



SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS MONITORING TOOL

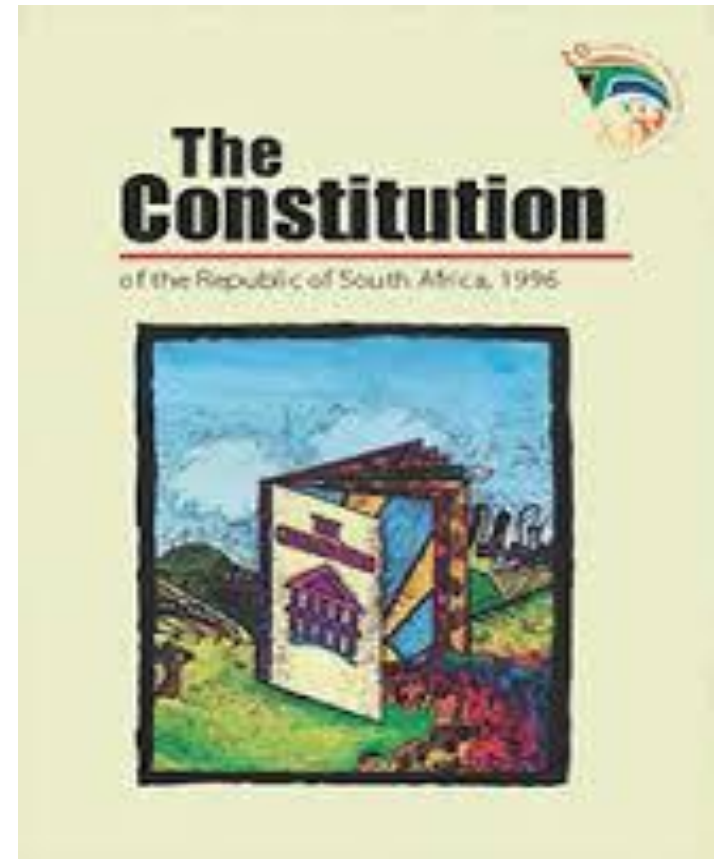
Human Rights Budget Analysis

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Constitution of South Africa Sections 26(2) and 27(2)

The state must take **reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources**, to achieve the **progressive realisation** of socio-economic rights.



METHODOLOGY

- Monitor the progressive realisation of constitutionally enshrined socio-economic rights in South Africa.
- Analysing international treaties of which South Africa is a signatory, relevant national policy and legislation to ascertain whether there are any gaps.
- Budget allocation and expenditure trends.
- The enjoyment of SERs on the ground, through the use of carefully selected statistical indicators.

