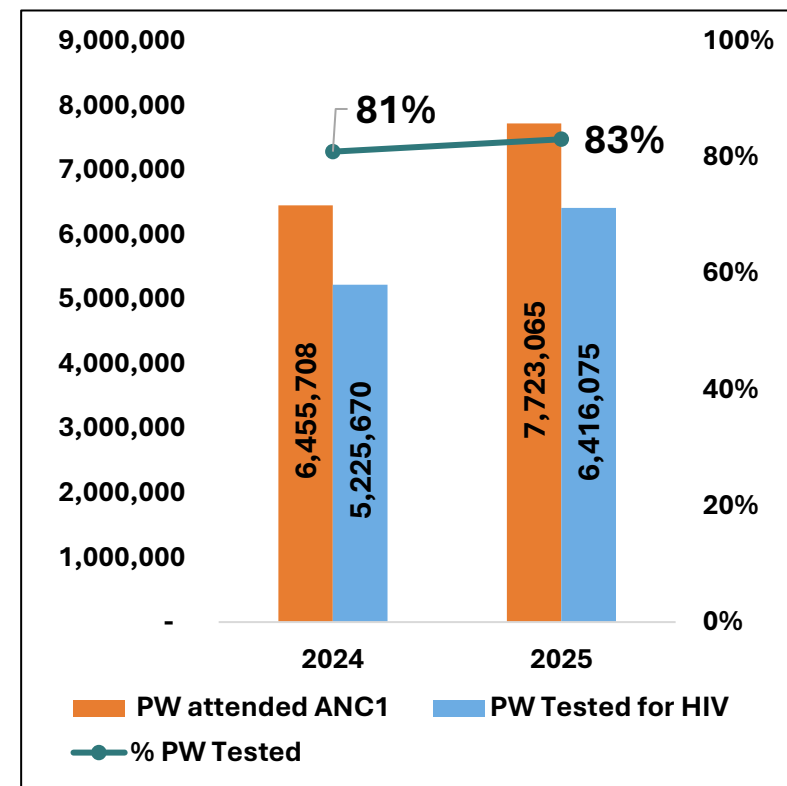
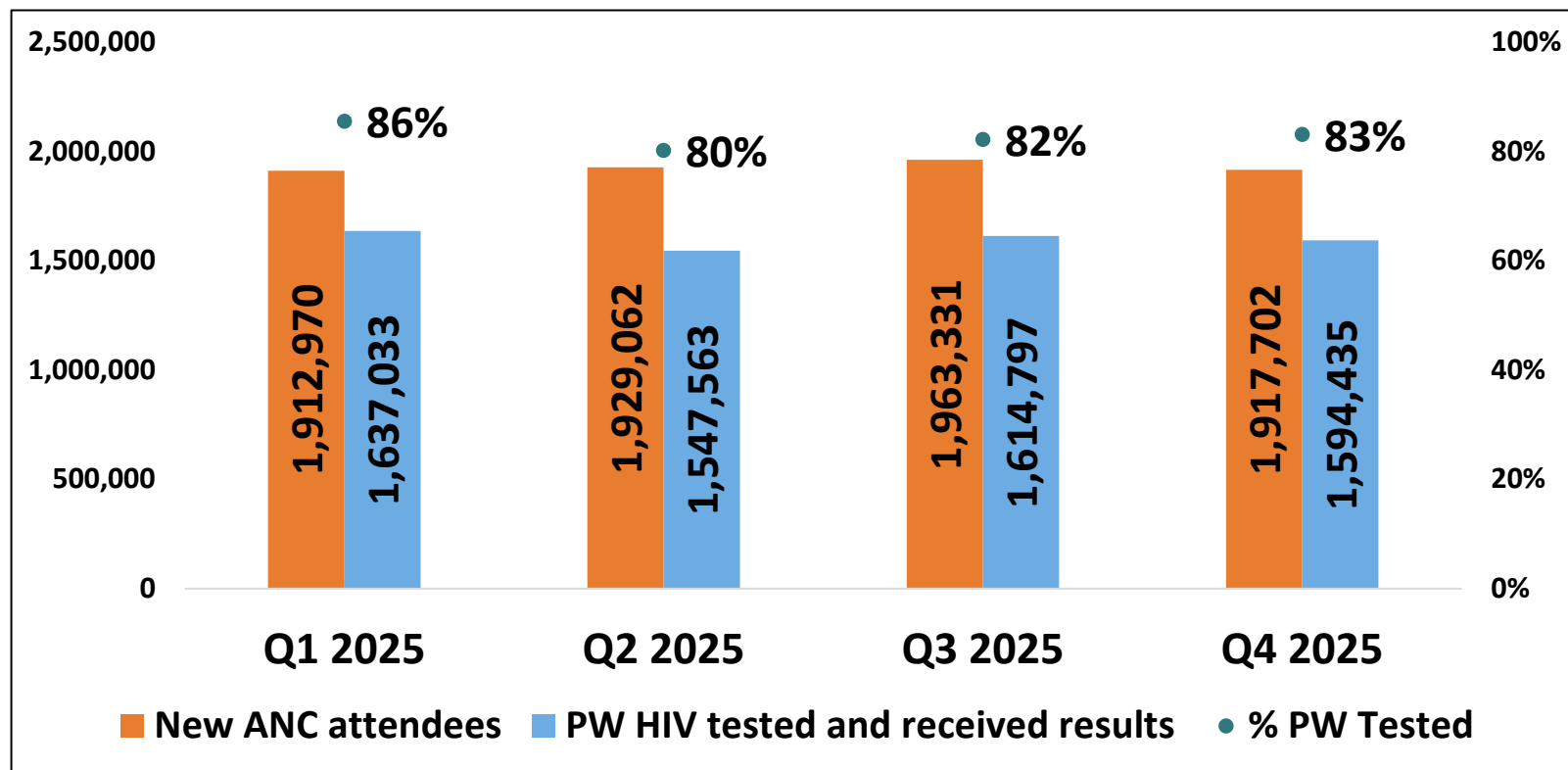
# High ART Coverage Among Pregnant Women



