



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

REPOA is an independent research institution which creates and utilizes knowledge to facilitate socio-economic transformation for inclusive development. REPOA produces high quality research, provides training, facilitates knowledge sharing and promotes the use of research-based evidence in policy development. To achieve these objectives and to sustain policy research in Tanzania, REPOA has continued to invest in strengthening local research capacity by providing tailor-made trainings on research methodologies, exploratory data analysis, and writing skills; and by facilitating learning-by-doing. The latter is achieved by providing small research grants to carry out research in selected thematic areas through the open competitive call for proposals. Successful applicants will be subjected to independent peer reviews, present proposals and research papers at seminar series, and will access mentoring from senior researchers to ensure they publish their research outputs. REPOA is now pleased to announce a competitive call for proposals from eligible Tanzanian researchers focusing on the following research themes:

1. Urbanization, Migration and Demographic Shifts
2. Gender gaps in enterprise development and asset ownership
3. Social protection, deprivation and vulnerability in the context of COVID 19 pandemic
4. Agriculture transformation and Food security
5. Climate change and resilience in the context of Tanzania's third five-year development plan (FYDP III, 2021/22 – 2025/26)
6. Innovation and technology as enablers of productivity and competitiveness

Eligible applicants are Tanzanian citizens who have recently completed their Master's or PhD degrees in social sciences from recognized Universities and are engaged in research, academia, or mid-career in policy analysis. Current PhD students are also encouraged to apply. Those interested can submit a comprehensive, well thought and cogent proposal, maximum 2,000 words excluding references, presented as follows:

- a) Title- 30 words maximum
- b) Abstract- 200 words maximum
- c) Rationale/motivation for the research project- 500 words maximum
- d) Problem statement and initial research questions- 300 words maximum
- e) Intended Methodology- 500 words maximum
- f) Expected contributions to knowledge and policy - 300 words maximum
- g) Work plan- 170 words maximum
- h) References

The proposal should include a detailed budget, names of principal researchers and their current CVs as annexes. The maximum budget for a project is Tanzanian shillings 20 million.

A rigorous review process will identify research proposals which meet required quality criteria for each theme. The selected applicants will be invited to present their proposals for further review before the final selection is made for funding. Selected researchers will be expected to accomplish their work within 6 months after signing of the contract.

**Mode of Application:** Proposals for this round of call should be submitted by **20<sup>th</sup> September 2021** to the undersigned:

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