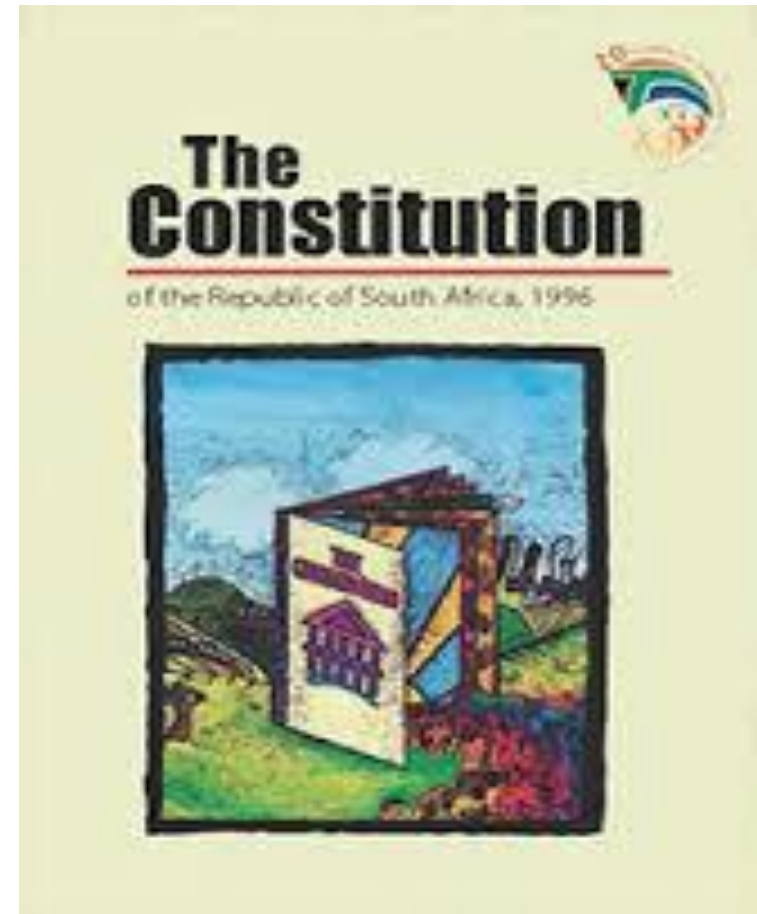
WHY IS THIS WORK IMPORTANT

- ✓ Rights remain on paper unless people are aware of them and able to demand and monitor their implementation
- ✓ Civil society has limited tools to monitor the realisation of rights, especially the use of state resources and the impact of govt. policies and programmes
- ✓ Easier to track violations than weaknesses in realising rights

