

## Recent Publications

### Research Report 11/2

\* *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.

To receive REPOA news and related information on these social networks, please click on the icons below:



## Training

### Training Workshop on The Role of Media in Influencing Policy Using Research Findings. (13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011)



The significance of the media in influencing policy cannot be overlooked. With that in mind, REPOA held a training session for various members of the media with the objectives of building their capacity in packaging research findings for specific audiences; making stories accessible and clear without compromising accuracy; undertaking the appropriate level of background research; appropriately linking research findings with current policy issues; and building effective relationships with research institutions. The training was beneficial to junior and senior journalists who report on political, governance, social and economic issues.

A total of 29 junior and senior journalists participated in the workshop. These journalists came from 17 media houses which included print, television and radio. The workshop was held in December 2011 in Bagamoyo and facilitated by Mr. Ayub Rioba.

### Seventh intake of the Post-graduate Diploma on Poverty Analysis

The Seventh intake of the Post-graduate Diploma Programme in Poverty Analysis started in August 2011 with a total of 27 (13 female and 14 male) participants from central government, local government, academia, research institutions, international institutions and NGOs.

The Post-graduate Diploma Programme in Poverty Analysis is a part-time, one-year programme of international standards with specific emphasis on imparting investigative skills and capabilities for Applied Policy Analysis. The programme is policy-oriented, skills-intensive and interdisciplinary in nature.

The Programme is jointly delivered and managed by three institutions: Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) and the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) based in the Hague, the Netherlands, whereas ISS is the postgraduate diploma awarding institution. The diploma has also been approved by the Higher Education Accreditation Council of Tanzania, and is currently being supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Joint Programme on Capacity Strengthening for Development Management (JP4).

The aim of the programme is to train policy analysts and researchers who are actively and locally (nationally or regionally) involved in research on poverty, vulnerability and socio-economic security & development and/or in the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes aimed at reducing poverty and universalising socio-economic security for the protection of the poor. It is designed to give concept and skill-based training at post-graduate level for those policy analysts and researchers who need to strengthen their skills and capabilities to be able to understand and draw upon the relevant literature, interpret and manipulate readily available data, make sense of research reports, and undertake their own (limited) investigative research.

The Seventh intake will continue until June 2012.

To keep informed on the Post-graduate diploma, please [register here](#).

### Research Methodology Training

This training, which was carried out in October 2011 at REPOA focused on the initial stages of research, i.e. the process of research design.

This one-week workshop was conceptually demanding to researchers and required them to tackle some difficult reading material, yet it was practical in nature inasmuch as it sought to address some key challenges that are commonly encountered in the initial phases of doing socio-economic research.

The workshop drew upon the experience gathered by Professor Marc Wuyts and Professor Bridget O'Laughlin from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) the Hague in the Netherlands through teaching PhD students at ISS during their first year of the study.

Participants who attended this workshop were from REPOA, The Leadership Forum, Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM).