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Introduction

Over the last 26 years OSSREA has implemented its main objective of promoting social science research in Africa. Effectively with the support of key cooperation partners the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (Sida/SAREC, the Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD), and others including the African Development Bank, the Ford Foundation, The Netherlands’ Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and of course our hosts the government and people of Ethiopia.

A new host agreement with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia was signed on 24th May 2006 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Addis Ababa. The Honourable Dr Tekeda Alemu, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed the agreement on behalf of the Ethiopian Government while Dr Alfred G. Nhema, Executive Secretary of OSSREA represented the organization.

OSSREA continues to make a major contribution to the development of social science research in the sub-region and is now a well known academic and research organization with a large network of members across the sub-region. In 2006 30 grants were awarded to successful applicants for the Young Scholars research grants programme evenly divided between the two grant competitions: the Social Science Research Grant and the Gender Issues Research Grant Competition both of which continue to play a key role in promoting social science research and scholarship in the sub-region.

In the middle of the year the selection committee interviewed candidates for the positions of Research and Publications Head and Senior Programmes Officer (Research) with a view to recruiting additional members of OSSREA staff to bolster the
research and publications activities. And it is envisaged that the publications and research activities will receive a boost from the new personnel.

In November OSSREA hosted an international conference on the Social Sciences and HIV/AIDS in Africa: New Insights and Policy Perspectives at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The conference was jointly organized by OSSREA, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Social Sciences and Medicine Africa Network (SOMA-Net), and the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS). The collaboration marks an important landmark in furthering the aims of OSSREA both in terms of creating an African community of social science researchers and also in continuously engaging with policy makers.

In the coming year, with the additional members of staff coming on board and after the implementation of its new Human Resource Policies and Procedures manual, OSSREA is set to consolidate, build on past achievements, and prepare for future challenges with optimism.
I. BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Research Grant Awards

1.1 The Young Scholars Research Grant Programmes

Under the Research Grant Award for Young Scholars Programme there are two research grant competitions: the Social Science Research Grant Competition and the Gender Issues Research Grant Competition.

a) Publicity

In 2006, announcements for the Twentieth Social Science and the Eighteenth Gender Issues Research Grant Award Competitions were made through brochures, posters, the OSSREA Bulletin and website to eligible individuals in eastern and southern African countries. OSSREA’s Liaison Officers and Executive Committee members were also instrumental in ensuring wide publicity for these competitions.

b) General Profile of Applicants

The Twentieth Social Science and the Eighteenth Gender Issues Research Grant Award Competitions were announced on 20th February 2006 and the deadline for submitting proposals was 30th April 2006. Consequently, a total of 77 and 93 applications, respectively, were received, which clearly indicates the great demand for these programmes.

The distribution of applicants for the 20th round competition in the Social Science field in countries across the region was as follows: Ethiopia (12), Kenya (21), Malawi (3), Mauritius (1), Namibia (1), South Africa (1), Sudan (2), Tanzania (7), Uganda (11), and Zimbabwe (18). A detailed profile of the applicants is presented below, next to the picture.
Winners of the 20th Social Science and the 18th Gender Issues Research Grant Competitions for 2006
Profile of Applicants for the Twentieth Social Science Research Grant Competition

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*N/S=Not stated*
Ninety-three applications for the Eighteenth Gender Issues Research Grant Competition were received, and the distribution was as follows: Ethiopia (25), Kenya (35), Malawi (3), Mauritius (1), Rwanda (1), Sudan (1), Tanzania (10), Uganda (10), Zambia (1), and Zimbabwe (6). A detailed profile of the applicants is presented on the following pages.
Profile of Applicants for the Eighteenth Gender Issues Research Grant Competition

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* N/S = Not stated
C) Jury Meeting

In accordance with the schedule drawn by the Secretariat, the jury members for both grant competitions met from 24 to 25 July 2006 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to screen the best research proposals.

The jury members for the Twentieth Social Science Research Grant Competition were:

Dr. Grephas P. Opata, Member, OSSREA Executive Committee;  
Assoc. Prof. Francis Kopano Makoa, The National University of Lesotho; and  
Prof. Fred Hendricks, Rhodes University, South Africa,

While the jury members for the Eighteenth Gender Issues Research Grant Competition were:

Dr. Lily Mafela, Member, OSSREA Executive Committee;  
Assoc. Prof. Almaz Eshete, Private Consultant; and  
Dr. Lovemore Modiwa Zinyama, University of Zimbabwe.

d) Award Winners

The list of winners in the Eighteenth Gender Issues and the Twentieth Social Science Research Grant Competitions, with their respective research topics and countries is presented below:

Winners of the 18th Gender Issues Research Grant Award Competition

The winners of the Eighteenth Gender Issues Grant Competition were from the following eight countries: Ethiopia (3), Kenya (4), Malawi (1), Mauritius (1), Rwanda
(1) Tanzania (2), Uganda (1), and Zimbabwe (2).

