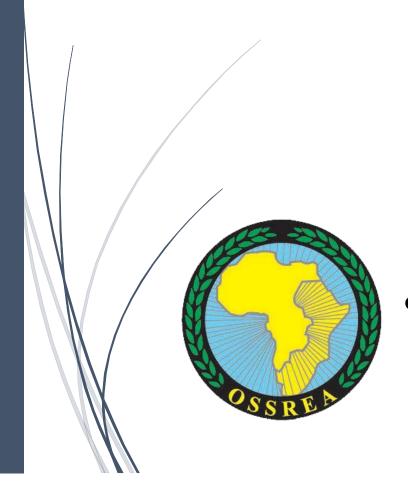
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OSSREA is now 35 years old. Over the decades its objectives have been to encourage research, capacity building in the social sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa, promote collaborative research and capacity development. The other objective has been to network with institutions and individuals working on similar goals and objectives and promoting policy engagement and dialogue between researchers, capacity development specialists and policy actors in state and non-state sectors. The year 2015 marked a watershed in a number of areas.

The year saw the end of the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 implementation period. Under the plan a lot of capacity building activities were carried out in terms of Research Methodology and Gender mainstreaming activities, scores of books were published and policy forums held. This report is not about the five years' performance, which is appropriately done in the Strategic Plan, it is about how special was the year in the history of OSSREA. It was also the year OSSREA became 35, a lifetime that can be usually referred to as a generation.

But the year 2015 was the first in a period without traditional donor supporters in terms of core and institutional financing. Donor priorities changed abruptly and support from Sida-Sweden and NORAD – Norway discontinued. DANIDA of Denmark continued its project support in 2015. The secretariat was run from the reserve funds the organization had accumulated over the years. Yet it was the year wherein the largest number of activities took place. About 10 books were

No.	Category	OSSREA Rank
1.	Top Think Tanks Worldwide (Non-US)	133
2.	Top Think Tanks Worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.)	148
3.	Top Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa	27
4.	Top Education Policy Think Tanks	65
5.	Top Domestic Health Policy Think Tanks	22
6.	Top Global Health Policy Think Tanks	19
7.	Top International Economics Think Tanks	39
8.	Top Social Policy Think Tanks	35
9.	Best Advocacy Campaign	87
10.	Best Institutional Collaboration Involving Two or More Think	
	Tanks	
11.	Best Managed Think Tanks	42
12.	Best Transdisciplenary Research Think Tanks	78
13.	Think Tanks with the Best Use of the Internet	37
14.	Best Use of Media (Print of Electronic)	49
15.	Think Tanks with the Most Significant Impact on Public Policy	51

produced and 8 policy forums held. One Thesis was published and a new strategic plan drawn. The number of categories of Think Tank ranking of OSSREA globally went up from 9 in 2014 to 15 in 2015.

The year 2015 was the first to operate using a lean secretariat of 13 people. After merging Research and Publications and Finance with the Executive Office and after a series of online decision making by members of the Executive Committee it has been possible to run the secretariat with an Executive office and one directorate only but with all functions going on as usual under units as is presented in this annual report. Although individual workload doubled or in cases tripled the secretariat continued routine work, coordinate chapters and meet its international obligations. This annual report is organized consistent with the new structure.

The biggest achievement in 2015 was to ensure OSSREA secretariat continues to muster drastic changes and to face challenges of changing from an organization wholly dependent on donors to one striving to diversify sources of funds for running its affairs. OSSREA got a clean audit report for 2015.

2. EXECUTIVE, IT AND FINANCE

2.1. Executive Functions

From January to December 2015 the OSSREA secretariat was under the Acting Executive Director. As noted in the introduction in April the Executive Committee (EC) following the discontinuation of traditional core and project support, froze temporarily two Directorates and 2 positions. The decision meant to enable OSSREA continue running as an organization beyond December 2015 while new funding approaches are being pursued.

To follow up the decision of EC new management committee was set up with the remaining staff and Finance unit realigned to ensure accountability and ordinary flow of financial transactions. Under the Executive Office were placed Finance and IT and all publications matters placed under a single Research and Publications Directorate.

The secretariat was invited and participated in several regional and international events fully sponsored by the conveners or falling under specific project programme.

- o IPAR Annual Conference Kigali. February 2015
- Emergence of Africa and the Developmental Sate. Abidjan. UNDP, AfDB and the government of Ivory Coast. March 2015
- African Think Tank Launch Addis Ababa 2015
- University of Rwanda Annual Conference by Sida and Jonkoping University May 2015
- ACBF Side event of Financing for Development Global Summit Addis Ababa. June 2015
- o Brighton UK Workshop for ELLA project June 2015
- Meles Zenawi Symposium Kigali by ADB, Ethiopian Government and Rwanda Government August 2015
- o Global Health Policy Think Tank meeting in Geneva November 2015
- High Level Dialogue on Women in Political Parties in Kigali by AU December 2015



• Third Workshop of Evidence and Lessons from Latin America. Accra.by Practical Action programme December 2015

2.2. IT Unit

2.2.1. Introduction

The IT unit continues to be a key unit at OSSREA for communication as well as for reducing the cost of doing business. As a result of restructuring IT assisted in doing publication activities particularly layouts and typesetting of books and other publications. IT unit assisted in running the e-Learning courses and the Learning Alliance with Latin America on the ELLA project. One of the recommendations in our strategic plan is to strengthen the unit to assist in evolving anew business model. The sections that follow outline what was achieved in 2015

2.2.2. Helpdesk and Troubleshooting

- i. Providing day-to-day helpdesk services to OSSREA's staff on call bases
- ii. Troubleshoot Network, Antivirus and other Software and Hardware Problems on day-to-day basis
- iii. Performed preventive maintenance of computer hardware and software resources of OSSREA
- iv. Provide back up e-mail, system state data and user data, financial data
- v. Undertook procurement of requested hardware and software

2.2.3. Systems, Network and Database Administration

i. Ensured all computer systems hardware and software systems are working properly

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- ii. Ensured the network hardware and software systems are working properly
- iii. Ensured database systems are working properly (Finance database system, Letter numbering system, research database etc..)

2.2.4. Dissemination activities

- i. IT unit corresponded with the following online publishers to sale and disseminate OSSREA publications
- a. AJOL
- b. Project Muse
- c. EBASCOHOST
- d. Pro Quest
- e. Africa Portal
- ii. IT unit designed and published OSSREA's publications on OSSREA's website, on the Twitter and Facebook pages of OSSREA
- iii. Disseminated different calls on new publications, calls from partners, call for applications for e-learning courses etc...

2.2.5. Management and Administration of OSSREA's Websites and e-mail service

IT oversaw this in the following ways;

- i. Designed and developed a new website for OSSREA
- ii. Imported content from the old website to the new website
- iii. Managed the day-to-day operation of the website (Managing the service level agreement between OSSREA and its websites hosting and e-mail service provider)
- iv. Managing the day-to-day operation of the e-mail system
- v. Managing the day-to-day operation of the intranet system

2.2.6.E-Learning system activities

- i. Designed and implemented an e-learning system for OSSREA
- ii. Deployment of learning materials for the research methodology e-learning course
- iii. Managing the e-learning course (responding to posts on forums, posting calls, handling payment issues, support letter etc...)
- iv. Developing a course module for SPSS
- v. Teaching online the SPSS course

2.2.7. Typesetting Activities

- i. EASSRR Journal Vol XXXII No 1 (Jan 2016 Issue)
- ii. EASSRR Journal Vol XXXI No 2 (June 2015 Issue)
- iii. The Gender-Energy Nexus in eastern and southern Africa
- iv. Urban youth Unemployment in Eastern and Southern Africa: Feature, Challenges, consequences and Cutback Strategies
- v. Green Transition and Climate Compatible Development in eastern and Southern Africa