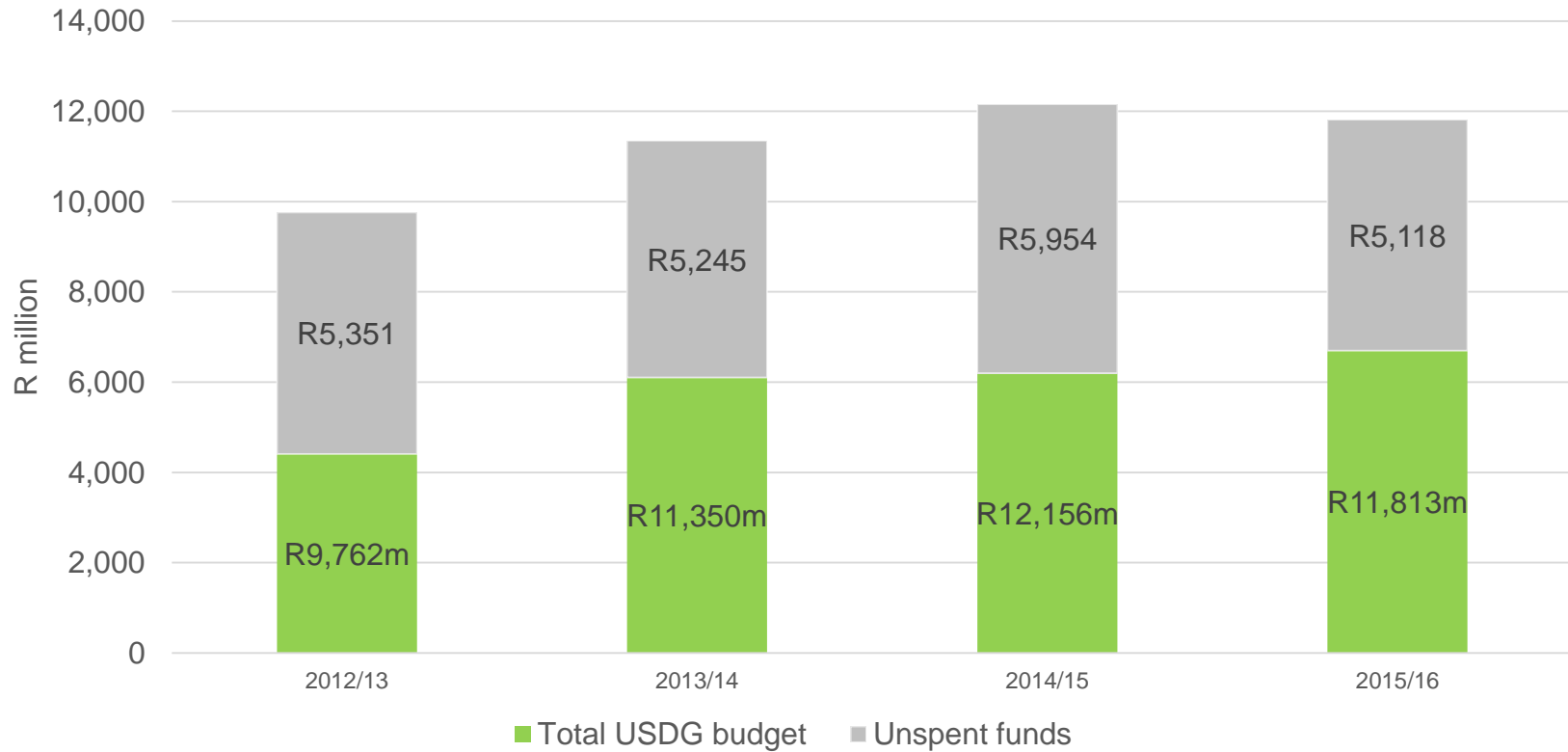
BUDGET ANALYSIS

- SA faces high levels of poverty, inequality and unemployment
 - Over half of people in SA live in poverty while 1 in 3 people were unemployed in 2017
- Access to socio-economic rights mitigate against the impact of these factors, including current economic challenges