1. Girmaw Abebe Akalu, Women in Academia: The Under-representation of Women Faculty and Managers in Ethiopian Public Universities. Ethiopia

2. Amaha Haile, Gender Based Violence as Correlate of Risk of HIV Infection among Women Attending VCT Services in South Western Ethiopia. Ethiopia


5. Beatrice Nelima Muganda, Gender Factor in Decision-making: A Case Study of Pre-School Teachers in a Progressive Rural Community in Kenya. Kenya


8. Limbika Maliwichi, Review and Analysis of Psychological Effects of Sexual Violence on Women. Malawi


10. Kalinganire Charles, Empowerment of Women at Grassroots Level as a Way to Combat Gender Disparities and to advance Social Development in Rwanda. Rwanda


**Winners of the Twentieth Social Science Research Grant Competition**

The winners of the Twentieth Social Science Research Grant Competition were from the following eight countries: Ethiopia (3), Kenya (4), Malawi (1), Namibia (1), Sudan (1), Tanzania (2), Uganda (2), and Zimbabwe (1).


3. Getahun Fenta, *Farmers' Indigenous Knowledge: A Missed Link in the Sustainable Development of the Ethiopian Agriculture, the Case of Dejen Woreda, Amhara Region.* **Ethiopia**
9. Pamela Claassen, *Double-edged Sword: Environmental Pressure and Environmental Change as Instigators of Social Conflict and Reconciliation in North Namibia*. Namibia
Generally speaking, both the Gender Issues and Social Science Research Grant Competitions for young scholars, which are among OSSREA’s major capacity-building programmes, have progressed well. In September 2006, funds were disbursed to the winners of these rounds in both categories.

Winners’ Workshop
A workshop for the Eighteenth Gender Issues and the Twentieth Social Science Research Grant Competitions winners was held from 13th – 14th September 2006 at Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. His Excellency Dr. Sentayehu Wolde Michael, Minster, Ministry of Education, The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, officially opened the workshop.

As in the previous similar winners’ workshops, the researchers benefited from the exchange of views especially with reference to methodological issues. The award winners presented their revised proposals, upon which they received constructive comments and suggestions from the jury as well as from fellow winners.

1.2 The Sabbatical Research Grant Programme

a) The 2006 Sabbatical Research Grant

The announcement for the 2006 Sabbatical Research Grant Programme was posted throughout the region in February 2006. The deadline for applications was set for 30 September 2006. In response to the announcement 24 proposals by 22 applicants were received. A detailed profile of the applicants is presented below.
The jury members for the 2006 Sabbatical Research Grant Competition met on 23rd October 2006 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to select the best research proposals.

The jury members were:

**Prof. De Vries**, Vice President, OSSREA Executive Committee;

**Assoc. Prof. Merera Gudina**, Addis Ababa University; and

**Assoc. Prof. Ramses Amer**, Umea University.

Unfortunately Prof. De Vries was unable to attend the jury meeting, and therefore sent her comments and recommendations by email. The jury selected the following six winners:

Winners of the 2006 Sabbatical Research Grant

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<td>The Ethiopian Empire and its New Subjects: Power, Property and Popular Protest (1941-1974)</td>
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<td>Extent of Child Exclusion among Internally Displaced Populations in Kenya: A Case of Rift Valley and Nyanza Provinces</td>
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<td>Dr. Magdalena K. Ngaiza</td>
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<td>The Role of Participatory Action Research Agencies in Community in Poverty Alleviation in Tanzania 2003-2006</td>
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<td>Prof. John C. Munene</td>
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<td>Managing the Management of Administrative Change: The Competences of the “New” Public Service Chief Executives in Uganda</td>
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<td>Dr. Naomi Netsayi Wekwete</td>
<td>Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>Adolescent Pregnancy Challenges in the Era of HIV and AIDS: Lessons Learnt through Lived Experiences in Zimbabwe’s Selected Rural Areas</td>
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A workshop for the winners of the 2006 Sabbatical Grant was held from 30 November - 1 December 2006, at Ghion Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during which, the winners presented their revised proposals. Discussants that have the relevant expertise and research experience that were selected to review the various proposals prior to the workshop provided useful comments and suggestions on each proposal. These comments would help the grant winners to improve their original proposals before embarking on their various research projects.

b) The 2005 Sabbatical Research Grant

The 2005 Sabbatical Research Grant was awarded to six researchers in December 2005. Out of these, four researchers have submitted their progress reports and have now embarked on the second phase of their projects. The research projects are expected to be finalised in December 2006.

One of the researchers from Zimbabwe has not submitted the progress report to date. Another researcher, from South Africa, declined the award after attending the winners’ workshop in December 2005.

c) The 2004 Sabbatical Research Grant

The 2004 Sabbatical Research Grant was awarded to five researchers in December 2004. So far, four research projects have been completed and the research reports sent to reviewers.

One of the researchers from South Africa who had been granted the award on the basis of the academic credentials she submitted was suspected of not having the requisite qualifications. Therefore, the Secretariat requested her to send certified copies of her PhD and a confirmation letter regarding her title of Professor. However, she has not submitted the required documents to date, and the Secretariat has withheld the grant until the sought clarifications are submitted. Based on the decision of the last Executive
Committee meeting, OSSREA has notified the endorsing institution the status of her research undertaking. The next step is requesting her institution to facilitate for the reimbursement of the funds transferred to the grantee.

