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# TTI Workshop on Monitoring and evaluation **for Performance and Impact**





The workshop was organised and coordinated by REPOA, on behalf of East African grantees of the Think Tank Initiative (TTI), with technical support from TTI and financial support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). REPOA is one of the leading independent research institutions in Tanzania that creates and utilises knowledge to facilitate socio-economic development. It specialises in policy research on socio-economic and development issues: it undertakes and facilitates research, conducts and coordinates training, and promotes dialogue and development of policy for pro-poor growth and poverty reduction. REPOA's mandate is to build research capacity, to support the production of research, and to promote the use of research findings.

#### Training Objectives

This learning workshop aimed at helping participants make M&E central to their respective organisation's strategy and performance. It was also intended to help them address challenges as they developed an evaluative culture, and to enable them to choose and use the most appropriate methods and tools. Finally, but most importantly, the workshop aimed at helping staff of IIT-supported institutions to respond to the following basic questions about M&E:

Why monitor and evaluate our performance?

Why be strategic?

What does it all mean to be evaluative?

How can we measure our success and the impact of our work, and what evidence do we need to demonstrate this?

It intended to help think tanks to build on their existing strategy, and to plan and implement effective, thoughtful, and feasible M&E strategies This learning workshop targeted responsible staff for M&E within TTI-supported institutions in the East African Region countries, namely Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. There were a total of eleven (11) participants: two from Ethiopia; two from Kenya; one from Rwanda; two from Tanzania; and three from Uganda, representing 11 research-oriented institutions: ACODE; EDRI; EEA/EEPRI; EPRC; ESRF; IEA; IPAR; KIPPRA; MISR; REPOA; and STIPRO







