

Geoff Abbott:

I have over 30 years' active involvement in health care infrastructure related research, development and implementation projects primarily in the public sector in South and Southern Africa. More recently my focus has moved more strongly to the optimisation of strategic infrastructure and service planning, to the interface between people, place, healthcare needs and service response with particular reference to community level services. The use of large national datasets and GIS is key to service optimisation, analysis and visualisation for decision makers. Areas of work have included



- a) implementation interfacing for spatial modelling of demand and resource needs for COPC in South Africa for University of Pretoria Department of Family Medicine,
- b) the development of planning and design guidelines for all types of Healthcare Facilities in South Africa,
- c) design and project management for the Global Fund project for new facilities for drug resistant TB services in South Africa,
- d) immovable asset management for public sector assets,
- e) the national Clinic Building and Upgrading Programme, and
- f) the National Health Facilities Audit in South Africa.

Throughout my career I have been actively involved in local and international organisations promoting healthcare infrastructure planning, design and collaboration as well as in capacity development initiatives.