Winners of the Sabbatical Grant, the Senior Scholars Research Grant, and the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant Programmes
1.3 The Senior Scholars Research Grant Programme

a) The 2006 Research Grant

The winners of the 2006 Senior Scholars Research Grant were selected in October 2006 from a total of 28 applications (for details, please see the profile of applicants overleaf). The selection committee for the grant programme met on 23 October 2006 at Queen of Sheba Hotel in Addis Ababa. The following applicants were short listed as winners of the 2006 grants.
Profile of Applicants for the Senior Scholars Research Grant - 2006

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<td>Dr. Zelealem Leyew</td>
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<td>Prof. Mugyabuso M. Mulokozi and Prof. Fiken E. M. K. Senkoro</td>
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OSSREA Staff and Winners Participants of the Senior Scholars Grant Programme, 2006
The grantees of the 2006 senior scholars research attended the winners' workshop which was held from 30 November - 1 December 2006, at Ghion Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the workshop, the winners presented their proposals and obtained constructive comments from discussants that had the chance to review the various proposals prior to the workshop. Participants of the workshop also deliberated on various research issues.

b) The 2005 Research Grant

The 2005 senior scholars research grant was awarded to eight (8) grantees in December 2005. Out of these, five (5) of them have embarked on the study tour for the final write up of their research. They are hence expected to submit the final draft of their report by June 2007 at the latest. One of the grantees from Kenya however is lagging behind despite several reminders requesting him to submit the progress report on his research undertaking. The grantee from Eritrea has submitted his progress report. It is to be recalled that due to some complications related to the transfer of funds, the commencement of his research was delayed. Likewise, the grantee from Tanzania received the first instalment rather late as a result of some fund transfer-related problems in his university. He is however expected to submit the progress report by May 2007.

c) The 2004 Research Grant

Out of the 7 grantees of the 2004 Senior Scholars Research Grant, five (5) have managed to submit their final, reviewed and revised reports. These reports have been handed over to the Publications Unit. The other two (2) grantees are expected to submit the first draft of their reports by June 2007. The team from Zimbabwe/Zambia submitted the first draft of their report. However, the report did not fulfil the standard indicated in the agreement for the grant award. Therefore a formal letter requesting
them to improve the standard of the report has been drafted and awaits the approval of the Executive Secretary.

In the meantime, as indicated in the programme proposal of the Senior Scholars Research Grant, dissemination workshops should be organised for the finalised projects. This requires the approval of the Executive Secretary.

d) The 2003 Research Grant

The 2003 Senior Scholars Research Grant was awarded for nine (9) successful candidates for the third time in December 2003. So far six (6) of them have submitted their final, reviewed and revised reports. All the reports have been handed over to the Publications Unit. On the other hand, out of the remaining three (3), two of them did not manage to submit the first draft report, whilst one of them has not yet submitted the revised report following the comments of the anonymous reviewer.

As indicated in the programme proposal of the Senior Scholars Research Grant, dissemination workshops need to be organised for the finalised projects.

e) The 2002 Research Grant

It is to be recalled that out of the three (3) grantees of the 2002 Senior Scholars Research Grant, two (2) monographs were published and launched in November 2005. The remaining grantee has submitted the final reviewed and revised report, which has been submitted to the Publications Unit.
1.4 The Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant Programme

a) The 2006 Research Grant

A total of 30 applications were received for the 2006 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant (see Tables below). The selection of the winners of the grant was finalised on 23 October 2006. The selection committee members met on 23 October 2006 at Queen of Sheba Hotel in Addis Ababa to screen the most successful candidates. The following applicants were short listed as winners of the 2006 grants.

Winners of the 2006 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant

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*Joseph Wasswa-Matovu* - Uganda – Male

Research Topic: **The effects of transaction costs on community forest management in Uganda.**

The winners' workshop for the winners of the 2006 post-doctoral fellowship grant was held from 30 November - 1 December 2006, at Ghion Hotel in Addis Ababa. The winners of the grant presented their proposals at the workshop. In addition to the presentations, various discussants that had the chance to review the various proposals prior to the workshop provided them with useful comments which assisted them in revising their proposals before embarking on their respective research projects.
b) The 2005 Research Grant.

The 2005 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant was awarded to 6 winners in December 2005. Out of these, only 1 has submitted the first draft report. Of the remaining, 5 have pledged to submit the first draft at least by June 2007. One grantee commenced his research late due to his relocation from Kenya to South Africa. However, he is expected to submit the progress report by June 2007.

c) The 2004 Research Grant

The Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant was awarded to 6 winners in December 2004. So far, 4 grantees have submitted the final reviewed and revised report. The reports have been handed to the publications unit. One of the remaining grantees is currently amending the report according to the comments of the reviewer. On the other hand, the other grantee has not yet submitted the first draft report despite several reminders.
Jury members of OSSREA Senior Scholars, Sabbatical and Post-Doctoral Fellowship grant programmes, 2006
Profile of Applicants for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant Programme - 2006

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1.5 The HIV/AIDS Challenge in Africa

a) The 2003 Research Grant


OSSREA, in collaboration with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), the Social Science and Medicine Africa Network (SOMA-Net) and the Union of African Population Studies (UAPS), organised the conference. Representatives of governmental and non-governmental organisations, national HIV/AIDS councils of various African countries, researchers, academicians and the media attended the conference. Over 50 research papers which were sponsored by the four organisations were presented during the various sessions of the conference.

