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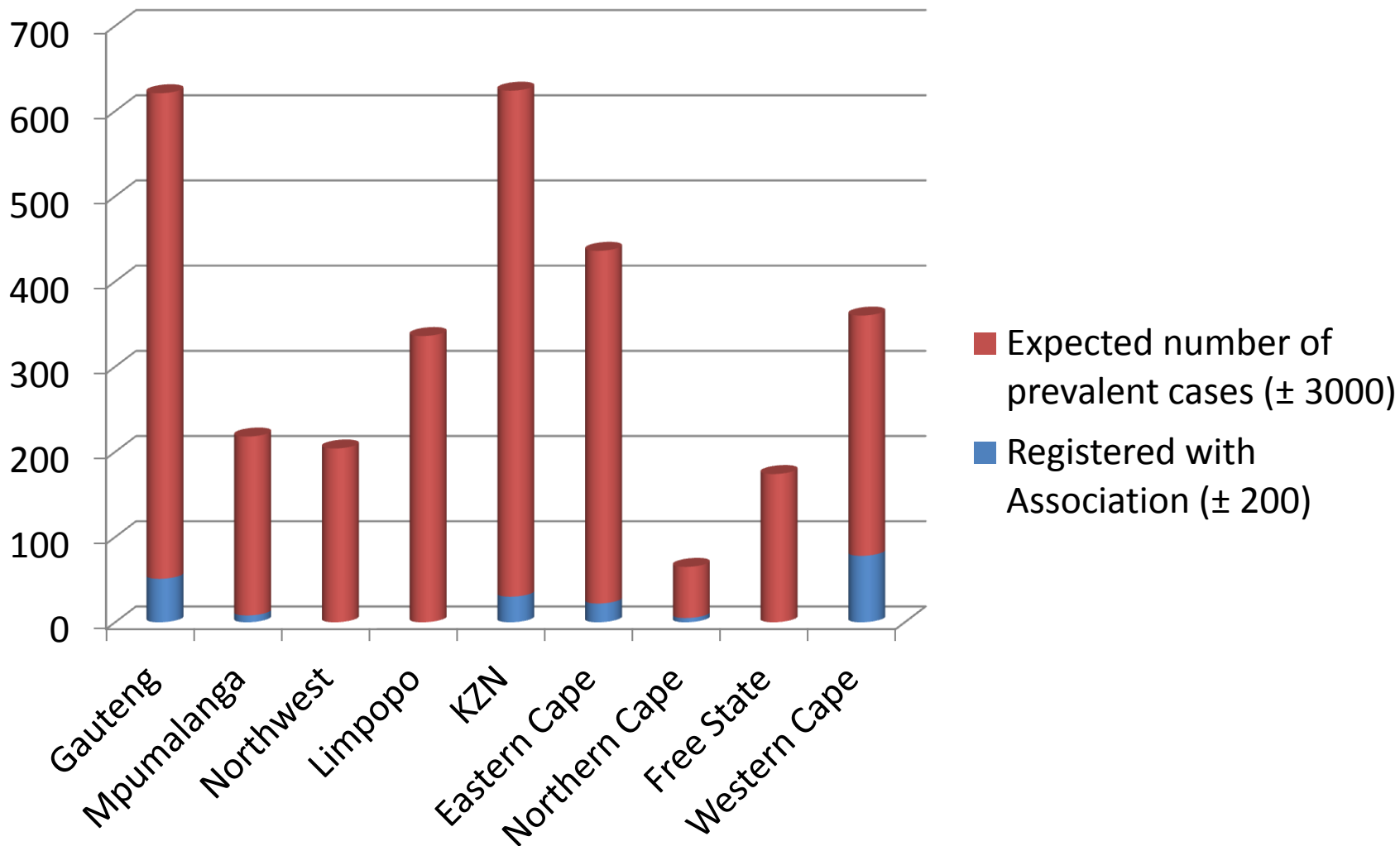
MND / ALS Association of SA

