

IMMEDIATE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE NO 3	PROGRESS ON OUTCOMES
<p>Provide integrated, accessible and appropriate community based services to older persons and those with similar needs in the Nelson Mandela Metro</p>	<p>3 Service Centres registered 359 paid-up members. A greater number of older persons make use of the services at the centres but do not complete the application form or pay the membership fee that would allow them to be registered as members. ABCA does however keep record of their use of the services. Total attendance recorded was 40 073. These centres provided educational, recreational, sport, spiritual, arts, crafts and health programmes</p>
	<p>55 ABCA members took part in Pretty Things for Little Things inter-generational competition</p>
	<p>The 3 Centres operating in different communities, provided 37 988 meals to members. 18 506 of these meals to older persons with just a social pension as income. 41 831 meals were prepared in the two ABCA kitchens including volunteer/staff meals. The meal provision is 14% higher than the previous year.</p>
	<p>The Home Help Service was provided to 89 persons. The 3 domestic staff provided 2 505 two hour-sessions. The Home Help Supervisor conducted 2 872 visits to these clients. This service provides support to residents who would otherwise need to be moved to frail care. This is particularly meaningful for couples as home help can assure that they stay together</p>
	<p>Only 9% of service centre members are economic</p>
	<p>53% of service centre members are over the age of 70, 26% over 80 and 3% over 90 years of age. This is indicative of the success of the service. Keeping older persons in the community and out of old age homes.</p>
	<p>The satellite SASSA pension office at Cuylerholme Rooms provided the community with a safe and accessible venue to apply for and query social grants. The office was supported and assisted by residents on a voluntary basis. As a result of this office ABCA is considered an expert on applications for social grants and fields daily calls of enquiry in this regard.</p>
	<p>A Home Care facility subsidised as a Priority Programme by the Department of Social Development was available at the ABCA housing facilities throughout the year, including public holidays. At Buffelsfontein Village between 8am and 4pm and at Cuylerhome Rooms it was also available after hours. A total of 18 persons benefitted long term from this service with many others assisted on a once-off basis. It was not extended to the broader community as funding did not even cover the services at the residential facility. ABCA's priority was to assist those within the ABCA facilities.</p>
	<p>39 persons were introduced to the Private Home Care service. 40 Carers received employment from these contacts while 219 remain on the waiting list for employment</p>
	<p>Residents were encouraged to participate in and educated on the Golden Games</p>
	<p>The auxiliary worker provided supportive services on a regular basis to 183 persons. Last year's figure was 134 so there has been a lot of growth in the service.</p>
	<p>Investigated, kept and freely distributed a database of frail care facilities. Referred new facilities to Department of Social Development for investigation</p>
	<p>Training on the Older Persons Act with specific reference to Elder Abuse and Rights of Older Persons were undertaken with : Busy Hands (22 members) Silver Stars & Sameach 32 members, 34 home carers working in Gqebera, residents and members.</p>

	About 500 elderly attended World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Langa, Uitenhage through the efforts of the Honour the Aged Committee of which and ABCA social worker is the secretary
	Awareness of Elder Abuse pamphlets and posters were distributed to older persons, NPO's and other stakeholders. A display was held at the Fairview Race Course settlement

CONSTRAINTS:

- The format of funding home based care as part of a service centre programme is very restrictive and does not adequately cover costs to extend the service to the broader community where travel and time constraints become a factor.
- Sub-economic elderly and some families cannot afford home care and home help since it is not subsidized or insufficiently subsidized. This is an essential service that assists older persons to remain in the community despite increasing frailty
- Excessive hikes in transport costs, higher wages and a limited transport system and lack of manpower affected service delivery.
- There is a shortage of volunteers, especially if no stipends are available to cover transport costs.

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	Up to R950 Code A	R951 – R1 900 Code B	R1 901-R2 850 Code C	R2 850 and up Code D
Membership of Service centre for a year	R 24.00	R 30.00	R 36.00	R 48.00
Midday meal – member of service centre	R 5.20	R 8.40	R 9.40	R 11.00
Midday meal – per month for Cuylerholme Rooms resident	R 125 – R 15 = R 110.00	R 200.00	R 225.00	R 250.00
Home Help – per 2 hour session	R 18.45	R 21.45	R 22.75	R 24.50
Buffelsfontein Village- bed-sitter 20m ² all-inclusive rent	R 260.00	R 315.00	R 375.00	R 430.00
Buffelsfontein Village – bed-sitter 25m ² all-inclusive rent	R 325.00	R 390.00	R 470.00	R 540.00
Buffelsfontein Village – 1 bed cottage 40m ² all-inclusive rent	R 580.00	R 660.00	R 800.00	R 910.00
Cuylerholme Rooms – basic rent on serviced room	R 750 – R 290 = R 460.00	R 750 – R 220 = R 530.00	R 750 – R 140 = R 610.00	R750

- **Buffelsfontein Village rentals were effective from 1 April 2008**
- **Cuylerholme Rooms rentals were effective from 1 June 2008**
- **Home Help fees were effective from 1 July 2008**
- **Meals prices were effective from 1 June 2008**

These are all VAT inclusive fees of which 14% (or 60% of 14%) must be paid over to SARS.