In order to disseminate the findings of the studies the executive summaries of the various reports were published. This publication serves as policy brief as it clearly presents the main policy issues emanating from the studies.

The publication of the revised research reports of the 2003 research projects is pending. In the meantime the reports have been re-assessed by the initial reviewers. The final reports have been handed over to the publications unit.

On the other hand, to explore the possibility of developing a documentary film based on the various studies conducted in the programme, three film making companies from Ethiopia were contacted and interviewed. Each has submitted a proposal. The decision regarding the selection of the winning film company in Ethiopia is pending. Similarly,
attempts were made to obtain the list of renowned film making companies from the various countries involved in the research project.

b) The 2004 Research Grant

The 2004 HIV/AIDS Challenge in Africa programme incorporated eight (8) research projects. Thus far six (6) final, reviewed and revised reports have been submitted. The reports have been submitted, and were submitted to the Publications Unit. Of the remaining two (2) researchers, one (1) pledged to submit the first draft in May 2007 whilst the other one failed to respond to numerous overtures from OSSREA.

As indicated in the project proposal of the HIV/AIDS Challenge in Africa Programme, national dissemination workshops need to be organised in the respective countries of the researchers who have finalised their research undertakings. Following these workshops, the executive summaries and the final reports should also be published.

However, as part of the dissemination process, some of the researchers involved in the 2004 HIV/AIDS Challenge in Africa research projects also took part in the above mentioned international conference on the Social Sciences and HIV/AIDS in Africa: New Insights and Policy Perspectives.
Participants of the International Conference on Social Sciences and HIV/AIDS in Africa
The Plenary session at the International Conference on Social Sciences and HIV/AIDS in Africa
One of the participants making a contribution from the floor
Annex I

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II. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

2.1 Training in Social Science Research Methodology

The 2006 Training Workshop

The 2006 training in Social Science Research Methodology competition was announced in February 2006, and the deadline for applications was set for the 31st of July 2006. In response to the announcement of the training, workshop which was distributed throughout the region on posters, brochures, OSSREA’s Bulletin and Web site, a total of 178 applications from 15 countries were received.

Participants of the Training in Social Science Research Methodology Workshop, 2006

In accordance with the schedule drawn by the Secretariat, training was conducted from the 9th – 20th of October 2006, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training workshop was officially opened by the OSSREA Executive Secretary, Dr. Alfred G. Nhema, on Monday, 9th October 2006.
In his keynote address, the Executive Secretary highlighted the fact that the training on social science research methodologies was initiated to upgrade the research skills of young researchers. Based on feedback from the consecutive evaluations of proposals that were submitted to the Young Scholars Research Grant Competitions, OSSREA recognized the timely need for upgrading the research methodology skills of young scholars so as to build the teaching and research capacity of the institutions in eastern and southern African countries.

The OSSREA Research Methodology Training Institute has been organising annual training on Social Science Research methodologies since October 2000. So far 286 young scholars, inclusive of the 2006 group of trainees, have attended the training.
In line with OSSREA’s training policy, which reflects consistency, relevance and priority, trainees are selected on the basis of the application materials they submit. As such only applicants who submit all the required application materials and have the relevant research experience (preferably within the social sciences) are selected. Preference is given to applicants from learning and research institutions. In view of the huge demand for this programme, which has not been fully met, OSSREA’s strategy is to replicate the regional training at country and sub-regional levels should funding permit.

OSSREA’s Social Science Research Methodology Training Modules that focus on issues in social science research, qualitative and quantitative research processes served as training materials. Additionally, a computer-training manual was prepared in order to equip the trainees with the latest computer research packages. At the end of the training, certificates were awarded to the trainees.

Proposal Development

As per the Executive Secretary’s instruction of 25 May 2006, a fully-fledged proposal on Research Methodology Training at OSSREA was developed by the officer in charge of the programme, and funds were obtained from the African Capacity Building Foundation.

It was within this spirit and tradition that the Training in Social Science Research Methodology for 2006 commenced on 9th October 2006. A total of 41 successful applicants, out of 178 applications from 15 OSSREA member countries, were selected to take part in the intensive two-week training programme. Detailed Profiles of applicants and selected participants, along with their addresses are presented below.
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2.2 The Gender Training Programme

The second round training workshop on gender mainstreaming was held from 23-27 October 2006 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop was attended by 13 participants selected from a total of 104 applicants. They represented ten (10) Eastern and southern African countries, namely: Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The facilitators of the training workshop were also drawn from within the region. Dr. Regina Karega from Kenyatta University was the lead trainer. Dr. Hirut Tereffe, from Addis Ababa University and Dr. Magdalena K. Ngaiza from University of Dar Es Salaam were facilitators of the training. The following are the names and details of the participants. The themes covered in the programme included gender analysis, strategies and modalities in gender mainstreaming, opportunities for gender mainstreaming in African countries, indicators of monitoring and evaluation, mainstreaming gender in organizations, etc. The list of participants and detailed profile of applicants are presented on the next pages of the training.

