

## Recent publications

### Briefs

*Transparency in Local Finances in Tanzania, 2003-2009*

*Poverty Among the Elderly and Children in Mainland Tanzania*

### Special Papers

*Tracer Study on two Repoa Training Courses:*

*Budget Analysis and Public Expenditure Tracking System*

*Social Protection of the Elderly in Tanzania: Current Status and Future Possibilities*

### Research Reports

*Widowhood and Vulnerability to HIV and AIDS*

*Related Shocks: Exploring Resilience Avenues*

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Workshop



*Hon PM, Mizengo Pinda officiating the event*

This year REPOA celebrated its 16th Annual Research Workshop (ARW) on March 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, at White Sands Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

The theme was Productivity, Employment and Socio-economic Security.

The Honorable Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mizengo Kayanza Peter Pinda was the guest of honor at the event.

In his Opening address, the PM applauded REPOA for the work done in the 16 years since its inception and the use of its research products in policy

discussion, policymaking, improving and guiding resources for poverty reduction, producing reports on poverty and development such as the Poverty and Human Development Report, and in its role in furthering the nation's development and poverty alleviation initiatives as a whole.

He emphasized the importance of productivity, employment and socioeconomic security in reducing poverty and raising incomes of the majority of Tanzania's population, and challenged REPOA and similar research institutions to address the following: the reasons behind why poverty levels for individual citizens are not noticeably reducing despite a growing economy; how to increase entrepreneurship in agriculture, pastoralism, fishing, construction and other industries; and to prioritise research on specific problems within the agriculture, fishing, pastoralism and mining sectors. Among other guests who attended the workshop was the Ambassador for Netherlands H.E. Dr. Ad Koekkoek. In his Statement, Dr. Ad Koekkoek Participants of the 16th ARW had the opportunity to hear several speeches including; Opening Remarks by REPOA'S Chair of the Board, Professor Esther Mwaikambo, Speech by REPOA's Executive, Professor Samuel Wangwe.

Two Keynote addresses were given. The first by Prof. John Page, a Senior Fellow in the Global Economy and Development Program at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. He is also affiliated with the International Growth Centre, Oxford and an advisor to the African Development Bank. The second Keynote address was given by Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development in the United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). The workshop continued with presentations given predominantly by recipients of REPOA research grants. These researchers were given feedback on their projects by participants and by formal technical review teams. REPOA's Annual Research Workshop plays an important role in the capacity building of these researchers.

## Changes to the Grants Application Process

As a result of a review conducted last year, slight changes have been made to the application process. In the past, REPOA accepted concept notes for research grants throughout the year. From May 2011, the grants department will only be accepting concept notes submitted in response to a Special Call for Proposal, which will be advertised in local newspapers, through the e-brief and on REPOA's website.