- Founded 1990 – 21st birthday 2011
- Functions:
 - Information provision
 - Home care
 - Equipment
 - Psychological support
 - Support group meetings
 - Referral for medical services (e.g. PEG insertion)
 - Assistance with terminal care

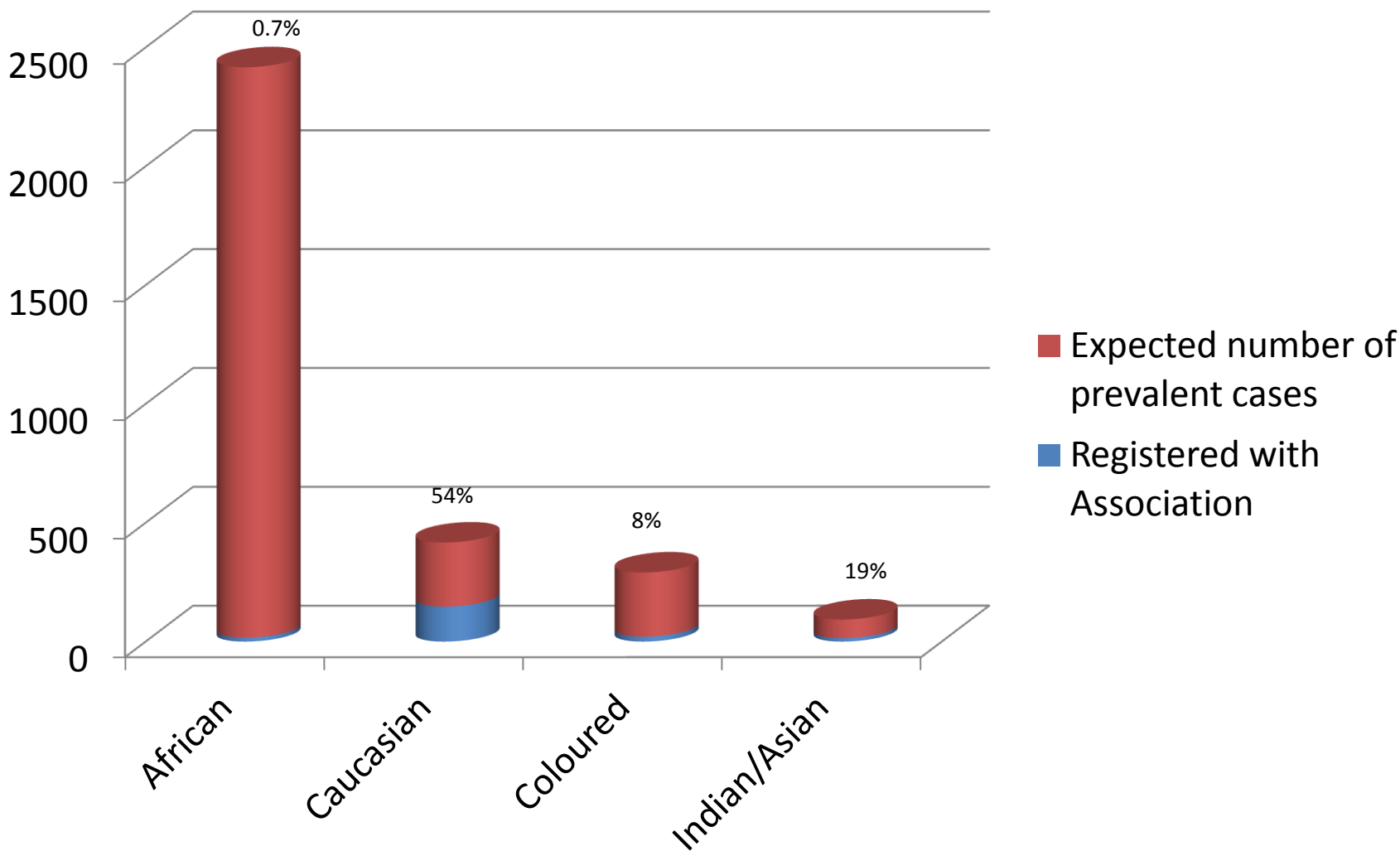


- Surface area: 1,221,037 sq km
- Population: 50 mil

Membership



Membership according to population group



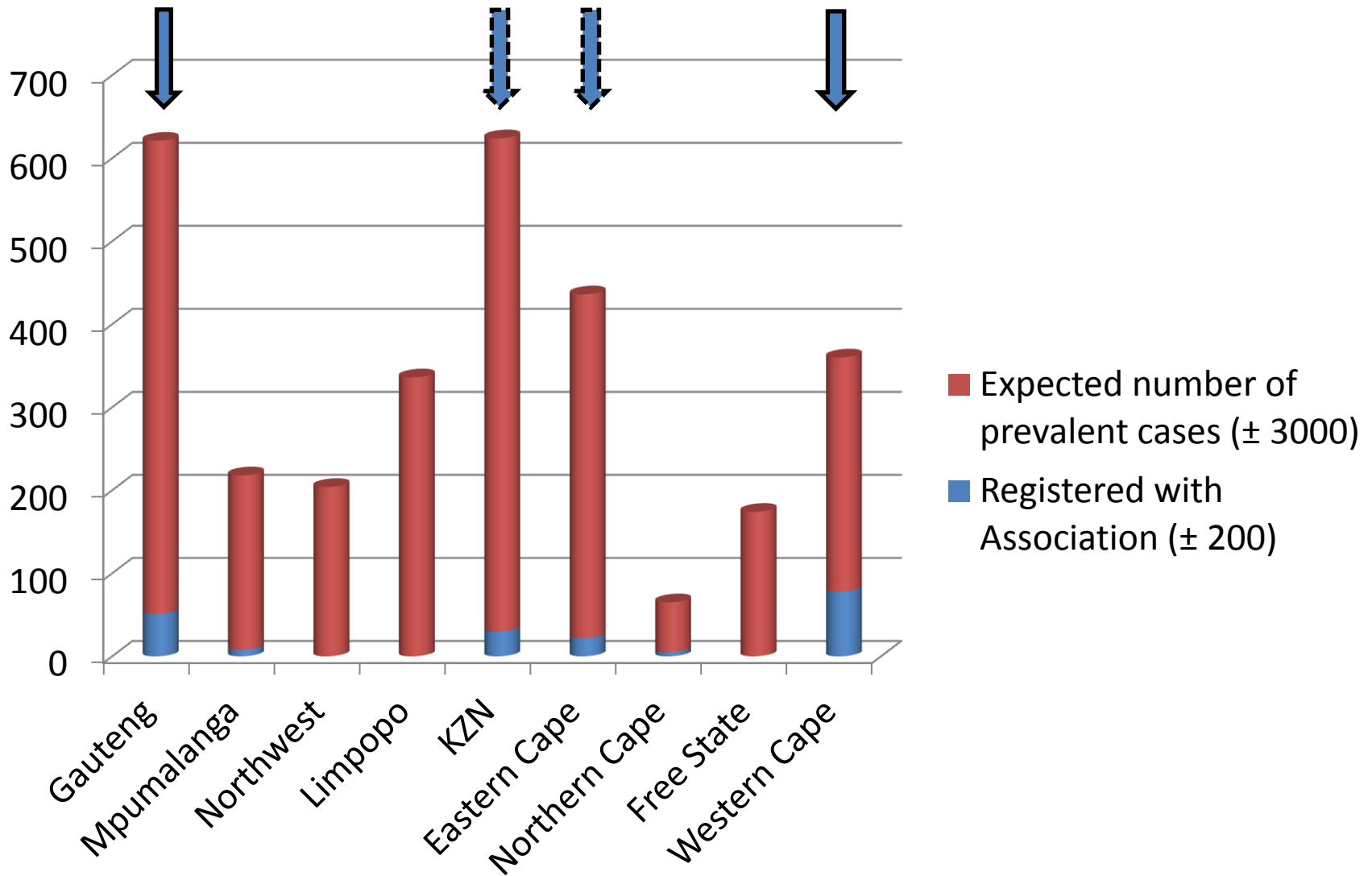
Reasons?

