

### 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*

## REPOA has a new Executive Director



Executive Director,  
Prof. Samuel Wangwe

Effective January of this year, Prof. Samuel Wangwe was appointed as REPOA's new Executive Director by the Board of Directors.

Prof Wangwe took over this position from Prof. Joseph Semboja who was appointed by the president of Tanzania Hon. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete as the Executive Director of the newly established Government body, The African Leadership Institute for Sustainable Development. In a statement announcing Prof. Wangwe's appointment, the Chair of REPOA's Board of Directors, Prof. Esther Mwaikambo said that Prof. Samuel Wangwe was educated at the Universities of Dar es Salaam, London School of Economics and Oxford.

The new Executive Director has some 35 years of research experience at the University of Dar es Salaam where he was professor of economics before taking up policy research and advisory positions in various institutions. He was also a Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations University-Institute for New Technologies in Maastricht.

Prof Wangwe also held the positions of Executive Director at the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), a policy think tank in Tanzania; policy advisor on coordination of reforms in the President's Office Public Service Management in Tanzania; and Chairman of the Independent Monitoring Group (on aid relations between the Government of Tanzania and Development Partners in Tanzania). Prof. Mwaikambo added that Prof. Wangwe has research and consulting experience through which he has published 13 books and more than 70 articles in various areas of development economics with particular emphasis on development policy. He has been involved in major policy initiatives in Tanzania and in the East Africa region such as preparation of Tanzania's Vision 2025, Tanzania Assistance Strategy and JAST, Tanzania's Poverty Reduction Strategy and MKUKUTA I and II and East African Community Development Strategy. He has made contributions in policy reforms, private sector development, technology and innovation policy, ICT and economic transformation, employment, regional economic cooperation, foreign aid and partnerships in development and political economy of policy making in Tanzania

### 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.