

### 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*

## Outcome Mapping and Progress Markers for 2010-2014 Strategic Plan

This year, REPOA has been re-assessing its way of conducting business in response to recommendations made by various studies and reviews as well as the Board of Directors.

REPOA Management has been developing a monitoring and evaluation framework which will focus more on outcome and results as opposed to the previous which focused on outputs and activities.

While the previous framework provides an opportunity for ensuring efficient utilisation of resources; the new one will focus on long term sustainable benefits for stakeholders.

REPOA is in the process of developing progress markers that will be used in devising strategies for achieving the intended outcomes and form the basis for outcome monitoring and evaluation.

Progress markers will reflect movements toward outcomes which may not be realized immediately and form the basis for designing strategies for moving in the direction of achieving the envisaged outcomes.

The progress markers framework will be the basis for orientation of the strategic plan interventions towards achieving the overall goal of the plan and how these interventions will be monitored, the kind of reviews that will be undertaken over the period, type of evidence based evaluation studies that will be undertaken to show that the interventions have either lead or are leading to achievement of the intended outcome and finally how indicators and progress markers of the various interventions will be reported.

So far REPOA has developed progress markers for stakeholder outcomes and will continue with the development of progress markers for the other outcomes. Progress markers have been developed for the media, NGOs, private sector, universities, local government authorities and central government.

### 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.