![Participants of the Gender Training Workshop, 2006](image)
Participants of the 2006 Training on Gender Mainstreaming

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On the other hand, the papers, which were submitted to the Planning Meeting on Integrating Gender Issues in Multi-disciplinary Research in Africa in 2004, have been submitted to the Publications Unit. Out of the nine (9) papers, the editors selected seven (7) papers as fitting for publication and six (6) of the authors have managed to submit their revised papers. These are from Kenya, Malawi, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
Gender Training Group discussion, 2006

Gender Training Participants at OSSREA HQ
Profile of Applicants for OSSREA Gender Training, 2006

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III. ACTIVITY REPORT ON OSSREA SPECIALISED RESEARCH PROJECTS

3.1 Introduction

The major activities covered here, which took place in the period between July – December 2006, have two main features. Firstly, the report indicates the attempts made so far to diversify the scope of the research focus of OSSREA in terms of thematic exposure, geographical coverage and addressing the prevailing policy proclivities in our sub-region and Africa at large. To this end, various research proposals were developed and submitted to various potential donors for funding. Secondly, this period was mainly devoted to expanding the donor base of OSSREA by exploring possibilities of funding for the already developed project proposals. Accordingly, efforts have been made to approach different donors and collaborating institutions to obtain financial assistance and endorsement letters. In short, we have endeavoured to diversify the scope of the research engagements of OSSREA and respond to the anticipated needs of OSSREA’s strategic stakeholders. In addition, our unit has responded to collaboration requests from different organizations.

Within the foregoing general milieu, the following activities were carried out in the timeframe of July 2006 – December 2006.

Proposal Development

The following proposals were developed and submitted to various donors to obtain funding.
3.2 Assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategies in sub-Saharan Africa: The Cases of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania

3.2.1 Project Description

This research project is a continuation of the previous research project carried out on the Assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategies in sub-Saharan Africa. It is, therefore, the subsequent phase of OSSREA’s 2003-2005 research venture on the same topic.

3.2.2 Project Status

The research proposal, including budget and action plan, was submitted to the African Development Bank, Ethiopia Country Office in August 2006.

3.3 Assessment of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD): The Cases of Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda

3.3.1 Project Description

The proposal for this research project was designed with a view to study the progress of NEPAD in consideration of the experiences of the sampled countries. The main focus of the study is to assess the progress of the implementation of NEPAD with an objective of ascertaining the outcomes and implications of NEPAD on Africa’s political, diplomatic and economic position. It is also the target of this research project to highlight the requisite policy and strategic interventions needed by African countries and their regional and international development partners to enhance the realization of the NEPAD’s objectives.
3.3.2 Project Status

The project proposal was submitted to the county of the Department for International Development (DFID). The first-round official deliberation on the proposal was held in October here at OSSREA’s Secretariat with Head of DFID Regional Development. In this discussion DFID has expressed its interest to work with OSSREA and in the proposed project, and requested OSSREA to seek for endorsement of potential end-users of the research outputs. It was also suggested that some adjustment on the proposal should be made to widen the scope of the geographical coverage of the research project.

The research proposal was adjusted accordingly and resubmitted for further consideration. In the meantime, we have approached the UN-ECA’s NEPAD and Regional Integration Division to secure endorsement and explore possibilities of institutional collaboration in undertaking the anticipated research project. Furthermore, a formal request for an endorsement has been logged to the NEPAD Secretariat in South Africa recently.

3.4 Asia-Africa Cooperation and the Progress of the Tokyo International Conference on Africa’s Development (TICAD): The Cases of Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda

3.4.1 Project Description

This research project is intended to reinvigorate the South-South Cooperation, particularly the Asia-Africa Cooperation under the auspices of TICAD. The research focuses on a rigorous empirical assessment of the impacts of TICAD, particularly on the economic development endeavours and enhancement of Africa-Asia development partnerships. It is expected that this study will reflect on the future direction of the
TICAD processes, modalities of convergence between NEPAD and TICAD, and reinforce Asia-Africa cooperation.

3.4.2 Project Status

The research proposal was sent to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the South Centre, UNDP Special Unit for TICAD, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia. The emerging responses were all positive even if no funding commitment has been made so far.

The encouraging development, however, is that the preliminary deliberation on the research project and exploration of possibilities for Japanese funding was held with the Political Section of Embassy of Japan. The Embassy has appreciated OSSREA’s initiative and pledged to forward the proposal to the Japan International Development Agency (JICA) with its recommendation for funding.

3.5 Training Programme for Senior Officials on Conflict Resolution, Peace Making and Peace Building

3.5.1 Programme Description

The main objective of this unique training programme is to build the capacity of senior leaders in eastern and southern African countries in the areas of conflict resolution, peace making and peace building. The programme has been intended to tackle the gaps, by and large, emanating from exclusion of the top-leadership from conventional conflict resolution, peace making and peace building training programmes in Africa. It is expected that this training programme will build the capacity of the top-leadership in the sub-region and enhance their constructive role and commitment in conflict resolution, peace making and peace building.
3.5.2 Programme Status

A concept paper was prepared and submitted to IDRC Regional Office in Nairobi. In its recent response, IDRC has shown interest in the envisaged training programme and requested for a full-fledged proposal. In response, the preparation of the proposal has been already commenced and will be finalized soon.

