

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 Training

From January to June REPOA conducted two training sessions for researchers including Training Workshops on Exploratory Data Analysis: Using STATA and Research report Writing Skills.

Training Workshops on Exploratory Data Analysis: Using STATA

The objective is to provide practical guidance to beginning researchers on how to use data analysis as a tool for discovery, i.e. getting ideas from the data (hypotheses seeking). The focus of the training, therefore, is on exploration, not inference. i.e. getting ideas from the data (hypothesis searching). The training was attended by 14 participants (6 men and 8 women) from Universities.

Research Report Writing Skills

The objective of this course is to provide practical guidance to beginning and intermediate researchers on how to write good quality research reports with potential for publication.

Topics covered include:

- Why writing is not about "getting it right the first time"
- How to structure reports and articles more effectively
- How introductions can be structured to call attention to the problem being addressed in the research
- How to focus a text so that readers will understand the message
- Using sources: What works and what doesn't

Prof. Marc Wuyts from the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, Linda McPhee, and Prof. Chandan Mukherjee from the National Institute of Public Finance & Policy, India facilitated the training.

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.