- vi. Election Processes, Management and Election-based violence in Eastern and Southern Africa
- vii. Innovations in Achieving Sustainable Food Security in Eastern and Southern Africa
- viii. Practical Challenges in Customary Law Translation: The Case of Rwanda's Gacaca Law
- ix. The June 2015 issue of the OSSREA Bulletin
- x. OSSREA 2016 Catalogue
- xi. Social Science Research Report Series No. 37
- xii. Typesetting five policy briefs on the following themes and readied them for online publishing:
 - a. The Quest for Sound Funding Policy Reform in Madagascar's Public Higher Education Sector during the Post-Crisis Years— Policy Brief 5
 - b. The Implementation of the Cadetship Scheme Policy for Funding Higher Education in Zimbabwe— Policy Brief 6
 - c. Botswana's Dilemma in Financing Tertiary Education— Policy Brief 7
 - d. Revenue Diversification and Resource Utilisation Options for Ethiopian Universities in the Face of Declining Public Funding— Policy Brief 8
 - e. Funding Higher Education in Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects— Policy Brief 8

2.3 Finance and Administration

Financial Management and Resource Mobilization Report (January 01 - December 31, 2015)

Financial Management Activities carried out during 2015

2.3.1 Preparation of the financial report of the year 2014

The first task attended during the month of January 2015 was the closing of the accounts of the year 2014. The accounts were closed soon after the year end and the financial report was ready for audit by external auditors. The audit work was conducted during the month of March 2015 and the audit firm issued the report on the 6th of April 2015. The audit certified that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects the sources and uses of funds in accordance with the accounting policies of OSSREA and is proved to be in conformity with the donors grant agreement. Furthermore, the audit report indicated that the internal control structure of the organization has been reviewed and has concluded that the system was adequate to meet the needs of the program. The copy of the audit report including the management letter was distributed to Executive Committee members, donors, chapter offices and other stake holders of OSSREA.

Following the decision of the Executive Committee of OSSREA on 29th April 2015, the position of the Director of Finance and Administration and Disbursement & Material Accounts Officer

were frozen and the Disbursement & Material Accounts officer is shifted to the Acting Finance and Administration Manager. According to the procedure of Finance Manual of OSSREA and to the generally accepting accounting policy the need arises to recruit a Junior Accountant to prepare payments and journalize the entry in the COGL accounting software of OSSREA on a contract basis. Therefore, the position for Junior Accountant was advertised and the position was filled on contract basis starting from the month of July 2015.

2.3.2 Available funds for the operation of 2015

The only available fund for the operation of the year 2015 was the DANIDA Supported Activity for National Policy Dialogue Workshop, Knowledge Harvesting Book Project, OADIS Publications and for the Strategic plan 2016 - 2020. The total fund transferred to OSSREA was USD 209,123.00 in two instalments the first in February and the final in July 2015, from the total transfer USD157,726.00 was expended the and the left over amount was USD51,397.00 as of 31 December 2015. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of April 2016.

2.3.3 Utilization of the funds available in the Special Reserve Account for Various projects accounts

Activities	Balance in the provision account		
Special Reserve Fund for various projects (SRV)	bbf from	Expended	Balance as at 31
	2014	during 2015	December 2015
SRV for publication of Special Issue Journal	35,406.40	27,412.09	7,994.31
SRV for Publication of Proceedings & research	33,180.52	4,498.72	28,681.80
reports			
SRV for The nexus b/n gender and energy	14,751.04	0	14,751.04
SRV for The role of civil society organizations	275.00	0	275.00
SRV for Policy Dialogue Workshop	56,879.53	0	56,879.53
SRV for Training Workshop	18,891.84	1,218.81	17,673.03
SRV for Urban Youth and Unemployment	1,222.75	0	1,222.75
SRV for Millennium Development Goals Project	687.50	0	687.50
Total	161,294.58	33,129.62	128,164.96

The following were some of the unfinished activities carried forward from the year 2014 and attended during the year 2015:

The balances in the provision accounts was not reduced during the year therefore the HST Auditors commented that all the provisions account should be recorded as special reserve fund for various projects, it should not be seen in the financial statement yearly as provisions and the amount expended this fiscal year is very insignificant compared to other years. We accepted the comment and did the necessary adjusting entry at the end of December 2015.

2.3.4 Fund Administration Services and sales of publications

Like the previous years OSSREA has continued managing the funds of other organizations that require fund administration services. The opening fund balance of the others fund being administered by OSSREA as of January 01, 2015 was \$79,338.00. The following amounts were received for further administration:

Name of the fund remitting Organization	Amount
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	169,982.00
Erasmus University of Rotterdam	65,761.00
Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiatives (DNDi)	57,445.00
IDRC – State of competition in Ethiopia	27,012.00
LPI Cross Border	36,704.00
Evidence and Lessons Learnt from Latin America	71,010.00
(ELLA)	
CIRCLE Visiting Fellow	7,755.00
Total during the year	435,668.00

From the available balance of Others Funds administered by OSSREA amounting to \$515,007.00, a total of \$393,190.00 has been expended as per the instruction of the local partners and the remaining sum as of December 31, 2015 is \$121,817.00 The fund administration fee generated during the year 2015 is \$35,172.50 a significant contribution to our reserve fund.

The income generated from the sales of publications is another source contributing to the reserve fund. The total of the sales proceeds during the year 2015 was \$10,952.97.

2.3.5 Technical Advisory and Training services

Preparation of fundable proposals, participation in calls, conference organization, provision of trainings and consultancy works were other areas taken into account as a means of fund raising efforts for OSSREA. The details of the proposals developed during the year and the list of calls we participated are narrated under the report of the Directorate of Research and Capacity Building. What is narrated here is the gross income generated from such efforts. The following are fees from such consultancy and training services generated during the year:

Consultancy Services	Gross Amount Administered / Generated (USD)
ACBF (compilation of AUC policy digest)	10,00.00
Fund Raising Activity	5,800.00
Income From E-learning	1549.00
Preparation of consultative meeting of the NORHED project	9,149.00

Consultancy Services	Gross Amount
	Administered /
Consultancy fee	250.00
IPAR Study Tour	2,754.00
Oxfam SOTU	7,885.00

2.3.6 Institutional support expenses of the year 2015

The total of the institutional support expenses for the period January to December 2015 is \$493,088.67. The following are the highlighted expenses of the year: -

Description of expense	Amount (USD)
Salary and benefit	414,030.86
General Travel	1,329.14
Meeting expense of the EC	17,468.10
Stationery expense	301.68
Tea/coffee service	815.65
Consultancy service	12,526.69
Insurance	23,024.44
Subscription for magazines,	3,610.50
etc.,	
Miscellaneous expense	2,534.78
Tonner for Type Setting & ICT	1,185.12
Accessories	
Communication (telephone,	5,257.16
postage)	
Vehicle fuel and insurance	5,987.25
Repair & Maintenance of	16.70
building	
Repair & Maintenance of	103.29
Equipment	
Bank charges	33.35
Gain/Loss on exchange rate	627.89
Purchase of ICT Supplies	625.33
Dissemination exp (travel &	375.00
related costs)	
Mailing and postage	535.75
Vehicle repairs	2,699.99
Total	493,088.67

The salary and benefit constitutes 84.00% (\$414,030.86/493,088.67) of the total Institutional development cost whereas the rest 16.00% (\$79,057.81/493,088.67) is the other administrative cost covered by the remaining Institutional development costs.

The movement of the funds by source, nature of activity, the disbursements made and the closing fund balance can be found in the annex as it appears in the audit report of OSSREA for the year ended 31 December 2015

3. RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

3.1. Research

Introduction

OSSREA has been implementing the following projects during the period 2015:

- i. the DANIDA supported "Research, Capacity Building and Research Uptake" project;
- ii. DFID supported 'ELLA II (Evidence and Lessons from Latin America)" Project;
- iii. NORAD supported "Borderland Dynamics in East Africa. A Network Programme for Capacity Building within Department of Social Anthropology in East African Universities" project;
- iv. LPI supported "ICBT-CBSG"- Collaborative policy analysis and advocacy in the Horn of Africa project;
- v. CIRCLE project and finalization of book projects which were started in 2013;
- vi. the four books that were pending from 2013;
- vii. the Eastern Africa Social Sciences Research Review Journal, which is OSSREA's flagship publication; and
- viii. the OSSREA Bulletin

3.1.1. DANIDA Project

Research, Capacity Building and Research Uptake on Climate Change, Food Security, Human Trafficking and Inclusive Growth project

3.1.1.1. *Summary of the project accomplishment:* The objective of this Capacity Building and Research Uptake project is to harvest knowledge on identified critical issues and disseminate it for purposes of policy dialogue and research uptake. The project has four components: - Four knowledge harvesting book projects, 8 national research policy dialogue workshops and 1 grant to publish the best PhD thesis of the OSSREA Research School on Social Sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa (RESSESA) trainees.

