

A group of children and adults are gathered around a table for a birthday celebration. In the center, a young boy holds a blue balloon. To his left, another child holds an orange balloon. In the foreground, a girl in a blue hoodie looks towards the camera. Several large bottles of Coca-Cola are on the table. A birthday cake with white frosting and purple decorations is visible at the bottom. The background is decorated with purple balloons and a 'BIRTHDAY' banner. A collage of photos is on the wall.

Children's home

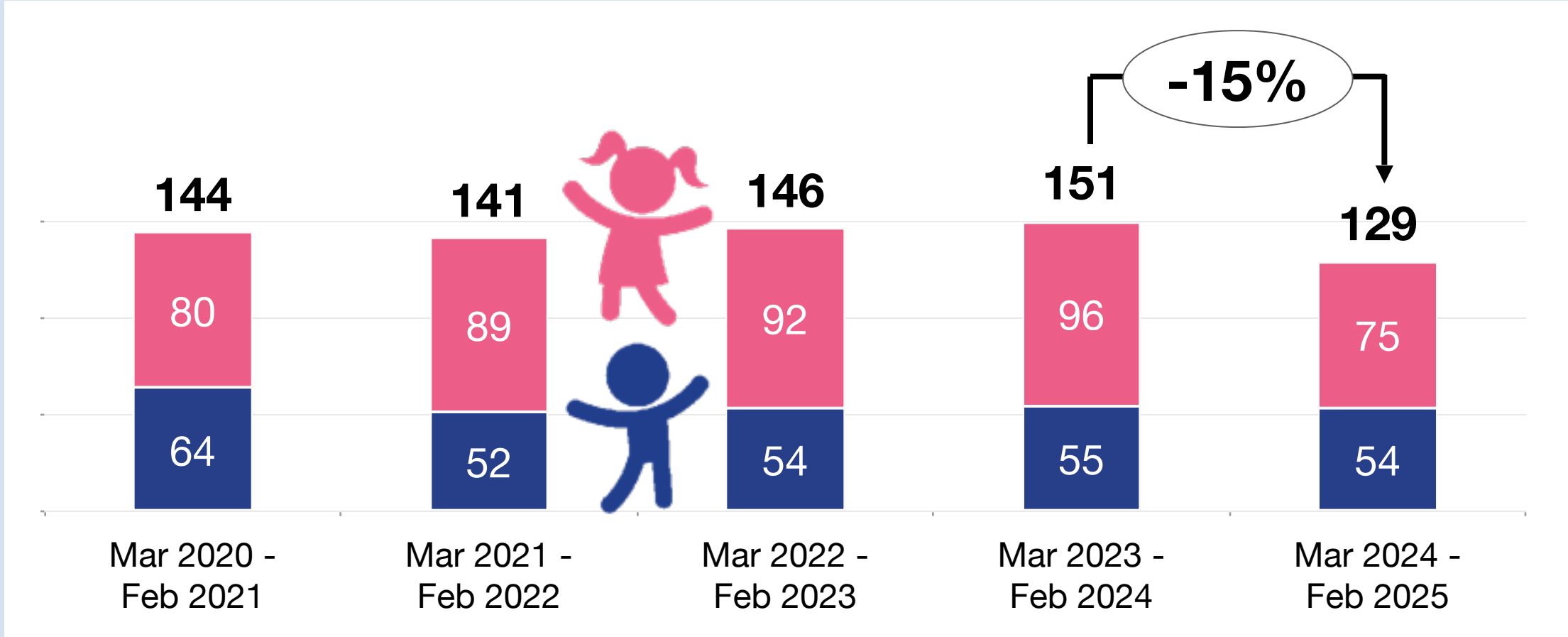
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Number of children reduced

Significantly less girls in Children's home

The Department of Social Development is attempting to place more children in foster care and fewer in children's homes.



27 leavers

(-16%, 32 in 2023)



Unlike in previous years, no children could be placed with families. The courts now ensure that children are not placed with relatives, as it has been found that relatives take in children for financial reasons but then do not treat them well. The departures are children who have completed school.

0 in foster care (26 in 2023)

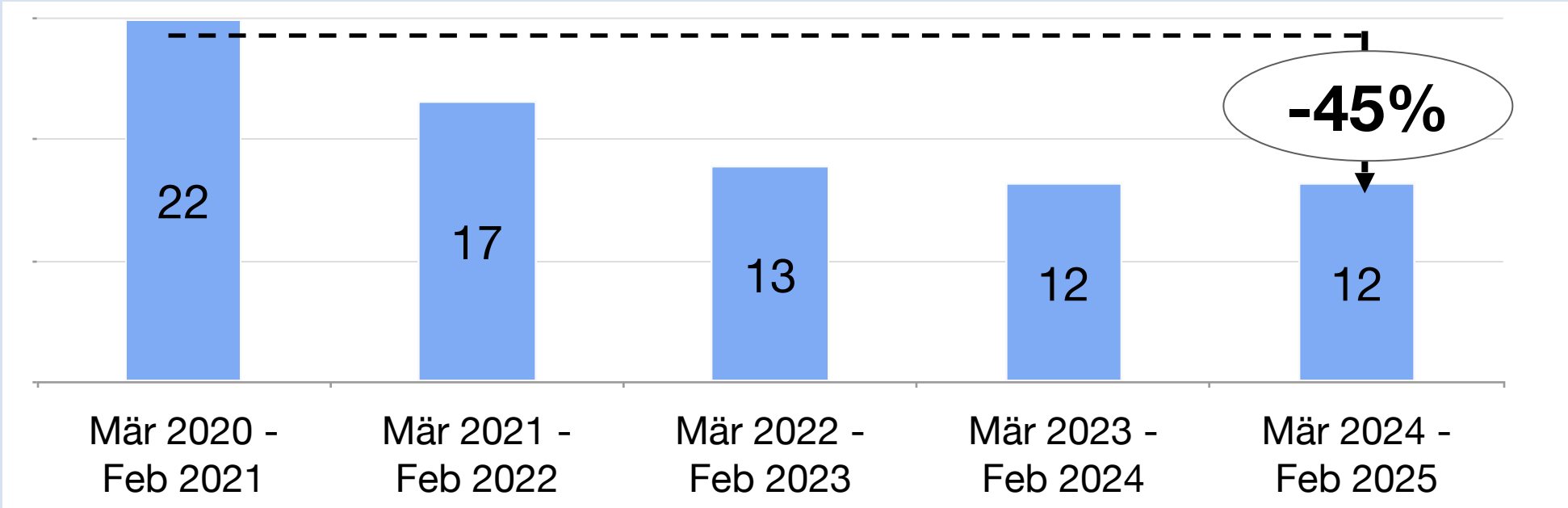
Number of orphans again decreases after small increase in 2023.