3.6 Reinvigorating the Progress of the Millennium Development Goals in Sub-Saharan Africa and Strengthening the Role of the European Union

3.6.1 Project Description and Status

This research project is intended to widen the donor base of OSSREA and serve as a springboard to possible institutional collaboration with the European Union. The central objective of this research project is not simply to provide a status report on the progress of MDGs towards each goal, but rather to critically assess the challenges impeding progress of MDG implementation in SSA, especially in our sub-region, and present policy and strategic proposals for policymakers in Africa and their regional and international development partners to accelerate achievement of the MDGs in the sub-region.

First round discussion has been held with the Economic Section of the European Union, Ethiopia Country Office, and Inter African Group to explore possibilities of collaboration.
3.7 Other Accomplishments

3.7.1 Initiating National Chapters’ Action Plan for 2007

The 2007 National Chapters’ Action Plan has been initiated by developing a new reporting and planning format. The new reporting format has been designed to enable OSSREA to review the performance of the National Chapters in terms of:

- Major activities accomplished;
- Major activities not accomplished and reasons;
- Major problems encountered and solutions given; and
- Implications (lessons) for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Action Plan format thus enables the OSSREA Secretariat to clearly map out:

- Goals for the budget year;
- Quantified expected outputs;
- Activities to be carried out;
- Specific implementation time;
- Responsible person; and
- Resource requirements.

3.7.2 Initiating Capacity Building and Research Needs Assessment

One of the most important activities initiated in this reporting period has been the project that aims to assess the capacity building and research needs of OSSREA’s key stakeholders. This project has been launched along with the 2007 Action Plan.
3.7.3 Project Description

The needs assessment project is intended to assess the actual and anticipated research and capacity building needs of OSSREA’s key stakeholders in eastern and southern African sub-region. It is also tailored to assess the capacity building and research priorities of the strategic donors of OSSREA. In this survey, efforts will be made to address the needs of governmental, private sector, civic societies, research and academic institutions, as well as strategic partner organizations in the North.

The outputs of this needs assessment will be used as inputs in OSSREA’s planning processes and will complement OSSREA’s Strategic Plan in shaping the direction of OSSREA and dictating the pattern of resource allocation. This needs assessment is also part of OSSREA’s sincere desire to constantly adapt its operation to the changing policy needs of governmental institutions and research focus of higher education and research institutions of the sub-region.

3.7.4 Status of the Project

A detailed questionnaire has been prepared and sent to all National Chapters. Nonetheless, so far only the following Chapters have managed to send the assessment of the capacity building and research needs of their respective National Chapters: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
IV. THE OSSREA PUBLICATIONS UNIT AND THE DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

This report covers activities carried out by the Publications Unit and the Documentation Centre in the year 2006.

Published Works

In the reporting period, the Unit has published the following works:

2. OSSREA *Publications Catalogue 2006*
3. OSSREA *Strategic Plan: 2006-2010*
4. OSSREA *Annual Report-2005*

**Social Science Research Report Series, No. 33**

**Reports:**

**Gender Issues Research Report Series, No. 23**

**Reports:**
PERIODICALS

Bulletin


Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review (EASSRR)

(Vol. XXII, No.1, January 2006)

Articles:

- Science, Technology and Institutional Co-operation in Africa: From Pre-colonial to Colonial Science, by Frank K Teng-Zeng
- The Evolution of Institutions and Rules Governing Communal Grazing Lands in Botswana, by Patricia M. Makepe
- Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Finance in Ethiopia: Empirical Evidence, by Gebrehiwot Ageba and Wolday Amha
- Income Risk and Crop Production Patterns of Small-Scale Farmers in Eastern Oromiya Region of Ethiopia, by Bekabil Fufa and R. M. Hassan
- Analysis of Institutional Solid Waste Management in Gweru, Zimbabwe, by S. Jerie

Vol. XXII, No.2, June 2006

Articles:

- Market-Oriented Reforms and Changes in Urban Household Income: A Study in Selected Small Towns of Ethiopia, by Solomon Mulugeta
- HIV/AIDS on the Campus: Universities and the Treat of an Epidemic, by Bertil Egero
- Post-Marital Return in Natal Home to Have the First Birth: Does this Sociocultural Tradition Disempower Women? Evidence from Gweru, Zimbabwe, by Crescentia and Victor Madebwe
- The Dependent Character of Development Planning in Tanzania, by Benedict Mongula
- The Impact of Chinese Products on Zimbabwean Women, by Charity Manyeruke
OSSREA National Chapters Publications

The following are publications from OSSREA National Chapters:


Publicity Posters and Brochures

- OSSREA Publications Catalogue
- Senior Scholars Research Grant Programme
- Sabbatical Research Grant Programme
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant Programme
- The 20th Social Science Research Grant Competition for Young Scholars
- The 19th Gender Issues Research Grant Competition for Young Scholars
- Training in Social Science Research Methodology
- OSSREA’s Gender Training Institute

Forthcoming Publications


**New Acquisition for the OSSREA Documentation Centre**

From January to December 2006, the Documentation Centre acquired a total of 146 publications and other reading materials. Of these, 114 were acquired as complimentary, 31 through an exchange arrangement and 1 through purchase.

