

# RESEARCH ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION



## PROFILE

Research on Poverty Alleviation, REPOA, is an independent, non-profit making organisation concerned with poverty and related policy issues in Tanzania. It undertakes and facilitates research, conducts training and disseminates information.

A Tanzanian non-governmental organisation (NGO), it was established in 1994 and began to operate in 1995.

It is our conviction that research provides the means for the acquisition of knowledge and information that are necessary for improving the quality of welfare of Tanzanian society. The long-term vision of the programme is to create, enhance and maintain local research capacity in the area of poverty in Tanzania.

**REPOA has the overall objective of deepening understanding of the causes, extent, nature, and rate of change and means of combating poverty in Tanzania.** Our specific objectives are:

- To build and strengthen local capacity and competence to undertake rigorous independent research on poverty issues;
- To build an effective and autonomous poverty research network with local to global connections;
- To deepen the understanding of poverty issues among grassroots organisations, local researchers, research bodies, policy and decision makers;
- To contribute to the development of policies aimed at combating poverty, both locally and globally; and
- To disseminate research output and forge linkages between poverty research and interested parties, including decision-makers in government, NGOs, grassroots organisations, business, academic and donor organisations.

## Research Agenda

REPOA's research agenda is concerned with poverty and its alleviation. The current core research themes are:

- Implications of public policies on poverty alleviation;
- Linkage between poverty and the environment;
- Role of technology in poverty alleviation;
- Gender and poverty alleviation; and
- Social cultural determinants of poverty.

REPOA uses three systems for providing research grants:

**Open Competitive System OCS**, also known as Window I

Independent researchers submit proposals for research to REPOA and request funding from REPOA to implement the research.

**Structured Research Programme SRP**, also known as Window II

REPOA, sometimes in partnership with local or international institutions, develops research proposals and implements them.

**CSO Action Research Programme**, also known as Window III

Grassroots organisations submit research proposals on identified themes to REPOA and request funding from REPOA to implement the research.

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## Networking Activities

REPOA has local and international connections to the government of Tanzania, civil society organisations (CSOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), faith based organisations (FBOs), academia, the business sector and the donor community.

Our networking activities include: collaborative research projects, publishing material, and hosting training seminars, workshops and forums.

## Structure

The organisational and administrative structure of REPOA is:

The **Annual General Meeting** consists of ordinary members (voting), associate/honorary members (non-voting), members of the Board of Directors and the Technical Advisory Committee (voting and non-voting). The members are associated with the government of Tanzania, the private sector, civil society organisations, research bodies and donor communities. The responsibilities of the AGM are contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The **Board of Directors** consists of 12 members from the government, the NGO sector, the private sector and the academic and research community. The Board provides overall policy guidance to the programme and supervises its implementation.

The **Technical Advisory Committee** consists of nine members, selected from leading policy makers and researchers. The committee is responsible for providing technical advice to the Board and the Secretariat on matters of research and training.

The **Secretariat** is responsible for coordination and administration. The secretariat provides logistical support to researchers and disseminates information to users of the research results.

## REPOA's Library

Our library is specialised, focussing on poverty and related issues. It is open to everyone. Library hours: 10.00 – 13.00 and 14.00 – 17.00, Tuesday to Friday.

## REPOA's Publications

For a listing of REPOA's publications please refer to our website or contact REPOA.

If you would like to be placed on our mailing list to receive our newsletter, project briefs, notices of forthcoming events, etc, please contact REPOA.

## REPOA's Conference Facilities

REPOA has conference facilities available for hire. Please contact REPOA for further information.

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