8 policy dialogue forums conducted in selected Eastern and Southern African Countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa and Mozambique). These policy dialogue forums focusing Knowledge sharing and dissemination has brought together policy makers, media, academia and civil society to deal with and discuss the findings of research carried about by the academia.

4 research books on four thematic areas (Climate compatible development, Election violence, Food Security and Inclusive Development) are published. The research covered Eastern and Southern Africa Region.

The goal of the DANIDA financed Research, Capacity Building and Research Uptake project was to generate knowledge on identified critical issues within OSSREA's strategic thematic research areas and disseminate it for purposes of policy dialogue and research uptake.

The project has three components: -Four knowledge harvesting book projects, 8 national research policy dialogue workshops and 1 grant to publish the best Doctorate thesis of the OSSREA Research School on Social Sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa (RESSESA) trainees.

3.1.1.2. Knowledge Harvesting Book Projects: The knowledge harvest component of the project has four thematic areas (Climate Change, Food Security, Election violence and Inclusive Growth).

i. Innovations for Achieving Sustainable Food Security in Eastern and Southern Africa Book Project

Under this book, OSSREA received 84 applications in response to a call for abstracts which was posted on the website. Based on the set criteria, 21 of them passed the preliminary stage of assessment and invited to submit a draft chapter. With the critical assessment of the draft chapters of the candidates by anonymous reviewers, nine best papers were selected and invited to sign contracts. The draft chapters were reviewed three times and the authors incorporated the comments provided by the reviewers. The final stage was forwarding the drafts to the Publications unit for processing.

No	Author	Title of the Chapter
1	Peter Makaye	Land Tax and the Environmentally Sustainable Use of Land for Food Security in Post- Land Reform Zimbabwe
2	Workneh Negatu	Institutions and Technological Innovation in Smallholder Agricultural System: Narrative Lessons from a Case Study in Bati and Kewot woredas (Districts) in Northeastern Ethiopia
3	Herman Musahara	Some Indicators of Food Security Challenges in Eastern and Southern Africa with Lessons from the Land Use Consolidation in Rwanda
4	Jennifer Turyatemba Tumushabe	Policy Implementation Puzzle Facing Uganda's Food Security Challenges
5	Mariam A.T.J. Kadzamira	Rural Livelihoods And Agricultural Innovation Systems
6	Boaz S.W.Maloba	Harnessing Indigenous And Modern Scientific Knowledge To Promote Farmer Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships In Food Security In Kakamega County; Kenya
7	Oino Peter Gutwa	Farmers Adaptive Capacity on Household Food-resource Handling Procedures and Food Security in Rural Western Kenya
8	Constance Rose Ambasa	Gender Power Relations And Food Security: A Holistic Strategy For Overcoming Barriers To Women's Access To Assets, Participation And Capacity Building In Sustainable Agriculure In Tigania, Meru County, Kenya
9	Ronél Ferreira, Karien Botha, William Fraser & Peet Du Toit	Addressing Food And Nutrition-Related Needs In Poor Communities: Example Of An Interdisciplinary School-Based Health Promotion Intervention

ii. Electoral Processes, Management and Election–Based Violence in Eastern and Southern African book project

OSSREA received 60 applications in response to a call for abstracts which was posted on OSSREA website. Based on the set criteria, 20 of these passed the preliminary stage of assessment and were invited to submit draft chapters. After another round of reviewing 11 best papers were selected and invited to sign contracts and resubmit their draft chapters. The draft chapters were reviewed by editor(s) three times Authors incorporated the comments provided by the reviewers to produce the final chapter manuscripts for processing by the Publications unit.

The following articles were processed for inclusion in the book Electoral Process Management and Election –Base Violence in Eastern and Southern African book as chapters.

No.	Author	Title
1	Stanley Ngome Mutsotso & Truphena E. Mukuna	Student Activism, Political Party Alliances and Election Violence in Kenyan Public Universities
2	Tania Diolle	The Mauritian electoral system and the expression of ethno-political interests: The management of social conflicts in Mauritius
3	Japhace Poncian	Explaining Election Violence in Tanzania: the Interplay Between the Union Question and Electoral Administration and Management
4	David Mugambe Mpiima	<i>I Cannot Leave Power to Wolves</i> : The Politics of S-Elections and Election Violence in Uganda
5	Mukandirwa Salumu	Genocide and Political Conflict Management In Rwanda After 1994
6	Cori Wielenga, Zefanias Matsimbe, & Ruth Murambadoro	The liberal peace building framework, electoral democracy and reconciliation: The cases of Mozambique and Zimbabwe
7	Paschal Mihyo	Majoritarian exclusive regimes and election violence in Eastern and Southern Africa.
8	Phineas Bbaala and Jotham C. Momba	Beyond A Free And Fair Election: The Ethnic Divide And The Rhetoric Of 'One Zambia One Nation'
9	Audace Mbonyingingo & Pascal Ndayizigiye	Burundi: 2010 Elections and their Implications on 2015 Elections
10	Blessings Chinsinga	Stuck in Transition? The Political Economy of Elections in Malawi
11	Mokganedi Z. Botlhomilwe and Robert M. Molebatsi	Election Administration in Africa: Can Botswana be a Model for Peaceful Elections?

iii. Milestones in Green Transition and Climate Compatible Development in Eastern and Southern Africa book Project

OSSREA received 65 applications in response to a call for abstracts which was posted on the website. Based on the set criteria, 20 of passed initial screening and were requested to submit draft articles. After a second review, 10 best papers were selected and invited to sign contracts. These submitted draft chapters that were reviewed three times by editor(s). The final draft chapters forwarded to the Publications Department for processing were as indicated in the table below;

No	Author	Title
1.	Christopher A. Shisanya	Mainstreaming Climate Adaptation into Agricultural Planning and
		Development in Kenya
2.	Patrick Gwimbi	Climate-Smart Agriculture in Lesotho: Initiatives and Perspectives
3.	Nwachukwu, Ifeanyi	Effects of Climate Change on Agricultural Productivity across East
	Ndubuto and Shisanya,	African Countries: Comparative Evidence from Kenya and Uganda
	Christopher Allan	
4.	Muchaiteyi Togo	Adoption of Green Technologies in the Public Transport
		Sector: The Case of Rea Vaya BRT System, South Africa
5.	Charity Chonde and	Rural Women's Participation and Investment in Renewable
	Harriet Chiwaula	Energy as a Low-Carbon Adaptation Strategy: Evidence from
		the Sustainable Energy Project in Malawi

No	Author	Title
6.	Riad Sultan	Environmental and Economic Feasibility of Bioethanol
		Systems: Towards Climate Compatible Development
7.	Yohannes Aberra Ayele	Climate-Compatible Development in the Water Sector of Ethiopia,
		Mozambique and Tanzania
8.	Theresa Moyo	Climate Compatible Strategies in Planning and Investment in
		South Africa
9.	Truphena E. Mukuna	Championing a Green Future through Higher Education: Initiatives of
		Selected Regional Research Organisations in Africa

iv. Inclusive Growth and Development; Challenges and Opportunities in Eastern and Southern Africa.

The book chapters were reviewed three times after initial selections and screening of 80 proposals.