**Distribution and Sale of Publications – January – December 2006**

From January - December 2006, OSSREA dispatched a total of 1,014 copies of OSSREA publications to various research institutions, UN agencies, universities, libraries and individual members, and also to national chapters for distribution in their areas.
During the same period, OSSREA collected a net revenue equivalent to US$9,654.68 from the sale of 573 copies of various OSSREA publications and US$2,568.86 from journal subscription fees, making a total of US$12,223.54. Details of the marketing channels through which the sales were carried out and each agency’s share of distribution are provided in the Table below.

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V. OTHERS ACTIVITIES

5.1 OSSREA Executive Committee Meets

The OSSREA Executive Committee held its regular meeting on 17 April 2006 at the Novotel Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda. At the meeting, the Executive Secretary presented a report on activities of the Organization and the Committee discussed a range of policy issues. The Executive Committee selected the jury members for the annual research grant competitions and gave guidelines and directives on other ongoing and planned activities of the Organization. While in Rwanda, the Executive Committee also met Hon. Mrs. Nsanzabaganwa Monique, Minister of State in Charge of Planning at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and the Rector of the National University of Rwanda, and visited the new office of the Chapter.
5.2 OSSREA Liaison Officers Meet

The OSSREA Liaison Officers meeting was held from 27 to 28 April 2006 to discuss, among others, reports of the Liaison Officers and their plans for the year 2006. The meeting took place at the Six-Eighty Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.

At the meeting, the Liaison Officers presented their respective reports, highlighting the activities carried out and the constraints faced in 2005. The major purpose of the annual meeting was to enable effective planning and to conduct evaluations of performances of the various Chapters.

Participants of the OSSREA Liaison Officers Meeting, July 2006
5.3 Regional Conference on Assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategies in sub-Saharan Africa

OSSREA held a regional conference on *Assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategies in the sub-Saharan Africa: The Cases of Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda Uganda and Zambia* from 28th February to 1st March 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The conference was conducted as an integral part of one of the OSSREA’s Specialised Projects, “Assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategies in sub-Saharan Africa” that covers six countries in the sub-region and was launched by OSSREA in 2003. The project was essentially driven by the general objective of analysing the ongoing poverty reduction strategy processes and providing timely assistance to policymakers and other stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Conference was aimed at providing the opportunity for all stakeholders in the area to meet and share ideas, and exchange experiences. Particularly, it was intended to serve as a forum for the 18 researchers from the six target countries in the region to present the findings of their three-year research on the implementation and achievement of the Poverty Reduction Strategies in their respective countries, receive comments from the Resource Persons in their respective countries, as well as to facilitate cross-country experience sharing and exchange of views between representatives of governments, directors of the Poverty Reduction Offices in each of the countries, and representatives of regional and international organizations and the donor community.

Dr. Grephas P. Opata, from OSSREA Kenya Chapter and Member of OSSREA Executive Committee, welcomed all the Conference participants to Kenya and briefed them on the Project and the purpose of the conference, and on the history and role of the
OSSREA Kenya Chapter. He also commended the participants for finding time away from their busy schedules to attend the conference.

Dr. Alfred, G. Nhema, Executive Secretary of OSSREA, delivered the welcoming address, in which he outlined the various programmes and projects undertaken by OSSREA and described the progress and achievements of the Organisation. He also explained the objectives of both the project and the Conference and the major phases the project had gone through. In his closing, he thanked the researchers and participating policymakers for their valuable and timely contributions in the search for sustainable solutions to the eradication of poverty; the guests and participants for sacrificing their time in order to take part in the occasion, the members of the OSSREA Kenya Chapter and OSSREA’s donors, particularly the African Development Bank, for their important contributions to the success of the project and the Conference.

Hon. Mrs. Nsanzabaganwa Monique, Minister of Planning and National Development, Republic of Rwanda, also gave a brief Opening Remark. In her speech, the Honourable Minister expressed her appreciation for being invited to attend the Conference on behalf of the government of Rwanda and thanked the OSSREA Kenya Chapter for their warm welcome. She noted the crucial importance the research findings and the Conference would have in facilitating cross-country communication, and expressed her hope that the participants would learn from the six-sets of experiences. The Honourable Minister also commented on the concept of Poverty Reduction Strategy and the issue of ownership from various perspectives, and underlined that it was time to rethink of and redefine the concept of “participation” since participation of all stakeholders was missing at certain stages of implementation. Finally she commended OSSREA for its involvement in development matters in the region, the Rwandan Chapter for its vibrancy, the African Development Bank for its sponsorship, and other learning and research institutions for their active interest and participation.
The final Opening Remark was given by Hon. Ekwe Ethuro, Assistant Minister for Planning and National Development, Republic of Kenya, on behalf of Hon. Henry Obwocha, Minister for Planning and National Development, Republic of Kenya.