- Poor referral of patients?
- Actual prevalence of ALS in SA?
 - ALS probably less prevalent in ethnic populations (Cronin, Neurology, 2007)
 - Difficult to investigate:
 - Fragmented health care system

Challenges

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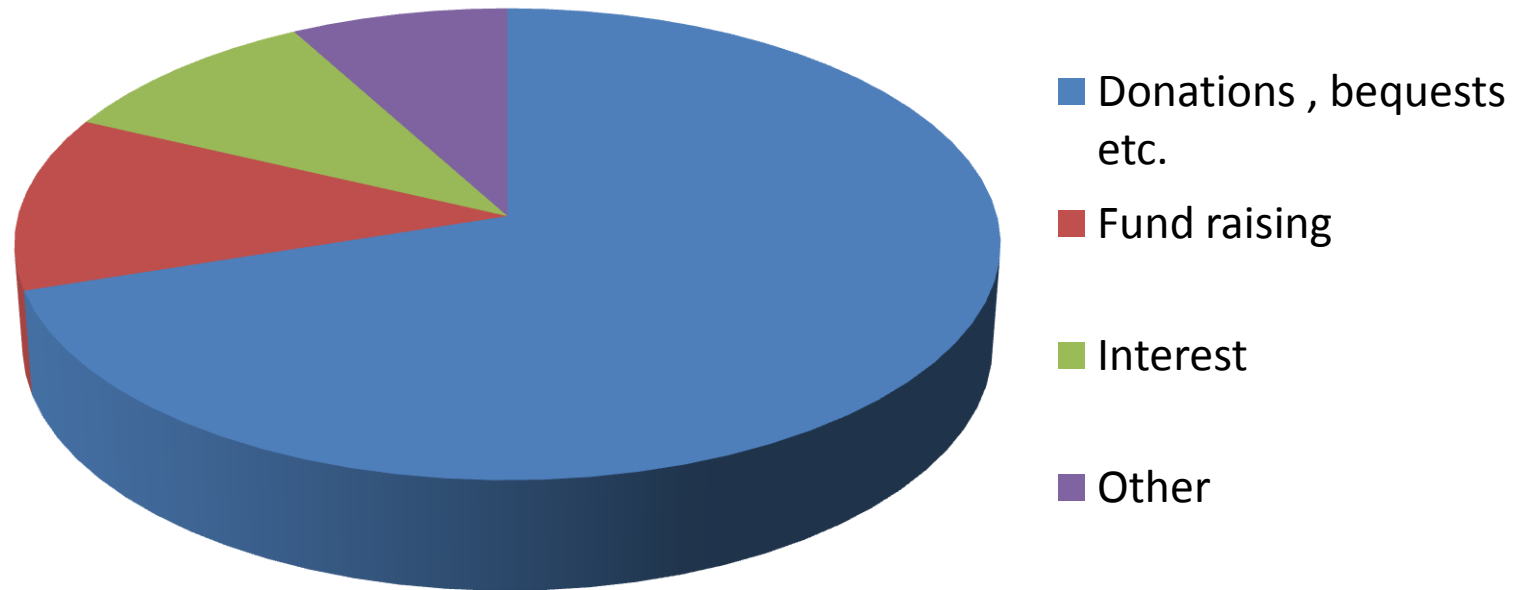
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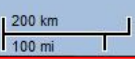