The following eight Chapters were eventually passed to the Publications to be processed for publication in the Inclusive Growth and Development book

No.	Author's Name	Title of the chapter	
1	Degye Goshu	The Dynamics of Poverty, Vulnerability and Welfare in Rural Ethiopia	
2	Claudious Chikozho	The Missing Link: Articulating the Disjuncture between Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion in South Africa	
3	Herman Musahara	Inclusive And Sustainable Development Challenges In Eastern And Southern Africa: A General Review With Indications Of Related Social Sciences Research Gaps In The Post- 2015 Era.	
4	Sheereen Fauzel	Trade and Inclusive Development In Mauritius. Evidence From A Dynamic Framework	
5	Muluadam Alemu Bekele	Rural-Urban Divide In Ethiopia: A Challenge For Inclusive Growth And Development	
6	Jean Baptiste "Vision 2020 Umurenge Programme (VUP) and its Financial Direct Suppor Ndikubwimana Component to the Poor as a Strategy for Poverty Reduction in Rwanda Challenges and Opportunities"		
7	<i>Julius Omona</i> Social Policies for Inclusive and Sustainable Development: A Ccomparis of Social Health Protection Systems in Uganda's and Thailand's social heal		
8	Johnson Bosco Rukundo	Productivity and Informality in Rwanda: Evidence from the Food Processing Sector	

3.1.2. National Policy Dialogue Workshops

As was in the design of the DANIDA-funded project, National Policy Dialogue forums were conducted in eight OSSREA chapter offices: Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. The selection was very competitive. All OSSREA national chapters were invited to present proposals. Based on the thematic area, relevance and budget breakdown eight national chapters were selected to conduct national policy dialogue with the financial support gained from DANIDA.

i. Botswana National Policy Dialogue

The policy dialogue workshop was conducted on 23, June, 2015 with the theme of "Tackling Youth Unemployment in Botswana: Together We Can!"

During the workshop, 11 researchers presented their finding to the participants. The workshop participants were representatives from CSOs, policy makers and academia.

The forum had the following objectives:

To generate ideas towards fast-tracking reduction of youth unemployment in Botswana;

To identify the strengths and weaknesses of programs that have so far been instituted to address youth unemployment, income generation, and employment skill building for the youth in Botswana;

To share good practices from countries (with comparable contexts) that have been progressive in tackling problems that Botswana is facing with regard to creating employment opportunities for the youth.

To establish points of convergence on the way forward in tackling unemployment by both policy actors and researchers.

The workshop was reported to have been quite engaging. Participants pointed out that they liked the readiness of the presenters, their confidence and their well researched papers that enhanced knowledge. The papers were described to be academic and scholarly with a multidisciplinary diversity and well articulated issues. Presentations were a revelation to the actual youth unemployment problem and how policies could be improved.

ii. Ethiopia National Policy Dialogue

The national policy dialogue forum in Ethiopia was conducted on the 2nd of July 2015. The workshop theme was "Evidence Based Policy and Practice for Agriculture and Rural Development: The Role of Research in Achieving Middle Income Status in Ethiopia by 2025". More than 58 researchers and policy makers participated.

The national policy dialogue forum had the following objectives

- (a) To identify the social, economic and political roles the youth can play in the development agenda of the country;
- (b) To provide academicians and researchers with the opportunity to present high quality conference papers;
- (c) To create a forum for OSSREA-Ethiopia Chapter members and engage them in academic debates;
- (d) To increase OSSREA-Ethiopia Chapter's visibility by bringing various stakeholders together and created awareness about the OSSREA's overall activities.

iii. Mozambique National Policy Dialogue

Mozambique's OSSREA Chapter held its National Policy Dialogue Workshop on 5th June 2015. The workshop was attended by 42 participants from Eduardo Mondlane University, Police Sciences Academy and Pedagogical University with the aim of providing an opportunity for academicians and researchers to discuss migration issues and see how it impacts on the development of Mozambique.

The following papers were presented

- i. Migration, Poverty and Social Protection: The Case of Mozambicans in South Africa;
- ii. ii. Migratory Culture and the Socio-economic Transborder Integration of Manica (Mozambique) and Manicaland (Zimbabwe) Communities, 1976-2000;

- iii. Floods in the Zambezi Valley: Forced Displacement and the Socio-Economic Implications for Affected Communities;
- iv. iv. A Forgotten Debate: Environmental Change and Forced Displacement in Southern Africa

The workshop provided academicians and researchers together the opportunity to produce and present their research findings and created a forum for critical debate on migration issues Southern Africa and in Mozambique in particular;

iv. Kenya national policy dialogue workshop

The national policy dialogue in Kenya OSSREA chapter was held on 25 of June 2015 at Moi University. The theme of the workshop was "Interrogating Intersections in Environmental Research, Policy and Practice in Kenya"

The policy dialogue workshop was held with the following objectives:

- i. To provide researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders on climate change, DRR, SP, LQ and WS a platform for discussion;
- ii. To enhance knowledge of all stakeholders on how to cope with natural disaster situations;
- iii. To facilitate Kenya's ability to institutionalize Climate Change(CC), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and, Social Protection(SP) at the core of the development agenda
- iv. To influence policy that will inform the government's agenda in the pastoralist region; thus reduce their vulnerability to floods or droughts, and warring over land.
- v. To create a platform for communicating CC, DRR, AND SP, for all actors at all levels.
- vi. To propagate the need to dialogue and debate on CC, DRR, SP, LQ and WS at various fora

More than 12 papers were presented during the workshop. These papers covered a range of topics distributed among the five thematic areas for the National Policy Dialogue workshop, these were:

- Climate Change
- Disaster Risk Management
- Social Protection
- Land and Social Development
- Water and Sanitation

The following papers were presented

- i. Socio-Cultural Determinants to adoption of Safe Water Sanitation and Hygiene Practices in Nyakach Kisumu County; Causes, Impact and Adaptability Measures to Climate Change in Western Kenya;
- ii. The impact of Social Protection on People with Disabilities in Bungoma County, Kenya;
- iii. Linguistic Divergence in enhancing Social Protection: A Synthesis of Language Power;
- iv. Food Security and Nutrition in the Context of Climate Change: A Blessing and Curse in Tea Producing Areas in Kenya;

v. Reducing Risk and Vulnerability to Climate Change in Kenya: Gender Capacities and Policy Implications

v. Rwanda National Policy dialogue

The Rwanda national policy dialogue was held on 14th August 2015 at University of Rwanda Huye Campus with the theme of "Building on MDGs Progress for The Future of Rwanda: Roles of Government and Civil Society in Promoting the Wellbeing of Rural Communities"

The workshop had three main objectives, and these were:

- i. To serve as a source of knowledge about how Rwanda achieved the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- ii. To bring awareness of different responses that can continuously help in transforming the lives of the poor in Africa and the rest of the world.
- iii. To serve as a forum for dialogue about core issues which can benefit sustainable development of Rwandan society

The workshop came out with different outcomes. As research is there to inform policy, some policy recommendations were drawn, but as well as recommendations for future research.

- i. Local institutions should be helped to generate sufficient financial resources hence making them financially autonomous from the central government,
- ii. There should always be regular monitoring of the level of local state legitimacy;
- iii. Service delivery should be enhanced at local government level;
- iv. More research should be conducted on issues related to genocide;
- v. More homegrown initiatives should be integrated in empowering and improving the conditions of women;
- vi. Men should be engaged in women empowerment process because they are among the primary stakeholders of this process;
- vii. Negative masculinity that disempowers women should be eradicated through sensitization;
- viii. More research should be conducted on gender and women empowerment;
- ix. Urbanization and land management strategies should be thought about by policy makers;
- x. Citizen participation should be encouraged as it is the basis of state legitimacy

vi. South Africa Academic Debate Workshop

The academic workshop was held on 24th July 2015 at the University of South Africa with the objective of getting a deeper understanding of some major causes for social discord among national and foreign nationals;

- To sensitize the policy makers to get involved in issues of policy making that accommodate the needs of both national and foreign nationals;
- To create space for national dialogue where both parties can engage to forge a sustainable social cohesion;

Papers included the following

- i. Education as A Tool for Creating Social Cohesion: The Question of Xenophobia in South Africa;
- ii. Migration policies and sustainable education, economic and social development in Africa;
- iii. Cage confinement policy inherent legacies: diabolical influences of Afrophobia/xenophobia on a migrant child's education;
- iv. What are Zimbabwean migrant mathematics teachers' experiences of teaching in South Africa and how do they feel they are treated?