- So, budget allocations towards the provision of services must have a human rights lens and be pro-poor
- BUT 2018 budget worrying
 - Proposed increase of VAT and fuel levy (revenue raising mechanisms)
 - Decrease in social spending (conditional grants)
 - What are the implications?

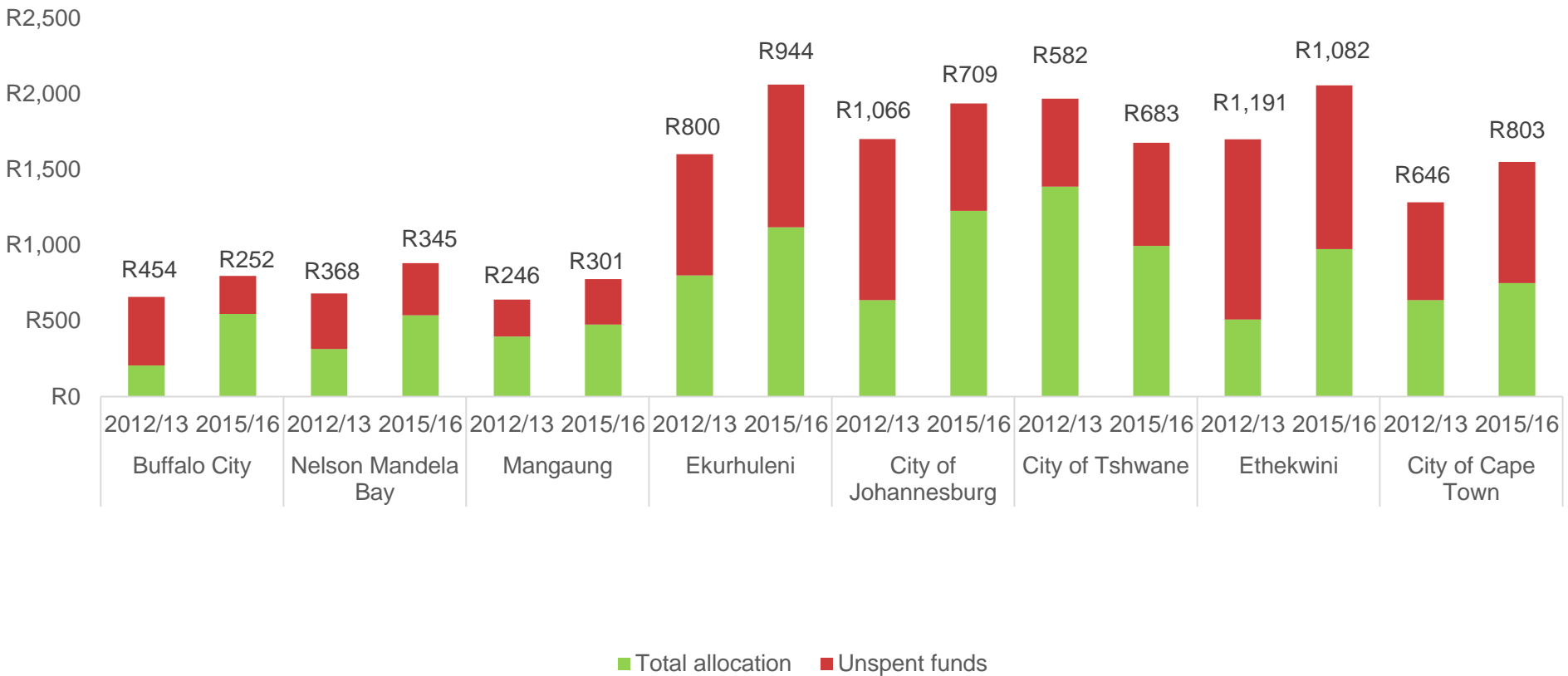
WHAT DOES BUDGET ANALYSIS LOOK LIKE?



