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## REPOA has a new organizational structure

In August of 2011, a new organisational structure was put in place at REPOA. The aim of the new structure is to achieve the more effective implementation of REPOA's activities and the newly developed outcome mapping and progress markers framework.

In the new structure, activities are implemented by the three main themes of the Strategic Plan (Economic Growth, Social Protection and Governance). The intention is to have each directorate manage strategic research, commissioned studies, research grants and training activities in its respective areas. This will allow each directorate to specialise in order to deepen knowledge in the respective areas, while also permitting the creation of synergies between research, commissioned studies, grants and training activities within each theme.

In the past, research programmes were implemented under the departments of Strategic Research and Commissioned Studies with training and grants activities managed under their own departments.

Other changes include the combination of Communications, IT and Library functions into one department (Information and Communications Services); adding Grants, Commissioned Work and M&E and Learning functions under Programmes and Support, and transferring the Human Resource and Administration functions to the Finance department to form the Finance and Administration department.

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## Launching AGRA's Policy Hub for Tanzania



Prof. Samuel Wangwe, REPOA Executive Director at the AGRA Policy Hub Launch

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.

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## REPOA's Resource Centre to be open on Mondays starting January 2012



REPOA's library was established right after the beginning of REPOA's operation in 1995, and has been growing over more than a decade now. In 2010, the library was converted into a resource centre, offering a wider range of digital and print information resources relevant and useful for development research, training and coherent policy formulation, dialogue and analysis. Our users can browse these resources by going to the library catalogue.

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## 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:



## In memory of Dr. Raymond Mnenwa

On the 29th of September, 2011, REPOA lost a valued staff member, Dr. Raymond Mnenwa, who passed away at Kinondoni Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

Raymond, who was the Director of Research on Growth and Development, joined REPOA on the 1st of March, 2010 as a Senior Researcher and Director of Strategic Research.



The late Dr. Raymond Mnenwa

The Late Dr. Mnenwa was known for his commitment to work and his welcoming and approachable manner. REPOA still shares his family's sorrow, and hope friends and family will continue to remember his achievements with pride. His contribution was tangible and lasting for REPOA and to the cause of development in Tanzania.

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## Coming Soon – PHDR 2011

The Poverty and Human Development Report (PHDR) produced by the Government of Tanzania is a key output of the monitoring system for the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (Mkakati wa Kukuza Uchumi na Kupunguza Umaskini, commonly known by its Swahili acronym, MKUKUTA/ MKUKUTA II).

This year's theme will be on the business environment for enhancing employment and productivity for more inclusive growth and more effective poverty reduction.

The report will provide an expanded analysis of the trends and outcomes in national development as well as discussion of important socio-economic issues facing the country. As in the previous editions, the PHDR 2011 will include a status chapter organized around the three MKUKUTA clusters namely (i) status of income poverty, (ii) status of social wellbeing and (iii) status of governance and accountability.



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## 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.

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- **Making Land Investment work for Tanzania**
- **Afro Barometer**

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