3.1.3. OADIS Publication

One of OSSREA's projects is the Research School for Social Sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa (RESSESA) a consortium of 10 universities for fast tracking Ph.D programmes of each of these universities. OSSREA supports RESSESA by organizing intensive one-month courses on advanced mixed research methods; it organizes one-week refresher courses for Ph.D supervisors on how to support students; it organizes two weeks courses for supervisors on advanced techniques for gender research and gender mainstreaming in various sectors. Some of these PhD students got funds from other sources went to the field have completed their training and graduated. As part of RESSESA project, with the fund gained from DANIDA, OSSREA planned to support the beneficiaries of RESSESA in publishing their PhD dissertations.

As a result, OSSREA asked the RESSESA partner universities to nominate at least two dissertations papers they consider very good and send them to OSSREA. Only Moi University and University of Rwanda responded. The application from Moi University was dropped on advice from a DANIDA monitoring mission. The dissertation from the National University of Rwanda by Dr Télesphore Ngarambe entitled Practical Challenges in Customary Law Translation: the case of Rwanda's Gacaca Law was assessed by two technical reviewers, and after the author accommodated the comments, the revised version was passed to the Publications and Dissemination Department for preparation for press.

3.1.4. ICBT-CBSG project: Collaborative policy analysis and advocacy in the Horn of Africa

This is a pilot project initiative among OSSREA, Life and Peace Initiative, CEWARN an Eearly Warning wing of the Intergovernmental Agency for Development and Inter African Group by aiming at fostering dialogue and collaborative engagement among various actors. The overall objective of this project is to enrich regional policymaking processes with local perspectives, lived experiences, solid evidence and expertise by supporting civil society organizations and academia to conduct policy-targeted research and analysis. The project opened space for cross-fertilization and knowledge sharing between civil society and academia. Policy-focused research conducted and framed as policy questions and recommendations.

Accordingly, OSSREA has undertaken research of the status of ICBT in the IGAD region and the Nexus between ICBT-CBSG in the horn of Africa.

N	b. Borderland	Countries	Research Title	
1	Moyale	Ethiopia/Kenya	Informal Cross Border Trade and Cross Border Security	
			Governance Nexus in Moyale, Ethiopia-Kenya	
			Borderlands	
2	Togowuchale	Ethiopia/Somalia	Dr. Abdiwasa Abdillahi Bade (AAU/DPSIR)	

No.	Borderland	Countries	Research Title	
3.	Busia	Uganda/Kenya	Unraveling the nexus between Informal Cross border trade and Cross border security governance	
4.	Afar-Dikhil	Djibouti/Ethiopia	Relationship between Informal Cross Border Trade & Cross Border Security Governance (CBSG) in the Borderlands of Ethiopia & Djibouti	
5.	Dobley	Kenya/Somalia	Relationship between Informal Cross-Border Trade (ICBT) and Cross-Border Security Governance (CBSG) in Dobley	
6	Kassala	Sudan/Eritrea	Country Assessment on ICBT in Sudan	
7.	Elugu/Oraba	South Sudan/Uganda	Country Assessment on ICBT in Uganda	
8	Djibouti country assessment		Informal Cross-Border Trade (ICBT): The Case Of Djibouti-Ethiopia	

OSSREA organized a Knowledge Harvesting workshop on the Nexus between Informal Cross Border Trade and Cross Border Security Governance in the IGAD region from 12th to 13th November 2015. Participants invited from academia, policy makers and researchers across the IGAD member countries. The country assessments on the state of ICBT trade and the findings of research on the nexus between ICBT and CBSG were presented. Finally, OSSREA produced a policy recommendation based the research finding and discussions points presented during the knowledge harvesting workshop.

3.1.5. Evidence and Lessons from Latin America (ELLA II):

This is a study research project on Analyzing accountability of the Executive Bodies to the Legislative Authorities in Africa and Latin America: A Comparative Study to derive Lessons learned.

The core objective of the project is that policy makers, policy influencers and practitioners in Africa and Latin American countries learn from Comparative Evidence from the two regions in order to inform their policies and practice, and ultimately to reduce poverty.



It is a four-year research project (Spt. 2014 to Jan.31, 2017) between OSSREA and Latin American Partner is Centre for the Implementation of Public Policies for Equity and Growth (CIPPEC) – a Research Think Tank based in Argentina.

As part of project activity: -

OSSREA successfully conducted a Design and Methodology workshop. The workshop was held in Addis Ababa from January 5th -9th, 2015. The objective of the training was to provide time for research teams both from Latin America and Africa to work together on their projects in order to advance from the proposal stage to the production of the first output- Design and method paper.

- i. Design and Method paper approved by PAC.
- ii. Regional paper published
- iii. Policy brief produced
- iv. Comparative paper produced
- v. Learning alliance established

3.1.6 Book projects from 2013

i. Urban Youth Unemployment in Eastern and Southern Africa Book Project

The book on Urban Youth Unemployment in Eastern and Southern Africa is one of OSSREA's many outputs in the year 2015. The book aims at encouraging researchers to conduct intensive case studies that examine the nature, magnitude, causes and consequences of urban youth unemployment and analyze similarities and differences among selected Eastern and Southern African countries, whose findings could be used to inform policies and strategies on youth employment. The book project initially attracted many chapters by authors. Those were evaluated by external reviewers, who recommended 15 for publication in the book. Those chapters were the following:

No	Name of the Author	Title of The Chapter
1	Gezahegn Abebe	Youth Unemployment in Two Ethiopian Cities: Nature, Challenges, and Consequences
2	Tefera Darge	The Role Of Informal Sector In Alleviating Youth Unemployment In Hawassa City, Ethiopia
3	Wanderi M. P., Kisato J. & Mwangi G. W	University Based Business Incubation and Entrepreneurial Training Initiatives as an Intervention for Urban Youth Unemployment: The case of Kenyatta University, Kenya
4	Saul W. Munoko	'Kicking my way out of unemployment and poverty': Youth Football Clubs, changing Nairobi City's Neighborhoods
5	Mphatso Jones Boti Phiri	Urban Youth Unemployment in Malawi: Nature, Challenges and Consequences
6	Verena Tandrayen- Ragoobur and Harshana Kasseeah	Youth Unemployment in Mauritius: The Ticking Bomb

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7	Mkhululi Ncube	Urban Youth Unemployment in South Africa: Characteristics,
		Challenges and Consequences
8	Mohammed Elhaj	The determinants of Urban Youth Unemployment in Sudan: a Co-
	Mustafa Ali	integration and VECM Analysis
9	Elinami Veraeli Swai	Urban Youth Unemployment in Tanzania: Socio-Cultural Perspective
10	Majogoro K.H and	Self-Employment Intention among Youths: A Behavioural Trace in
	Mgabo, M.R	Tanzania
11	Kabukaire Sarah	Understanding Identity Essentialism of the Youth as a Retrogressive
		Factor in the Implementation of Unemployment Interventions for the
		Urban Female Youth in Uganda
12	Ivan Ashaba M &	A Critical Assessment of the Strategies to Curb Youth Unemployment
	Mesharch W. Katusiimeh	in Uganda
13	Steven Jerie	Urban Youth Unemployment In Zimbabwe: Nature, Challenges And
		Consequences
14	Truphena E. Mukuna and	Unprotected youth on Kenyatta roads: The quest for occupational
	Boaz S.W. Maloba	health and safety for Boda-Boda riders and Matatu touts
15	Paschal Mihyo	Challenging the Challenger: Tacking Youth Unemployment by
		Challenging the Players, the Game and Rules of the Game

Further technical editing on the recommended chapters was done by two senior academics. Authors addressed the comments and the revised chapters were directed to the Publications and Dissemination Department for editing, proofreading, design and layout, formatting and preparing for press.

ii. The Gender-Energy Nexus in Eastern and Southern Africa

The book project commenced in 2013. The population of the chapters submitted by the authors were screen by external reviewers who recommended ten of them to be improved for publication. Then, further technical editing on the ten chapters was done by two senior academicsFinally, the following ten chapters were passed to be processed for publication.