Total USDG Allocations & expenditure



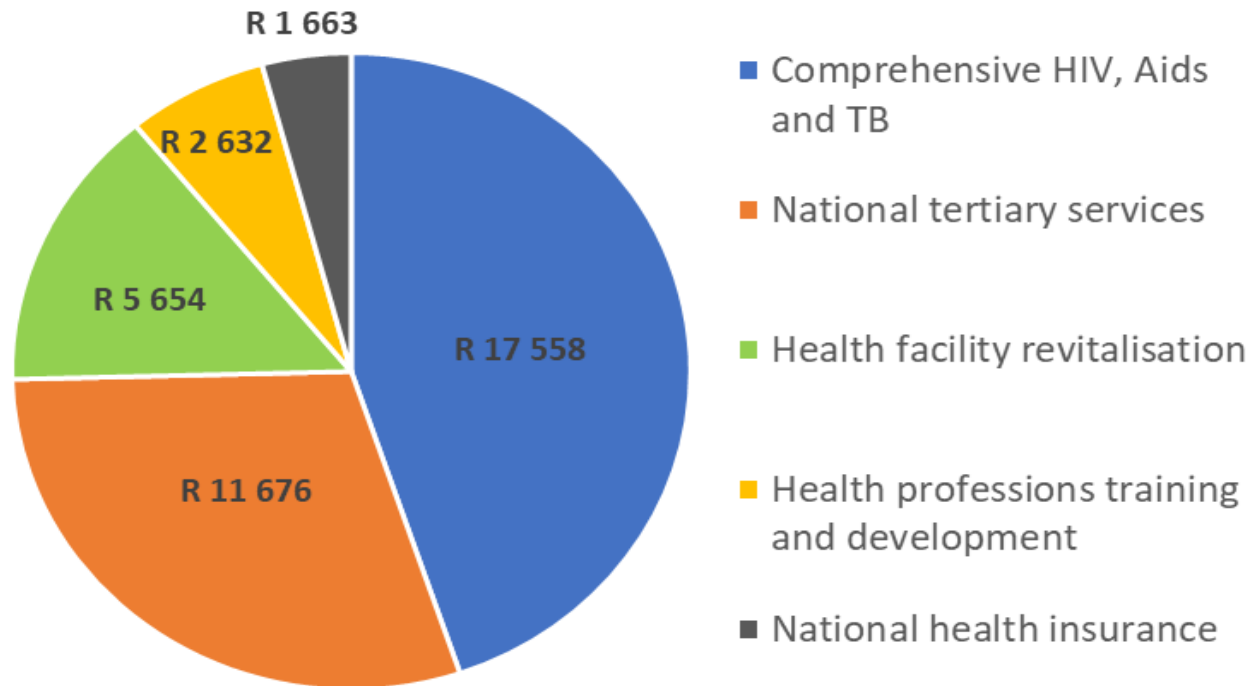
USDG by metro



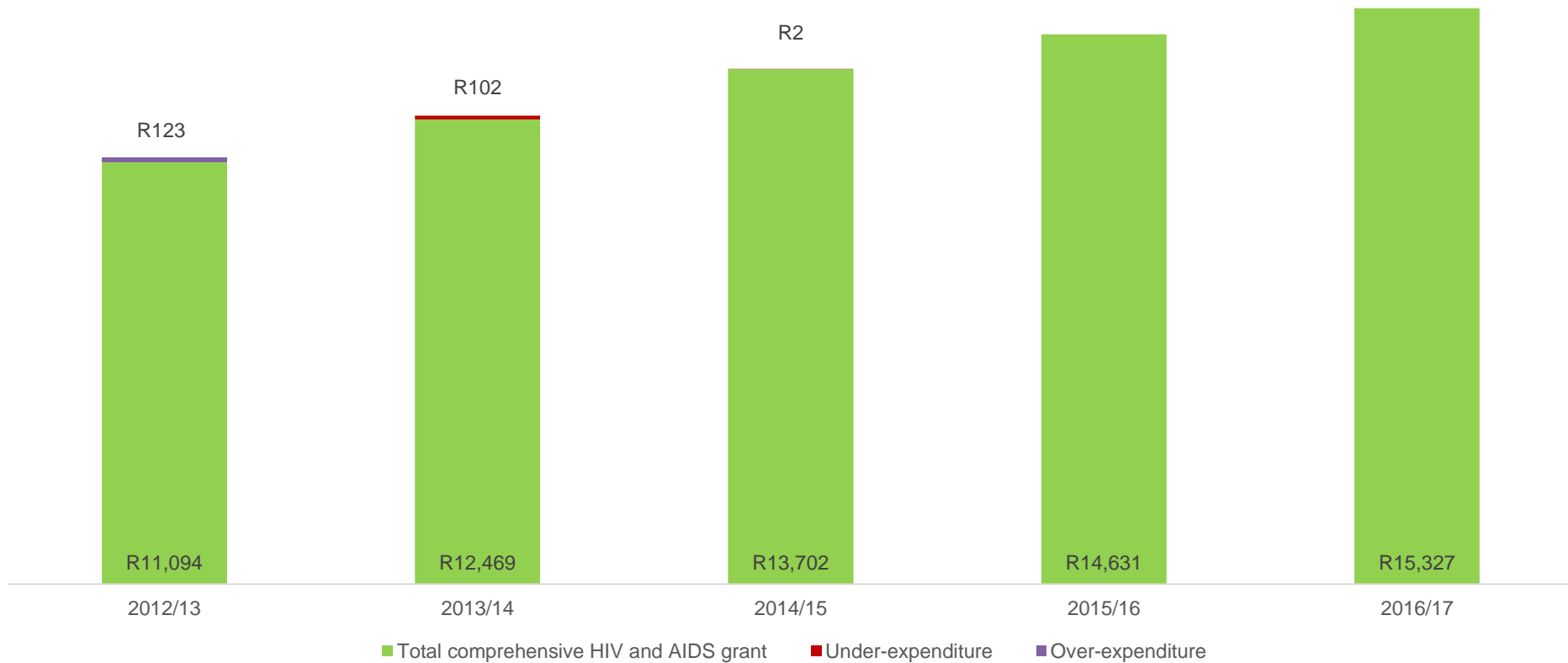
Upgrading, affordable housing and accreditation

	2014/2015 actual delivery	2015/2016 planned target	2015/2016 actual delivery	Target achieved / not achieved
<u>INDICATOR 3:</u> Number of households upgraded in well-located informal settlements with access to secure tenure and basic services	74 017	150 000	52 349	NOT ACHIEVED
<u>INDICATOR 4:</u> Number of affordable social and rental accommodation units provided	11 407	14 400	12 097	NOT ACHIEVED
<u>INDICATOR 5:</u> Number of municipalities assessed for accreditation	0	6	0	NOT ACHIEVED

