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 supporting undertaking of research in selected thematic areas through the open competitive call for proposals by young researchers.

Successful applicants will be subjected to independent peer reviews and will be required to present proposals and research papers in the seminar series organized by REPOA. They will also receive mentoring support from senior researchers to ensure that their research outputs are published.

REPOA is now pleased to announce a competitive call for proposals from eligible Tanzanian researchers focusing on the following research themes:

1. Private sector development and/or trade and/or competitiveness in either agriculture, tourism or manufacturing
2. Green transition and/or blue economy in the context of climate change
3. Inequality and deprivation in the context of social exclusion (considering either gender or youth or geographical diversity)

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 financial support will be provided only for eligible research costs up to a maximum of Tanzanian shillings 20 million.
A rigorous review process will identify research proposals which meet required quality criteria for each theme. Only selected researchers will be communicated. Selected researchers will attend a one-week training course on research methodology as part of sharpening their research skills during their research. They will be expected to accomplish their work within one year from the signing of the research contract.

Mode of Application: Proposals for this round of call should be submitted by **15th November 2026** through email to the undersigned:

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