No.	Author's Name	Name of Chapter Title	
1	Alemu Tolemariam Ejeta; Dejene Mamo Bekana alemu T. Ejeta	Gender and Energy Nexus in Ethiopia: An Analytical Review	
2	Musa M. A. Dube; Londiwe Dumsile Hlophe	Community Perspective on the Demand, Availability and Accessibility of Energy Resources :A Case Study of Sinceni on Deforestation	
3	Henry Michael Kigodi and Japhace Poncian	Gender-Energy Nexus in Tanzania: A New Growing Gender Rescue Mission among Rural Women?	
4	Anna Ibrahim Wawa	Gender Equity in Access to Alternative Energy Technologies: A Case of Biogas Technology in Central Tanzania.	
5	Charles Mutasa	The Nexus between Gender and Energy: The Case of Zimbabwe	
6	Betelhem Ephrem Zeleke	Changing Challenges to Opportunities in Addressing Household Energy Demand	
7	Moses Adama Osiro	A Critical Appraisal of Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Policies in Kenya	

8	Yahia Omar Adam Gumaa	Cooking Fuel in Sudan: Utilization Patterns, Health Hazards and Cleaner Fuel Adoption	
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9	Truphena E.Mukuna	Gender – Sensitive Clean Energy Technologies for	
		Sustainable Development amongst pastoralist Maasai	
		Communities, Kenya	
10	Paschal B. Mihyo	Bridging the Gender Gap in Access to Energy in East	
		Africa: A Need Based Approach	

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3.1.7. CIRCLE Project

CIRCLE is acronym for Climate Impact Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement. The objective of this project is to enhance knowledge through the research Fellowships while also providing critical support for institutions to capitalize on the skills and knowledge gained by their returning fellows. It is partnership project between OSSREA and African Academy of Science. The project is now on the second year. OSSREA successfully finalized the first cohort of CIRLCLE visiting fellow. On the second cohort, OSSREA received one fellow who is hosted at OSSREA head quarter.

3.2. Publications and Dissemination

The Publications and Dissemination Department had a busy year crowded by intensive works on the four big books that were pending from 2013 and EASSRR Journal, Other intensive activities involved editing, proofreading, layout design, and overseeing of the publication of four books, one OADDIS book, and one research report from the DANIDA-funded project. The completion of the work spilled over into 2016.

3.2.1. Editing

Editing at the secretariat was more taxing in 2015 because of increased workload to the unit which had one person. The work involved ensuring correctness of language and grammar. It involved checking correctness of facts and figures, the style and manner of presentation, corresponding with authors for completeness of information, ruling out sensitive content, and proper handling of sources. IT, as noted, did the typesetting part. The following items were processed;

i. The EASSRR Journal¹ Vol XXXI No 1 (January 2015 Issue), containing five articles, pp122:

- Development Aid, Agricultural Value Chains and Farmers' Benefits: The Case of Vanilla Growers in Kasese, Uganda *Innocent Royal Kamya*
- Determinants of Household Participation in Land Rental Markets in Amigna District, Arsi Zone of Oromiya Region, Ethiopia *Abaineh Amare and Fekadu Beyene*
- Gender Differences in the Migration of Zimbabwean Teachers to South Africa *Dick Ranga*

¹ The EASSRR Journal is OSSREA's well-referred bi-annual journal published with ISSN 1027–1775 and E-ISSN: 1684–4173. Now in its 32nd volume, the Journal is considered OSSREA's flagship publication. It also fetches good demand from institutions and individuals. Each year, it fetches OSSREA good proceeds, beyond the money that goes into supporting the production of the journal.

- The Situation of Street Children in Selected Cities of South Sudan: Magnitude, Causes, and Effects *Belay Tefera*
- Socio-Ecological Characterization of Forest Ecosystem Health in the South-western Mau Forest Reserve, Kenya *Gilbert O. Obati and Broder Breckling*

ii. The EASSRR Journal Vol XXXI No 2 (June 2015 Issue), containing four articles, pp114;

- Trade Intensity Analysis of South Africa-BRIC Economic Relations Maxwell Ekor, Jimoh Saka and Oluwatosin Adeniyi
- From Migration Regime to Regional Citizenry: Migration and Identity Implications of the East African Common Market *Sabastiano Rwengabo*
- "I Know How to Handle My Husband": Intra-household Decision-Making and Urban Food Production in Kenya *Robert Romborah Simiyu*
- Academic Stress and Coping Strategies among Students with Disabilities in Addis Ababa University
 R. Sreevalsa Kumar and *Ali Sani Side*
- iii. Implementation of the MDGs: Progress and Challenges in Some Eastern and Southern African Countries; pp290;

This book was published in mid 2015 with ISBN: 978-99944-55-82-9. It has 10 main chapters, a general introduction and a conclusion. The Chapters are as follows:

No.	Author	Title
1.	Jotham Dhemba, Simbai Mushonga, and Eltony Mugomeri	P rogress and Challenges in Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger and Combating HIV/AIDS and Other Diseases in Lesotho
2.	Emmanuel Manyasa	chooling without Learning: Long-term Implications of Free Primary Education for Income and Welfare Inequalities in Kenya
3.	Robert Molebatsi and Kenneth B. Dipholo	Universal Primary Education in Botswana: Implementation, Achievements and Challenges
4.	Mireille Rabenoro	T he Challenges of the Implementation of the MDGs in a Fragile State: Universal Primary Education and Gender Equality in Madagascar
5.	Elizabeth M. Msoka	A chievements, Experiences and Challenges of Implementing the Millennium Development Goals 3 and 6 in the United Republic of Tanzania
6.	Tapologo Maundeni	G ender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Botswana: Progresses and Challenges
7.	Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey and George Domfe	Scaling up and Sustaining Gender Inclusion through the MDGs in Ghana: MDG-C1
8.	Benard Mwori Sorre	Improved Maternal Health to Realise the Millennium Development Goal 5 in Kenya

No	o. Author	Title
9.	Asingwire Narathius	Governance and Management Issues in Rural Safe Water Supply in Uganda: Implications for the Realisation of Millennium Development Goal 7C
10	Lee Pugalis, Bob Giddings and Kelechi Anyigor	In-roads in Alleviating Slum Conditions across Nigeria

- **iv. The Gender-Energy Nexus in Eastern and Southern Africa, pp320**. The book was published in 2015 with the ISBN 978-99944-55-84-3. It has 10 main chapters, a general introduction, and a conclusion.
- v. Urban Youth Unemployment in Eastern and Southern Africa: Feature, Challenges, consequences and Cutback Strategies, pp482: Also this big book was published in 2015 with the ISBN of 978-99944-55-83-6. As mentioned earlier, it has 15 main chapters, a general introduction, and a conclusion. Under normal circumstances, editing, proofreading and camera-readying this voluminous book alone could have taken up to five months, but, it was handled within less two months and in parallel with other activities.
- vi. Milestones in Green Transition and Climate Compatible Development in Eastern and Southern Africa, pp314: The book was produced under the DANIDA-funded Knowledge Harvesting project. It has nine chapters. It was copyedited and published in 2015 with the ISBN of 978-99944-55-86-7. The book has eleven chapters including introduction and conclusion.
- vii. Election Processes, Management and Election-based Violence in Eastern and Southern Africa, pp312: This is another product fully supported by DANIDA under that same project. The book was edited and published in 2015 with the ISBN of 978-99944-55-85-0. The book has 10 main chapters, a general introduction and a conclusion. Initially, 11 main chapters were accepted for inclusion in this book; but, the Chapter by Mukandirwa Salumu titled *Genocide and Political conflict Management in Rwanda* was dropped at this latter stage for it was found to have factual inaccuracies which the author couldn't fend off in due time and also because it was found lacking originality.
- viii. Practical Challenges in Customary Law Translation: The Case of Rwanda's Gacaca Law: This dissertation-converted book was published in the year 2015 with the ISBN 978-99944-55-89-8. It was the first and only publication in the OADDIS (OSSREA-Africa Doctoral Dissertations Initiative) that was a component of the DANIDA-funded project.
- ix. The Feb. 2015 issue of the OSSREA Bulletin
- x. The June 2015 issue of the OSSREA Bulletin
- **xi. Policy Briefs:** Five policy briefs that were drafted by authors of different research reports supported OSSREA were edited and readied for Online publishing on the OSSREA Website. These were:
 - The Quest for Sound Funding Policy Reform in Madagascar's Public Higher Education Sector during the Post-Crisis Years— Policy Brief 5, *Elysette Randriamahenintsoa*

- The Implementation of the Cadetship Scheme Policy for Funding Higher Education in Zimbabwe— Policy Brief 6, *Sylod Chimhenga, Onias Mafa, and John Mpofu*
- Botswana's Dilemma in Financing Tertiary Education— Policy Brief 7, *Victoria* Damane and Patrick Molutsi
- Revenue Diversification and Resource Utilisation Options for Ethiopian Universities in the Face of Declining Public Funding— Policy Brief 8, *Sewale Abate*
- Funding Higher Education in Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects— Policy Brief 9, *Moges Yigezu*

3.2.2. Proof-reading

All the products mentioned under 3.2.1 above were proofread twice each— one time immediately after editing, and the second round after the layout, design and formatting (i.e. before sending the camera-ready copies to the printing press). Writing blurbs (notes about the books) and generating lists of acronyms were also part of the editing and proofreading duties in the Department.