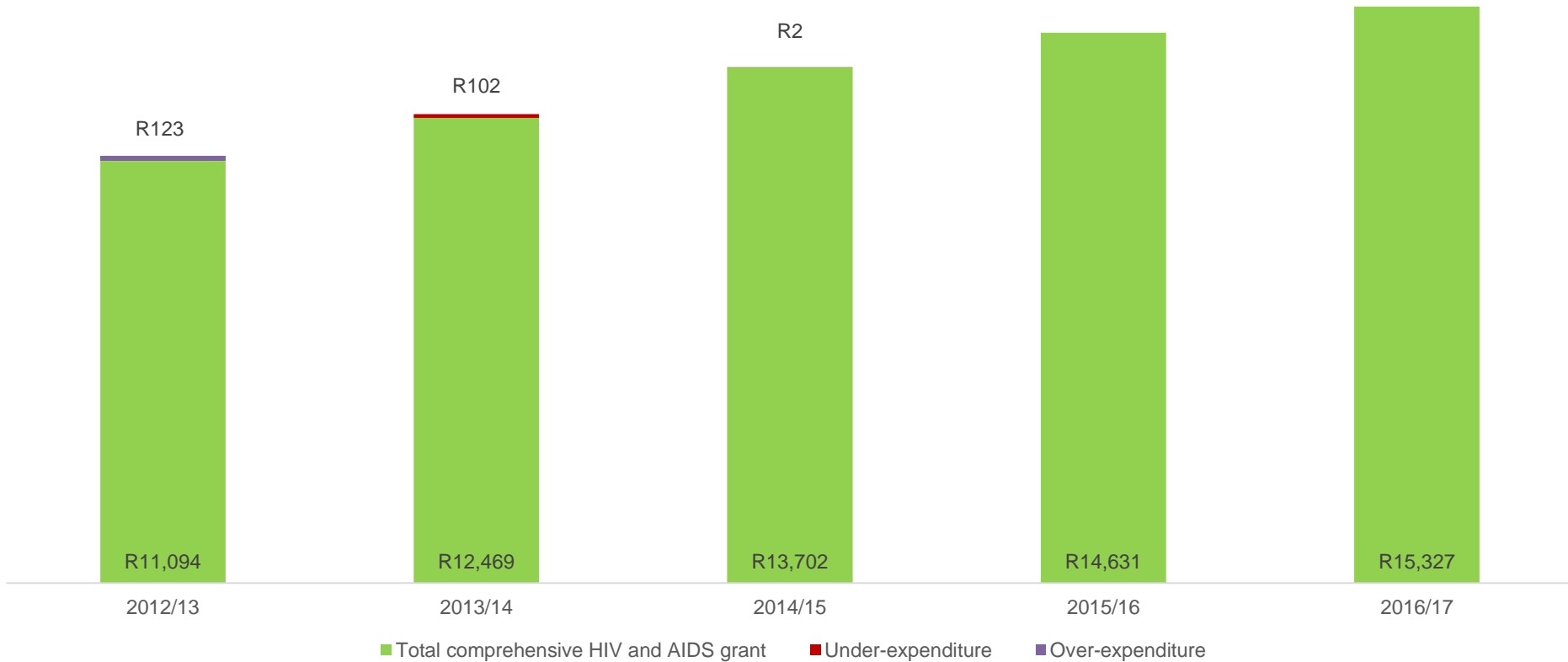
Govt spending on HIV, AIDS & TB (SHARE of TOTAL Health Budget)



