

Our performance against our goals

At the beginning of 2013, we sat down together to agree our Strategic Plan for the next 4 years (until the end of 2017). We'd like to share with you how we did against what we said we would do.

To partner, empower and support local organisations to expand on their current service offering so that individuals living with learning disability and mental illness are provided for.

Fulfilled. Climb Any Mountain has partnered with the Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society and Durban and Coastal Mental Health to provide a baseline assessment of services as well as training for staff to deliver person-centred services. We continue to support both organisations to fulfil on their roadmaps to embed person-centred practice within their organisations.

To create sustainable local public sector funding for the provision of services in South Africa so that those in greatest need can also have access to the services available.

Partially fulfilled. Through the Special Needs Housing Committee, Climb Any Mountain represented the requirements of people with learning disability and mental illness in South Africa and influenced the housing specification put forward to the Department of Human Settlements. This housing specification was accepted and means that instead of more institutions being built or funded, halfway houses or community based housing will be built. Funding is now being made available at a provincial level, although the new policy is not yet formally ratified. We continue to work on this.

Taking best practice from the partnership model we have developed, we will establish long term partnerships with 4 additional local service providers in South Africa by 2017.

Partially fulfilled. We have an established partnership with 2 Mental Health Societies and a partnership with the South African Federation for Mental Health. We will be working in future through the SA Fed to empower and enable constituent Mental Health Societies and have plans in place to work next with the 4 Gauteng Mental Health Societies.

Current housing provision in South Africa is largely based in hospital environments and large care homes. Our objective is to fund and build smaller housing units that foster a home environment and greater independence so that by the end of 2014 eighteen people will be living in supported housing. By the end of 2017, our plans are for at least 100 people to be benefitting from the supported housing provision available through projects created with our partners in South Africa.

Not yet fulfilled. Supported housing, especially community based housing is still an objective we are committed to. We did not manage to secure the capital funds required to build the planned Transitional Living Centre and in 2015 made a conscious choice to focus our energy on transforming service delivery and practice. We are now confident that we have staff equipped to effectively deliver person centred practice and in our new strategic plan we have a revised goal to commence the set-up of supported housing.

To create an alternative and sustainable source of Earned Income, independent of Donor Funding, that is aligned with our Vision, Mission and Values.

Not yet fulfilled. Although we have a source of income generated by our eBay for Charity online shop, we have some further work to do to expand this income; and also to look for other opportunities aligned with our Vision, Mission and Values.