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12/1 'The Growth of Micro and Small, Cluster Based Furniture Manufacturing Firms and their Implications for Poverty Reduction in Tanzania' By Edwin Paul Maede

Special Papers

By Kenny Manara

Bandara

12/3 "Why Poverty remains high in Tanzania: And what to do about it?" Lars Osberg and Amarakoon

12/2 The Instrumental versus the Symbolic: Investigating Members' Participation in Civil Society Networks in Tanzania

12/1 The Governance of the Capitation Grant in Primary Education in Tanzania: Why Civic Engagement and School Autonomy Matter. By Kenny Manara and Stephen Mwombela

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REPOA has a new Chairperson of the Board of Directors

REPOA Board of Directors has Prof. Yadon Kohi the new Chairman of the Board Prof. Kohi takes over from Prof. Esther Mwaikambo whose term came to an end according to the constitution governing REPOA. Ms Fide Charle who was the Vice Chairperson of the board has also been replaced by Mr. Joseph Rugumyamheto.





REPOA introduces a new Logo





New logo

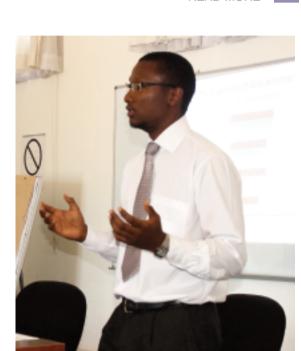
Old logo

REPOA has changed the Logo, which effectively drops the interpretation of the abbreviation REPOA from "Research on Poverty Alleviation" and maintains the acronym REPOA. The Organisation is now reflecting its broader research scope which is "Policy Research for Development.

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Afrobarometer: the 1st phase of dissemination of findings from Views of the people.

2012 marked the first and seventh anniversary of the implementation of Tanzania's Five Year Development Plan and the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty, two related documents designed to steer and accelerate attainment of the country's vision 2025.



Parliamentary Centre meets Parliament of Tanzania





REPOA had a chance to facilitate a validation meeting between the Parliamentary Centre and the Parliament of Tanzania and Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) on November 28, 2012 at REPOA conference Hall A as phase two of the Africa Parliamentary Index.

The Parliamentary Centre, as part of its CIDA – funded Africa parliamentary Strengthening Program (APSP) for Budget Oversight successfully conducted the Self – Assessment of the Parliament of Tanzania as part of the second phase of the Africa parliamentary Index (API).

The API is a set of indicators that show the level of engagement of selected African Parliaments in the budget process in their respective countries. It also measures the performance of Parliaments in selected African countries on budget oversight. The API requires a self assessment by Members of Parliament (MPs) and a validation of the outcome with MPs and Civil Society Organisation (CSOs).

Ethics, Payments and Maternal Survival



REPOA is undertaking research funded by the Well come Trust to investigate -How do the payments that women make for maternal health care influence their experience during pregnancy and birth?. The project is led by Dr Paula Tibandebage of REPOA, with research collaborators from the Open University, UK, the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), Dar es Salaam, and the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Dar es Salaam.

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News Editor's Workshop



Ayub Rioba. The workshop had around 14 participants including news editors and sub editors from different media houses (print and electronic media). This was a discussion forum for REPOA

to learn from Media people and them to learn from REPOA as a Research institution. The Objectives of the workshop are to encourage News Editors to:

1. Strategize on ways in which researchers and news editors to influence policy decisions using evidence based research Follow-up on research findings to establish credibility and

- package them for their specific audience 2. Link research findings with current policy issues; Build effective relationships with research institutions
- TTI Workshop on Monitoring and evaluation

for Performance and Impact





International Development Research Centre (IDRC). REPOA is one of the leading independent research institutions in Tanzania that creates and utilises knowledge to facilitate socio-economic development. It specialises in policy research on socio-economic and development issues: it undertakes and facilitates research, conducts and coordinates training, and promotes dialogue and development of policy for pro-poor growth and poverty reduction. **READ MORE**

Call for proposal for 2013

Call for Proposals Capacity Development Research Grants

REPOA research grants aim to develop a vibrant community of beginning and intermediate researchers capable of undertaking research that is credible and relevant to development

REPOA has already announced the 1st call for proposals for the year 2013.

challenges, with special attention to policy development issues. Support is provided to short term studies (up to one year) in areas that are relevant to REPOA's overall research agenda. These studies aim to provide information that is relevant for the policy and practice of development that stakeholders can find useful in socioeconomic transformation for growth and poverty reduction initiatives, and offer beginning and intermediate researchers a platform to jump start and/or consolidate their research careers.