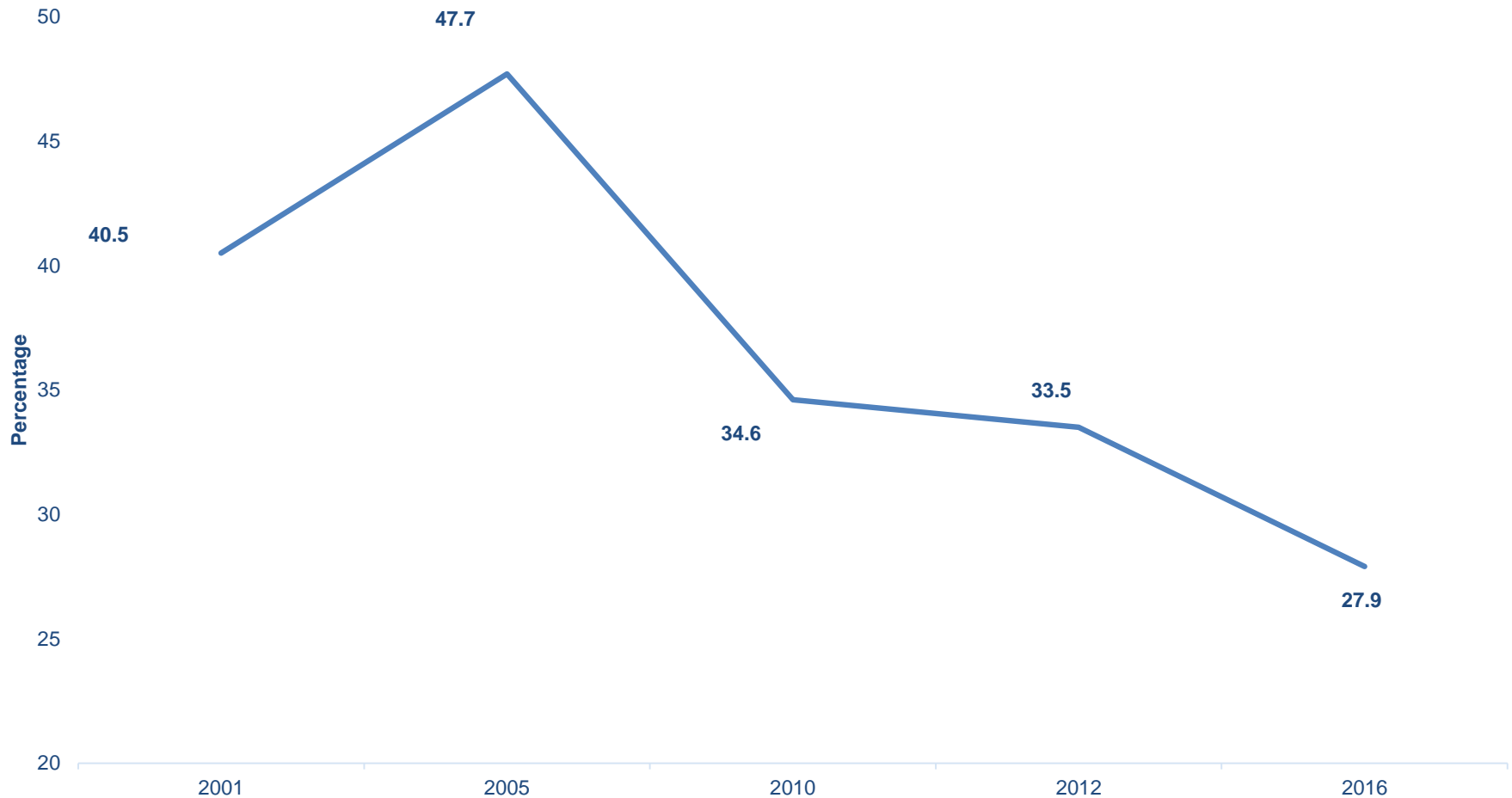
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Percentage of deaths due to AIDS



Citizen engagement in Budget processes

- *Active citizenship* is important, including involvement in government processes
- Submissions to Parliament (Appropriations and finance committees)
- Strengthened by mobilisation
- Vulekamali (Imali Yethu + National Treasury)



Thank you

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