3.2.3. Page Layout and Design

This concerns the arrangement (ordering) of the chapters and placing of graphic components (tables, graphs, charts, photos and drawings, boxed material), annexes and notes, as well as the orientation of pages. This was done to all the materials mentioned under 3.2.1 above before they were sent for text formatting.

3.2.4. Submitting to Press, Checking Dummies, Following the In-press Processes and Checking Sample Published Copies

Camera-ready copies were put to press, with the necessary technical specifications, as regards paper quality, colour separation, number of copies, binding, etc. Rigorous quality control was done at in-press stage, as well. That involved checking two dummy copies of each book, and constantly corresponding with the design, camera, and film crew at the press.

3.2.5. Preparing Payment Requests with the Necessary Supporting Documents

After the publications were received in good order, the Unit prepared the necessary documentations and made payment requests. This was done for article reviewers, as well.

3.2.2. Dissemination and Sales

The publications unit facilitated the dissemination of copies of books to subscribers such as EBSCO, contributors (authors), technical editors, and some strategic visitors, with whom partnerships were sought possible.

As regards sales, the Publications and Dissemination Department facilitated the sale of books and copies of EASSRR journal. Many people buy specific books; whereas, institutions like the Library of Congress order many copies on each title.

3.2.3. Coordinating, Initiating and Facilitating Journal Article Review Processes and Correspondences to ensure Completeness of Information and quality of book Chapters

As the nature of the task requires extensive exchanges with authors, reviewers, editors, users of our knowledge products, etc, the department received close to 1200 e-mails. Through the year, up to 50 articles were submitted for the EASSRR journal. A single article involved a minimum of 10 outgoing and 10 incoming email communications with authors and reviewers. There were over 70 authors who contributed chapters in the books published. Again much more email communications were made as part of the daily official routines, including responding to queries relating to the publications of OSSREA.

3.2.4. Other Important Activities

In addition to all the above, the Publications and Dissemination Department:

- i. Prepared Publications Sales and Dissemination Strategy;
- ii. Prepared the OSSREA Publications Catalogue and Price List 2015/2016;
- iii. Explored possible avenues such as bookshops in Addis Ababa through which OSSREA can sell books on consignment;
- iv. Prepared Consignment contracts and books dispatch templates to bookshops;
- v. Participated in the OSSREA Management Committee Meetings and documented the first eight meetings;
- vi. Reviewed some of the Policy Dialogue proceedings submitted to the Secretariat by Chapter Offices in view of identifying a model report that can be followed by others for the sake of having uniform reports;
- vii. Took part in the preparation and conduct of the Research-to-Policy Platform.

3.3. OSSREA Websites and Other Online Activity Report

OSSREA currently runs six websites namely (www.ossrea.net, publications.ossrea.net, members.ossrea.net, elibrary.ossrea.net, elearning.ossrea.net and rwanda.ossrea.net). It also has a presence on different social networks such as twitter, facebook, linkedin and youtube. The following tables briefly shows statistics of user activities on those different platforms for the year

2015.

a) Number of Page Hits (2015)

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2015	9,698	19,607	325,589	700,759
Feb 2015	10,576	19,157	183,039	647,608
Mar 2015	12,264	22,059	293,889	798,211
Apr 2015	9,933	17,446	248,470	626,624
May 2015	10,064	17,877	350,061	683,896

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Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jun 2015	7,949	14,854	345,579	651,462
Jul 2015	7,598	14,168	610,553	888,489
Aug 2015	15,006	25,212	420,699	588,725
Sep 2015	3,027	7,633	319,319	380,398
Oct 2015	4,034	10,937	671,653	739,301
Nov 2015	6,888	15,248	491,734	559,791
Dec 2015	4,792	12,523	537,843	588,259
Total	101,829	196,721	4,798,428	7,853,523

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Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
I 2015			228 505	276.002
Jan 2015	5,981	10,951	228,595	376,002
Feb 2015	6,668	11,256	113,734	281,719
Mar 2015	8,568	15,175	240,754	441,876
Apr 2015	7,444	13,823	238,606	410,480
May 2015	6,308	11,252	288,499	424,384
Jun 2015	4,169	7,513	262,910	357,391
Jul 2015	4,516	8,100	320,273	420,692
Aug 2015	13,700	22,365	413,250	504,912
Sep 2015	3,787	7,298	285,121	357,316
Oct 2015	4,159	9,177	454,143	534,495
Nov 2015	3,579	7,244	331,261	400,928
Dec 2015	3,443	6,725	349,341	415,208
Total	72,322	130,879	3,526,487	4,925,403

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Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2015	533	1,171	165,445	169,247
Feb 2015	595	995	29,852	33,435
Mar 2015	772	1,926	146,861	150,784
Apr 2015	673	2,066	114,117	117,142
May 2015	752	1,532	178,626	182,341
Jun 2015	520	1,163	189,027	192,204

Total

6,328

17,693

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jul 2015	588	1,425	235,854	238,690
Aug 2015	449	1,344	258,844	261,402
Sep 2015	350	1,525	261,852	263,470
Oct 2015	418	1,697	267,248	269,348
Nov 2015	296	1,142	282,580	284,763
Dec 2015	382	1,707	296,732	298,389

2,461,215

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Month	Unique Visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2015	426	530	868	3,490
Feb 2015	395	503	698	3,300
Mar 2015	430	604	1,096	4,861
Apr 2015	423	734	1,633	4,829
May 2015	460	707	1,668	5,065
Jun 2015	297	548	1,355	4,148
Jul 2015	192	261	932	3,124
Aug 2015	154	210	325	2,842
Sep 2015	111	169	403	1,394
Oct 2015	274	561	1,622	2,899
Nov 2015	243	627	839	1,821
Dec 2015	238	477	539	914
Total	3,643	5,931	11,978	38,687

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Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2015	129	191	5,514	6,038
Feb 2015	123	229	4,980	5,282
Mar 2015	106	534	1,782	2,091
Apr 2015	105	539	2,450	2,611
May 2015	163	277	833	955

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jun 2015	77	108	2,097	2,529
Jul 2015	116	156	818	1,039
Aug 2015	45	111	3,225	3,468
Sep 2015	84	367	1,215	1,783
Oct 2015	129	560	3,763	3,894
Nov 2015	77	125	911	1,077
Dec 2015	101	214	704	704
Total	1,255	3,411	28,292	31,471

Top Five Chapters Rank According to Website Access

Rank	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1st	Eth	Eth	Eth	Eth	Eth	Eth	Eth	Eth	Ken	Eth	Eth	Eth
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3rd	Ken	Zamb	Ken	Zimb	Zimb	S.Afr	S.Afr	S.Afr	S.Afr	S.Afr	S.Afr	S.Afr
4th	Zimb	Zimb	S.Afr	Zamb	Ken	Zimb	Zimb	Zimb	Tanz	Tanz	Tanz	Sud
5th	Zam	S.Afr	Zam	Ken	S.Afr	Zam	Zam	Uga	Uga	Uga	Uga	Tanz
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Sud-Su	dan	Zam=Z	ambia	Uga=U	ganda	anda						

