

Update on the Tanzania PPA Process - 5/3/02

The long, exhaustive (and frequently exhausting) preparations for the 2002/3 PPA have ended. Key points are set out in two resource documents entitled, *The 2002/3 Tanzania Participatory Poverty Assessment: a Field Guide and Reference Manual for 2002/3 PPA Fieldwork Procedures*.

On Saturday, 2nd March, a reception was held at the City Garden Café for Research Team members, their spouses and guests to thank everyone for their hard work to date. This occasion also marked the debut of the especially commissioned Introductory Video that PPA Teams will show in host communities to dramatise and stimulate people's interest in the participatory research process.

Finally, on Monday, 4th March the Research Teams departed Dar es Salaam. Each will visit three sites before reconvening in early May to synthesise their findings, sharpen research strategies and share lessons learnt with their Home Institutions (i.e. the Implementing Partners). The Teams will then disperse and begin a second round (roughly equal in duration to the first) of participatory policy research.

The five Teams, and their destinations for the first and second rounds, are as follows:

Research Team A

Composition:

Dr. Rose Mwaipopop (Team Leader)
Dr. Emmanuel Mwaigomole (Institute of Development Studies, UDSM)
Mr. Godfrey Tweve (Concern Worldwide)
Mr. Joachim Njoki (Concern for Development Initiatives in Africa)
Ms. Atuswegele Mwangomale (Research Intern)

Schedule:

1. Kyela (Mbeya Region)
2. Newala (Mtwara Region)
3. Lindi Rural (Lindi Region)
4. Mwanza Rural (Mwanza Region)
5. Kigoma Rural (Kigoma Region)
6. Kibondo District (Kigoma Region)

Research Team B

Composition:

Mr. Charles Kadonya (Team Leader)
Ms. Annette Ngaiza (ActionAid)
Ms. Terry Swai (CARE, International)
Mr. Eston Swebe (National Bureau of Statistics)
Mr. Samuel Onesmo (Research Intern)

Schedule:

1. Ilala Boma, Ilala District (Dar es Salaam Region)
2. Tandale, Kinondoni District (Dar es Salaam Region)
3. Kihisa, Iringa Urban (Iringa Region)
4. Tanga Urban (Tanga Region)
5. Mafia District (Pwani Region)
6. Rufiji District (Pwani Region)

Research Team C

Composition:

Mr. Loserian Ole Sangale (Team Leader)
Dr. Moses Ole Neselle (PINGOs Forum)
Ms. Marya Plotkin (African Medical Research Foundation)
Mr. Omary H. Juma (President's Office – Planning and Privatisation)
Ms. Pauline Mroso (Research Intern)

Schedule:

1. Simanjiro District (Arusha Region)
2. Mbulu District (Arusha Region)
3. Kilosa District (Morogoro Region)
4. Singida Rural District (Singida Region)
5. Igunga District (Tabora Region)
6. Tarime District (Mara Region)

Research Team D

Composition:

Ms. Fortunata Temu (Team Leader)
Mr. Gabriel Mbulanya (Christian Social Services Commission)
Dr. Cosmas Kamugisha (Institute of Development Studies, UDSM)
Mr. Ezekiel Mpanda (Policy Analysis Division, Ministry of Finance)
Ms. Emmy Metta (Research Intern)

Schedule:

1. Chunya District (Mbeya Region)
2. Nkasi District (Rukwa Region)
3. Bagamoyo District (Pwani Region)
4. Meatu District (Shinyanga Region)
5. Same District (Kilimanjaro Region)
6. Handeni District (Tanga Region)

Research Team E

Composition:

Mr. Patrick Simon (Team Leader)
Mr. Justine Mdemu (Save the Children – U.K.)
Ms. Fabiola Shundi (Women's Research and Documentation Project)
Mr. Amani Manyalezi (Maarifa ni Ufunguo)
Ms. Flora Protas (Research Intern)

Schedule:

1. Njombe (Iringa Region)
2. Makete District (Iringa Region)
3. Songea Rural District (Songea Region)
4. Dodoma Rural District (Dodoma Region)
5. Manyoni District (Singida Region)
6. Muleba District (Kagera Region)

Throughout the research period, the PPA Technical Advisor will rotate between Teams to observe, encourage and provide technical/analytical support. Meanwhile, the Co-ordinator and Assistant Co-ordinator will typically remain in Dar es Salaam to backstop Research Teams' administrative needs and deal with any emergencies that might arise. Despite this heavy workload, the Co-ordinator and Assistant Co-ordinator will also be spending some time in the field to familiarise themselves with the research process, contribute their formidable knowledge and accompany a small number of select guests.

In between these assignments, the PPA Management Team at ESRF will be synthesising Field Reports and distributing them in brief but regular Updates.