

## POLICY RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT

### 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*

### Resource Center

REPOA's library is a crucial social infrastructure for socio-economic research and access to information and knowledge based on empirical studies. It has been growing in terms of usage and an increase of information resources in various formats – digital, print, audio and visual ranging from books and research reports to journals. We stock information material about poverty and growth/ economics and development, social protection and vulnerability, agriculture and environment including climate change, governance and service provision, gender and technology.

From January this year we have improved our information services especially outreach and products in order to meet our users' needs and expectations successfully:

One, we have subscribed to Ebrary which is the database that allows remote access and use of full-text articles, e-books and other high-value documents from leading publishers. Its Academic Complete package is a growing e-book collection spanning all academic subject areas.

Two, we have also added the following journals on Athens for remote access: Climatic Change: an interdisciplinary, international journal devoted to the description, causes and implications of climatic change; and Enterprise Development and Microfinance.

Three, we are now improving our online catalogue search, especially with scholarly journal articles. It is well understood that peer reviewed journals have high quality information. With this search optimisation, a patron can search for journal articles including their summaries or abstracts.

REPOA's library is open from 1000 to 1300; 1400 to 1700, Tuesday to Friday. We are closed on Mondays, weekends, and public holidays. It is free and open to all members of the public.

For further information contact us on [library@repa.or.tz](mailto:library@repa.or.tz) or [repa@repa.or.tz](mailto:repa@repa.or.tz)

### 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.