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\* *Affordability and Expenditure Patterns for Electricity and Kerosene in Urban Households in Tanzania*

## REPOA is now engaged in Social Media

The importance of social media has become increasingly significant in its ability to reach and engage with a vast number of people.

With that in mind, in October of 2011 REPOA began implementing a newly developed social media strategy to optimise our information dissemination.

It is our aim that exploring these new avenues to engage with our stakeholders will boost the utilization of knowledge and research findings that REPOA produces.

To start with REPOA can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Scribd. Here, updates on call for proposals, research reports, training, open seminars and workshops will be available, with full versions of new publications available on Scribd.

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## Launching AGRA's Policy Hub for Tanzania



On August 15th, 2011, the Tanzanian Policy Hub for Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) was launched at the Movenpick Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

REPOA was selected to host a Hub for the Policy initiative supported by AGRA. The hub initiative aims at strengthening policy research design and implementation and policy support systems to enhance productivity in agriculture and the entire agricultural product value chain for staple food crops in Tanzania. AGRA has similar initiatives in three other Sub-Saharan African countries; Ghana, Mali and Mozambique.

In 2010, AGRA prepared a Business Plan for a policy initiative in Tanzania to support the implementation of policy advocacy interventions. The plan was based on a comprehensive audit of national agricultural policy and advocacy institutions, assessments of institutional and human capacities, identification of policy advocacy points of entry and recognizing the need to build synergies with on-going national and regional policy efforts.

For REPOA, this programme is consistent with our research programme on growth and development for inclusive growth whereby agriculture and rural transformation is a large component. The program aims to help build capacities for evidence-based policy making and implementation in the areas of seed, soil health, markets, land and environment, and climate change. Five policy action nodes were created for each area.



As the Tanzanian Policy Hub, REPOA will be coordinating the activities of the policy action nodes. Each node is hosted at an existing policy institution with technical expertise in the respective area. The hub will also maintain a National Policy Advisory Committee (NPAC) composed of six members and chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives) for providing technical advice to the implementation of nodes' activities.

For more information on the Policy Hub, please [click here](#).

*The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) seeks to lift millions of Africans out of poverty and hunger by increasing productivity and profitability of smallholder farmers. In particular, AGRA provides support in the core programmatic areas of: seeds; soil health; and markets, helping to enhance the productivity of the entire agricultural product value chain for staple food crops.*