18 orphans

(-36%, 28 in 2023)



Number of children in therapy decreases second year in a row (-15%, from 46 to 39 children), especially due to less children in **psycho therapy** (from 15 to 8).



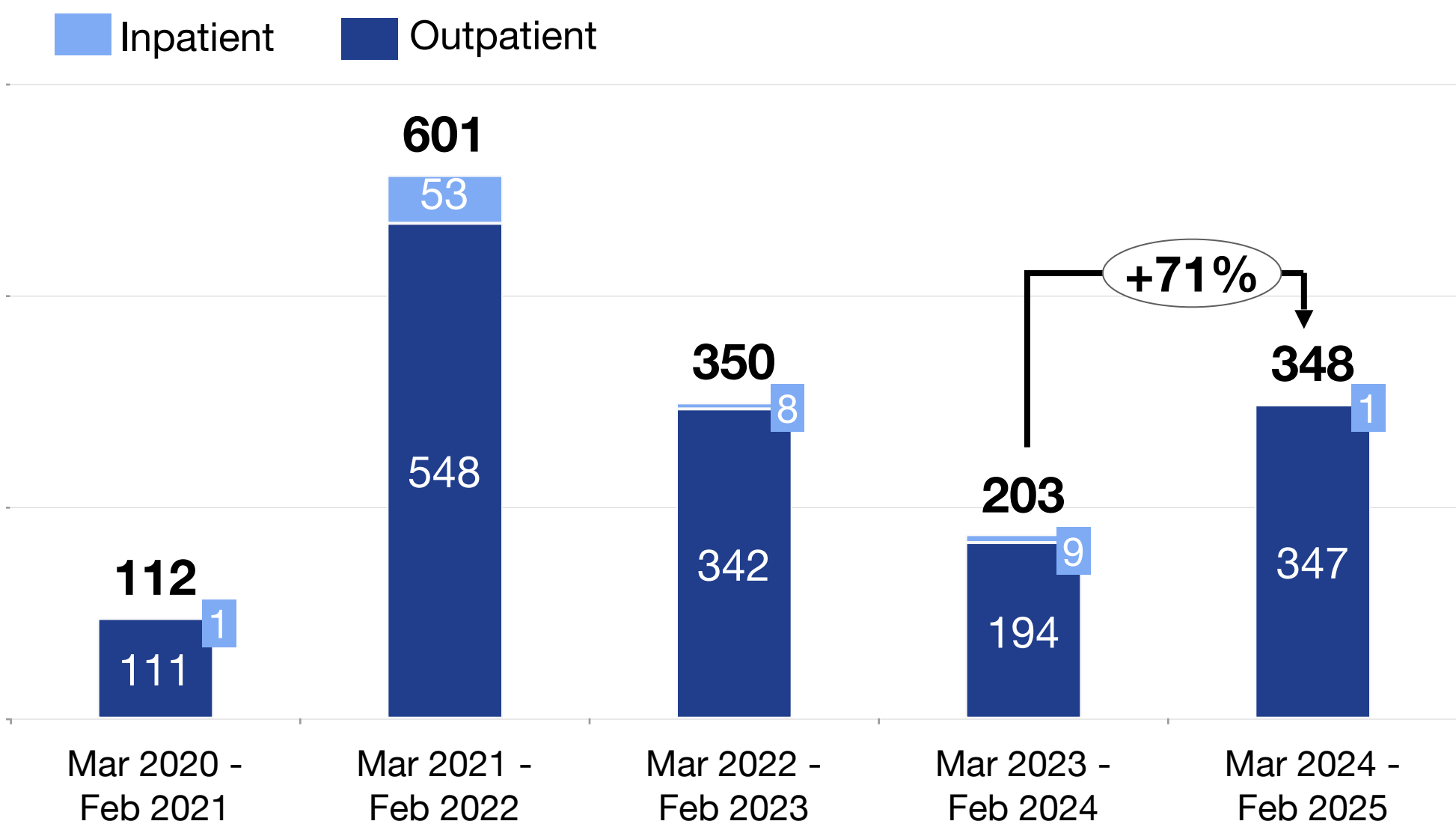
Number of **HIV positive** children stabilises.



Three new employees strengten existing team

Team grows from 35 to **38 employees**
(3 new employees: childcare worker, social worker, maintenance manager. Rest of the team very stable)

Number of treatments in the sick bay is rising again after declining for two years in a row. Reason was an influenza outbreak in 2024.



Once again, many awards

- 6 awards in sport
- 8 academic achievements
- 1 child elected as spokes person



Additional income from fundraising events, renting out the bus and Pool Radmission fees.
Siyabonga's share of financial support drops to 21% (35% in 2023).



Impressions