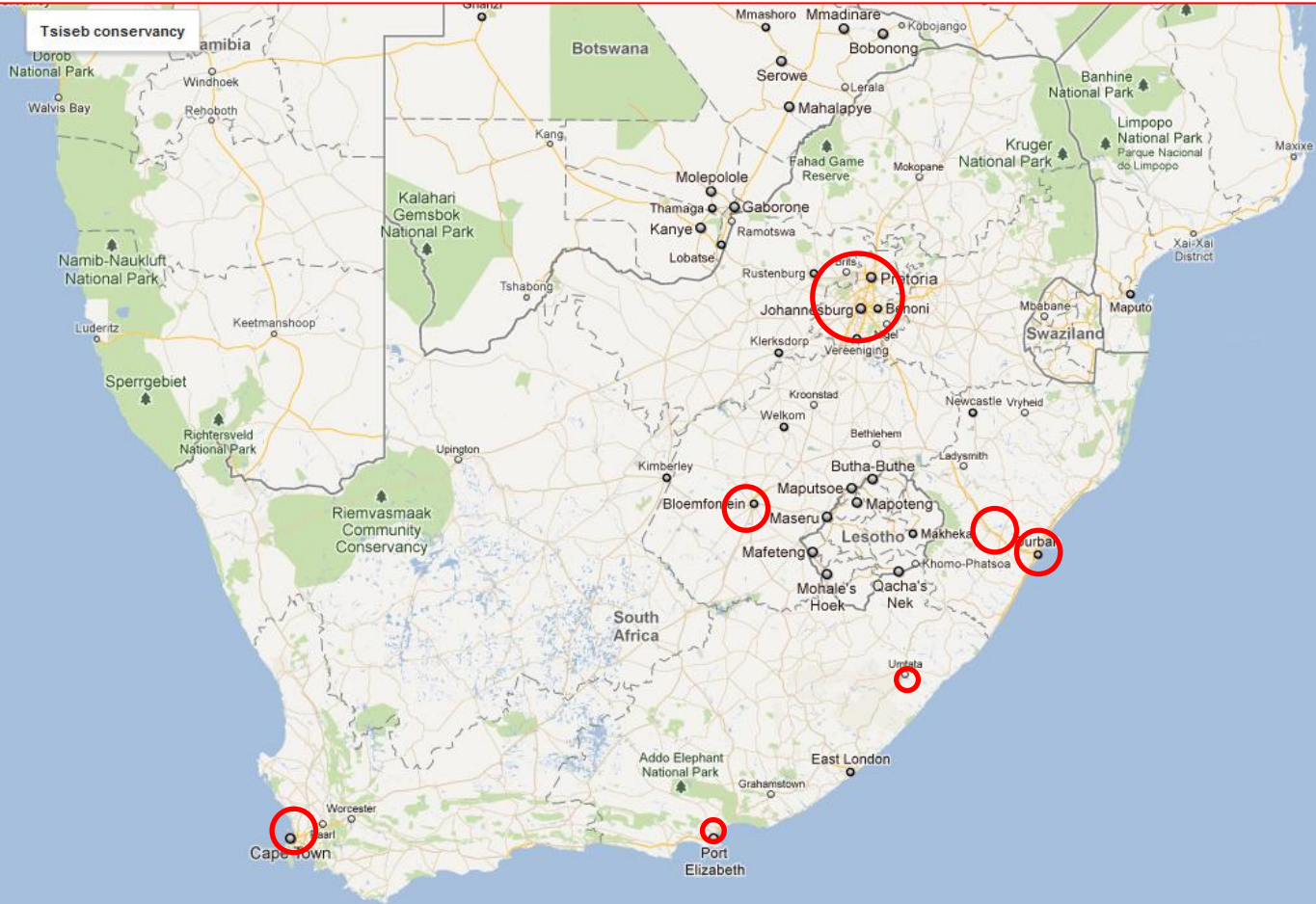
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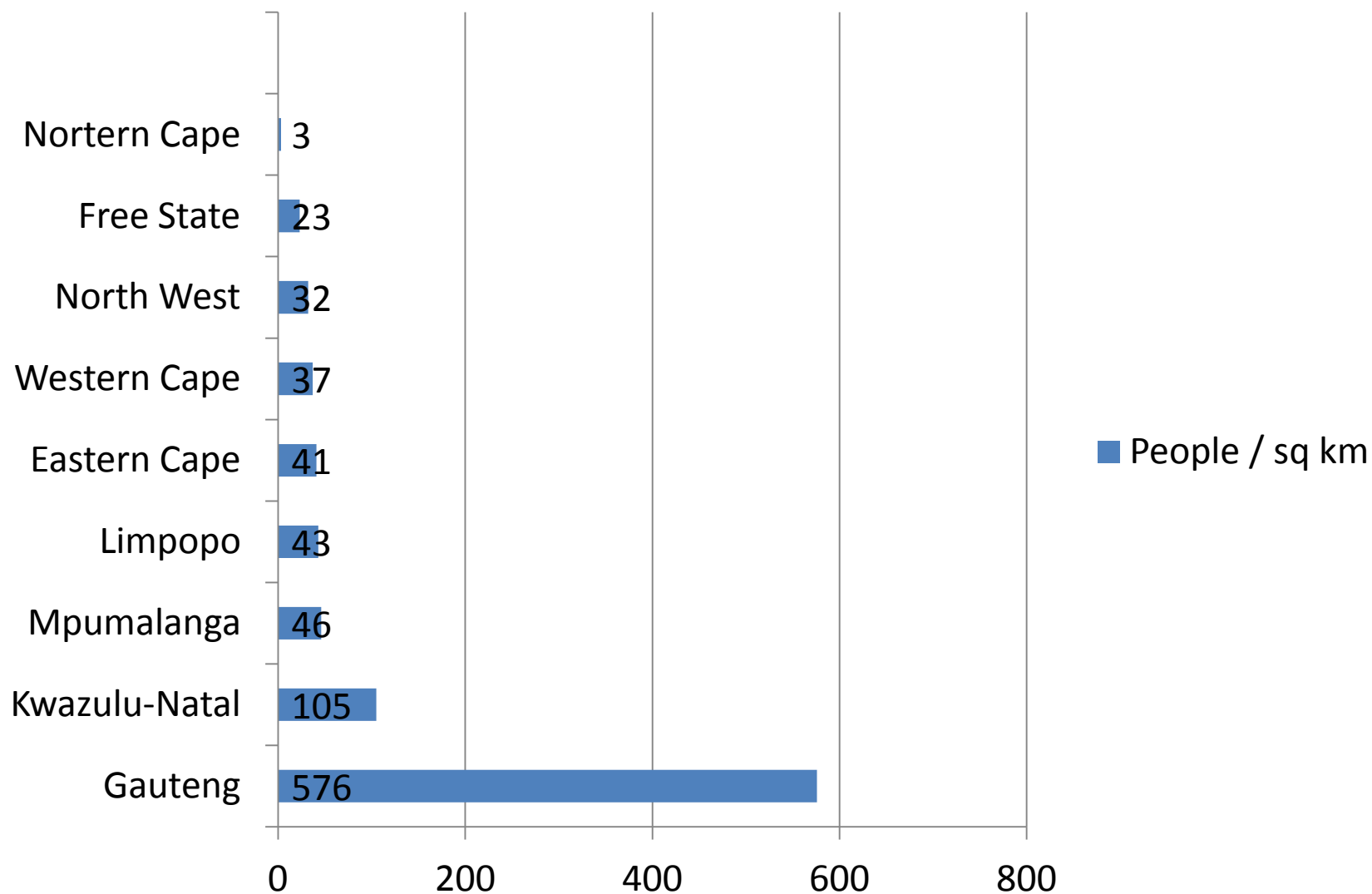
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- Access to patients
 - Rural populations

Population density



Solutions

- Recruitment of consultants?
- Fundraising?
- Raising awareness?

Mission statement

- To provide the best possible support for people living with Motor Neurone Disease, their families and carers, via a support service of both physical assistance and psychological counselling.
- To loan patients the equipment required.
- To publish a quarterly newsletter for patients, family members, doctors, hospices, therapists and donors.