

## Recent Publications

### Research Report 11/2

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

## Ongoing Projects

### **The Growth-poverty Nexus: Towards a Structuralist Macroeconomic Perspective**

This study aims to address the concern over the missing link between economic growth and poverty reduction in Tanzania.

A paper on "Food inflation and the growth-poverty nexus in Tanzania: A structuralist perspective" was presented at the 2011 REPOA Annual Research Workshop. Subsequently, two papers were then developed from the original paper providing an in-depth assessment of the growth-poverty nexus from a structuralist perspective, and the impact of rising food prices on household welfare. Drafts of both papers were presented in REPOA seminars on the 13th and 14th September 2011 and the authors are continuing to work towards publication.

### **A Study on Science, Technology and Innovation for Poverty reduction in Tanzania: an Analysis of the Sectoral Systems of Innovation**

The objective of this project is to assess the performance of the three sectoral systems of innovation in the Tanzanian economy, namely agriculture, health and manufacturing. While part one of the project endeavored to map supply side factors, vis-à-vis policies and actors, this second part is devoted to complete the system picture by analyzing the impact of the identified supply side factors on the demand side, i.e. the innovators themselves in the three sectors. The study uses the conceptual framework on systems of innovation that highlights important elements in the smooth working of any innovation system.

### **Study on Ethics, Payments and Maternal Survival in Tanzania**

This is a two year research project funded by the Wellcome Trust and is being implemented by a team of researchers from REPOA, Open University of UK, NIMR and ESRF. The study aims to add to knowledge about the ethical content and implications of different types of payments for maternal care, and to generate policy-relevant evidence as to how health management can achieve more ethical and inclusive care through breaking interactive linkages between individual payments, abuse, exclusion, and collapse in staff morale.

### **Making land investment work for Tanzania**

REPOA and TNRF are preparing a study on the role of investment in land and natural resources for equitable solutions for local people, the environment and the wider economy. The objective of this initiative is to establish an effective process for interrogating and improving land and natural resource based investments in Tanzania on an ongoing basis.

### **Afrobarometer**

Michigan State University and Centre for Social Science Research of the University of Cape Town have been supporting Afro Barometer surveys in various African countries including Tanzania. Four rounds of surveys have conducted in 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2008; a draft questionnaire for the fifth round had been shared with implementing partners and the indigenization process of inclusion of locally based and relevant questions was initiated and concretized following a stakeholders' meeting on the 22nd September 2011. Field operations are scheduled to begin in January 2012.

## 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.

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