High ART coverage among pregnant women (>95%), with a decline to 90% in Q4

- Same-day ART initiation enforcement
- Strengthened referral/linkage systems and utilization of escort services
- Improved client tracking and follow-up mechanisms

# HIV Testing Gap- Missed Opportunities at ANC Entry Points



Less than 95% HIV testing coverage at first ANC visit

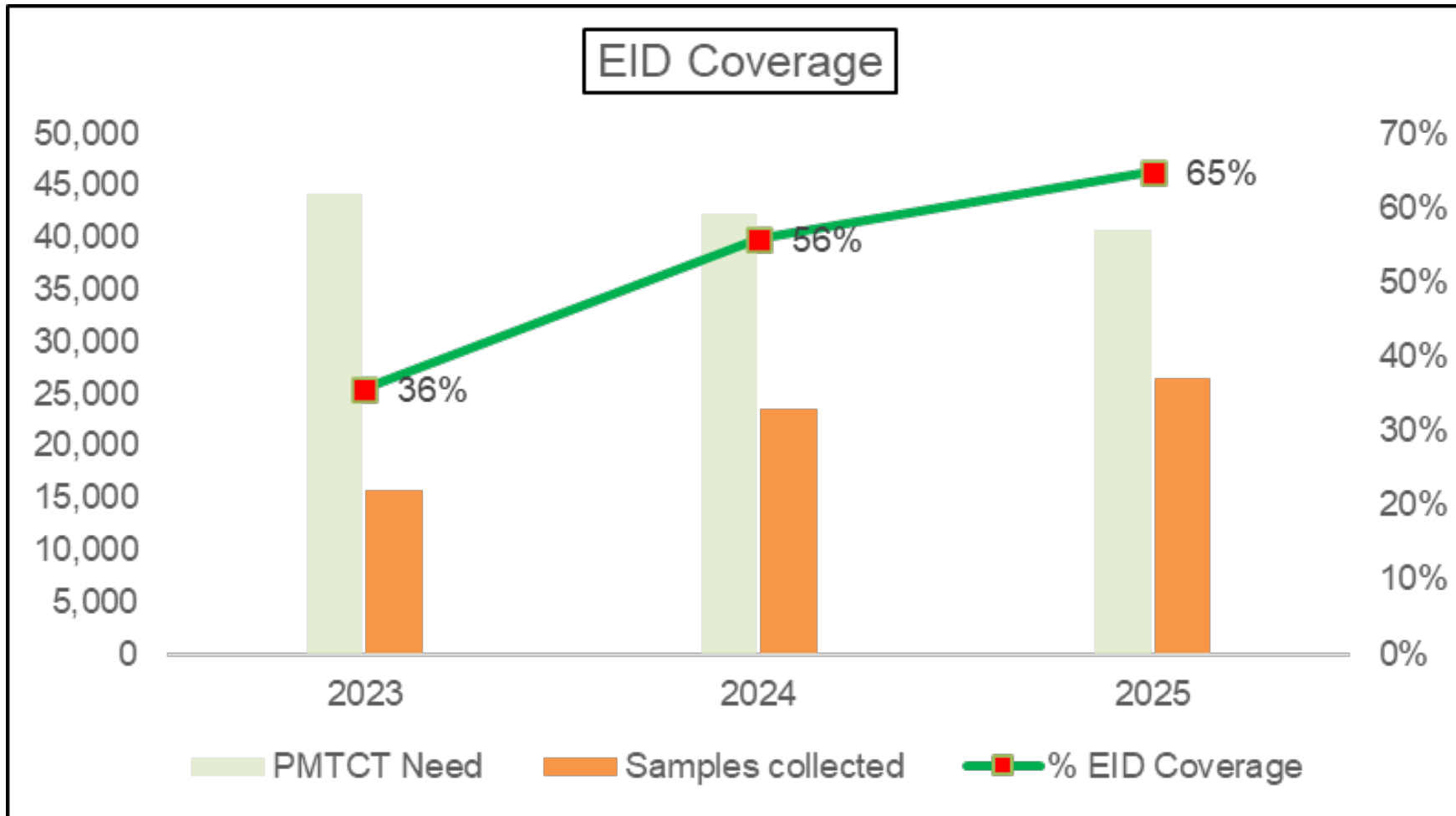
## Challenges

- Missed ANC attendance
- High patronage of non-conventional health centers, e.g., TBAs
- Irregular supply of testing commodities

## Corrective action taken

- Improvement in the community linkage models
- Strengthening of the referral system
- Strengthened supply chain and logistics systems

# Gap: Low EID Coverage < 2 months



## Causes

- Challenges in return for infant testing after delivery
- Limited EID service availability at PHC level
- Weak mother–infant pair tracking systems
- Delays in sample transport to labs

## Corrective actions taken

- Expanded POC sites
- Mapped and linked PHCs to POC sites
- Infant exposure screening at alternative entry points in 72 health care facilities (immunization, inpatient, outpatient, nutrition, TB and FP clinics)

# Perinatal Guidelines Updates and Priority Strategies to Strengthen VTP 2026

## Perinatal guidelines

- Review of infant prophylaxis to align with new WHO recommendations has not been done

## Priorities

- Strengthen seamless linkage and retention from ANC through delivery, postnatal care, breastfeeding, and infant follow-up
- Advanced tracking systems for Mother-Infant Pair
- Ensure HIV-exposed infants receive prophylaxis, timely diagnosis, and follow-up treatment where required
- Strengthen community support system to improve uptake and reduce stigma and discrimination
- Routine training and mentorship of healthcare workers to deliver high-quality PMTCT services

## Support needed from HIVE and Global Stakeholders

- Expansion of the NASCP WhatsApp Bot
- Expansion of POC sites for EID and VL testing for positive PW

# Thank You!