The Assistant Minister apologised on behalf of Hon. Henry Obwocha for not making it to the opening of the Conference, and welcomed the guests and participants to Kenya and the Conference.

In his remark, the Assistant Minister reflected on the various features of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and the experience of Kenya in that regard. He expressed his hope that the Conference would provide a useful forum to deliberate on ways to alleviate poverty. Finally he thanked the sponsors and the organizers of the Conference for their contributions, and wished the participants fruitful deliberations.

The presentation of the sixteen researchers was followed by the remarks of the Resource Persons from each country, and deliberations on the findings. The researchers received constructive comments from the Resource Persons, fellow researchers and participants of the Conference.

The Conference was attended by close to 100 participants, including government officials, researchers, social scientists, academicians, and representatives of regional and international non-governmental organizations.

The two-day Conference came to an end after the reading out of the final statement of the event, and a closing speech by Dr. Kassahun Birhanu, OSSREA Resident Vice President.

Final Statement of the Regional Conference on the Assessment of Poverty
Reduction Strategies in sub-Saharan Africa: The Cases of Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia.

This Report covers the deliberations, recommendations and resolutions from 18 research reports on six countries and the comments of six (6) Resource Persons on the reports. There was a general consensus:

- That all the six countries have Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSPs) and Programmes (PRSPs);
- That while the initial conception of the PRSPs was the brainchild of the World Bank, IMF and other international Donors, the programmes have been domesticated to local conditions;
- That in most of the countries attempts were made to ensure inclusive participation by all the relevant stakeholders but the levels of actual participation varied between countries;
- Within all the six countries, ownership of the PRSPs is a contentious issue and takes various forms;
- Similarly, sustainability was a common matter of concern as it is generally perceived that the programmes may not be sustainable without external support;
- Implementation of PRSPs should be as all inclusive as possible;
- Monitoring and Evaluation should include both internal and external components;
- That direct approaches to poverty reduction should be included in the PRSPs;
- That PRSPs should be an integral component of National Development Plans at all levels of society;
- That the issue of Governance must be tackled as the primary entry point to poverty reduction.
Participants of the Conference on Assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategies in the sub-Saharan Africa: The Cases of Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia
5.4 The Chinese-African Peoples’ Friendship Association Visits OSSREA


H.E Mr. Yang Fuchang and his accompanying members were received by the Executive Secretary of OSSREA, Dr. Alfred G. Nhema and the Secretariat staff. In his welcoming remark, the Executive Secretary briefed the delegates on OSSREA’s mission, goals and objectives, and its activities in building the capacity of the sub-region in its 25-years existence.

H.E Mr. Yang Fuchang, after thanking the OSSREA Secretariat for the warm reception it accorded him and his entourage, explained about the mission and objectives of the Sino-African Peoples’ Friendship Association, its accomplishments in fostering strong relationship and mutual cooperation between the peoples of Asia and Africa since its foundation in 1960, and its current engagements in Africa. His Excellency also commended OSSREA on its commitment to ideals of practical value to the sub-region and beyond and its significant role and contribution in the development of the African continent. The president expressed his Association’s willingness and hope to work in collaboration with OSSREA in areas of building the capacity of human resources in the region.
5.5 The China Center for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS) Visits OSSREA

The China Center for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS) delegation, comprising of six members and led by H.E. Mr. Du Yanling, Deputy Director-General of CCCWS, paid a visit to the Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) headquarters on 23 September 2006. The delegates were received by Dr. Alfred G. Nhema, the Executive Secretary of OSSREA and held important discussions regarding the Chinese-African relations.

During the meeting, the Executive Secretary briefed the delegates on OSSREA’s goals and objectives, and its activities throughout the region. The discussions also centred around Chinese-African relations at the economic levels and the role that regional integration and international trade can play in the development of Africa. On his part,
H.E. Mr. Du Yaling, after thanking the OSSREA Secretariat for the warm reception, explained the mission and objectives of the China Center for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS). The Deputy Director-General also mentioned that the 50th Anniversary of Chinese-African Cooperation would be held in Beijing, China, in November 2006.

At the end of the discussions H. E. Mr. Du Yaling, on behalf of his delegates, appreciated the achievements and contributions of OSSREA to the African continent and the African people, and expressed his hope to further enhance the cooperation between the two institutions in the future.

H.E. Mr. Du Yanling, Deputy Director-General of CCCWS and Dr. Alfred G. Nhema, Executive Secretary of OSSREA, flanked by members of the entourage and the OSSREA Secretariat staff
5.6 New Human Resources Manual Sensitisation Workshop

A sensitisation workshop on the OSSREA Human Resource Policies and Procedures manual was held on 29th December 2006 at the Hilton Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. All OSSREA Secretariat staff attended the workshop. At the workshop the manual was presented by Prof. John C. Munene. During the presentation, questions were raised, and comments and suggestions were made on the contents of the manual.
VI. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

6.1 OSSREA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2006

ORGANISATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (OSSREA)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

CURRENCY: US DOLLARS

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### INCOME STATEMENT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, DECEMBER 2006**

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