Top Five Countries from Where OSSREA's Website is Accessed

Ran	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2nd	USA	UKR	USA	RUS	USA	USA	USA	USA	RUS	RUS	RUS	RUS
3rd	CAN	CHN	GER	BRZ	IRN	HKG	GER	ETH	GBR	UKR	UKR	UKR
4th	CHN	GER	CHN	CHN	CHN	UNK	ITL	UKR	CZR	UKN	GBR	FRA
5th	BRZ	BRZ	TUR	UKR	UKR	CHN	HKG	HKG	UKN	CZR	CHN	ISR
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GBR=Great Britain FRA=France			ISR=Isra	ael								

Three Years Comparison of Major Online Presence by User Access

Online Services	2013	2014	2015
Page hits (www.ossrea.net)	9,383,301	7,967,802	7,853,523
Page hits (publications.ossrea.net)	3,544,921	3,982,231	4,925,403
Page hits (members.ossrea.net)	676,155	851,357	2,461,215
Facebook page likes	1,119	1,261	1,537
Twitter followers	606	698	804

4. ACTIVITY PLAN 2016

4.1. Executive

- i. The secretariat will supervise activities carried forward from 2015 (see Units)
- ii. Secretariat will continue to intensify communication, publication, websites in order to improve what a circle has called a damaged image including participation in visibility events such as Think Tanks Summits
- iii. To consolidate our working relations in the ELLA project supported by DfID, the LPI and CIRCLE (see below) to ensure continuity in project activities
- iv. Oversee the transition of OSSREA to pursuing a new business models by continuing to use a lean management, cutting cost of operations and scaling up sources of incomes
- v. Keep communication and give support to Chapters in evolving sustainable models
- vi. Continue to make contacts to different and new donors and new calls
- vii. Convene a platform that will show case OSSREA knowledge harvest and using the opportunity to create follow up Research to Policy relations
- viii. Organize completion of Strategic Plan which will show roadmap of OSSREA from 2016 to 2020
- ix. To organise Annual Executive Committee meeting to receive this Annual Report, Audit report, progress reports, Strategic Plan and deliberate on the transition and the road to General Assembly 2017

4.2 Research

- i. Continue with ongoing projects of ELLA, LPI and CIRCLE
- ii. Intensify the response to calls
- iii. Promote the e learning Research Methodology
- iv. Scale up Capacity Building programmes for sustainability
- v. Undertaking training for CPST programme 2016
- vi. Implement the new Strategic Plan after approval for creation of Research Hubs and sustainable research methodology

4.3. Publications

- i. Continue publication of the EASSRR Journal;
- ii. Continue publication of the OSSREA Bulletin;
- iii. Edit and cause the publication of the book on Civil Society (this is the last title among those pended from 2013);
- iv. Initiate Coordinate and journal article reviews;
- v. Prepare and place payment requests thereon;
- vi. Facilitate selling of books through different avenues;
- vii. Edit and cause the publication of a Special Issue of the EASSR journal for NORHED;

- viii. Edit and cause the publication of a Special Issue of the EASSR journal for Harare University;
- ix. Handle queries and requests relating to OSSREA's publications.

4.4. IT Unit

- i. Manage all in-house and hosted infrastructure and services
- ii. Manage all financial and other databases
- iii. Manage all support and helpdesk activities
- iv. Manage all websites, social networks and other online services
- v. Manage all online publications channels
- vi. Perform typesetting activities for all publications
- vii. Develop and manage planned e-learning courses
- viii. Develop and manage online subscription services for sale of publications
- ix. Provide support for the ELLA research uptake activities
- x. Provide support for the CIRCLE project

5. Annex

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3.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 USD	2014 USD Restated
Current assets			
Cash at banks and in hand Receivables	2.7 2.9	635,114 20,532	1,003,625
Total assets		655,646	1,003,757
Current liabilities and fund balance			
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Payables	3.4.7	67,621	108,850
Fund balance	3.4.8	588,025	894,907
Total liabilities and fund balance		655,646	1,003,757

The financial statements on pages 9 to 17 were approved by management on 27 May 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Act. Finance and Administration Manager

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3.3 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

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	Notos	USD	USD
RECEIPTS		03D	000
DANIDA		209,123	-
Grants received for salary and other core expenses fund		109,361	250,352
Grants received for other grant funds	_	435,668	356,423
		754,152	606,775
Total receipts	_	1	
EXPENDITURE			
		26,629	110,934
Support for National Policy Dialogue Workshop		116,976	
Knowledge harvesting book project		6,420	-
OADIS book project		5,744	-
OSSREA strategic plan	(a)	490,993	760,643
Support for Institutional Development (salary & other expenses		-	73,647
Dublication and Dissemination		-	45
Support for the Nexus b/n Migration and Development		9,184	-
ACBF policy digest		7,081	
NORHEAD meeting organization		51,607	-
ELLA project expense		764	-
IPAR study tour			77,551
Support for General Research Methodology Training		-	109,145
Support for Regional RMT for PHD Trainees			38,543
Support for national RMT for PHD Trainees			103,231
Support for Regional Gender Mainstreaming Training		-	62,615
Support for National Gender training		341,583	536,047
Other Funds Administered by OSSREA		541,505	750
Support for Gender and Energy		_	625
Support for civil Society & Conflict Management		-	57,064
MDG		-	3,228
Urban Youth and Unemployment		2,096	-
Mailing and postage charges		1,957	2,965
Bank Charge			
Total expenditure	3.4.2	(1,061,034)	(1,937,036)
Total experiation		(306,882)	(1,330,261)
Excess expenditure	HST	204 007	2,225,168
Fund balance at beginning of the year		894,907	
Fund balance at the end of the year		588,025	894,907
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3.4 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3.4.2 The allocation of expenditure to respective donor funds is set out below:-

	DANIDA	Reserve fund	Others	TOTAL
EXPENDITURE	DANIDA	Tuna	Oulers	TOTIL
Support for National Policy Dialogue	26,629	<i></i>		26,629
Workshop Knowledge harvesting book project	116,976	-		116,976
OADIS book project	6,420	<u> </u>	-	6,420
OSSREA strategic plan	5,744		÷	5,744
Support for Institutional Development(Reserve for Salary & other	-			490,993
expenses) ACBF policy digest	-	490,993	9,184	9,184
NORHEAD meeting organization	-	-	7,081	7,081
ELLA project expense	-	-	51,607	51,607
IPAR study tour	-	-	764	764
Other funds Administered by OSSREA	-	-	341,583	341,583
Mailing and postage charges	-	2,096	₹.	2,096
Bank charges	1,957			1957
×	157,726	493,089	410,219	1,061,034
3.4.3 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND				

	USD	USD
Cash At bank		
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia	618,247	993,207
United Bank S. C	6,347	10,170
United Bank S. C	624,594	1,003,377
Total cash at bank	HST	
Cash in hand	10,520	248
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Total Cash and bank balance	635,114	1,003,625
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3.4 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3.4.4 PROVIDENT FUND

OSSREA has established a provident fund scheme towards which OSSREA and the employees contribute 15% and 10%, respectively of the basic salaries of employees. The Fund is kept in joint savings bank accounts in the name of the respective employees that can be released by the instruction of OSSREA. The Fund amounted to Birr 474,688 which is equivalent to USD 23,150 as at December 31, 2015.

3.4.5 RECEIVEBES

	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Staff receivable	15,972	-
Receivable from Chapters	4,453	25
Guarantee deposit	107	107
	20,532	132

3.4.6 PUBLICATIONS

The organization has 800 published books with 4 different areas of social science research as of the year ended 31 December 2015.

3.4.7 PAYABLES

	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Provision for employee service compensation (Note 3.4.7.1)	25,064	19,077
Sundry Payables	15,034	6,871
Withholding tax	203	-
Payroll tax	3,850	6,236
Provident fund	-	2,285
Accrued expenses	23,470	74,381
	67,621	108,850

3.4.7.1 PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEE SERVICE COMPENSATION

Provision for employee service compensation amounting USD 25,064 relates to severance pay for OSSŘEA staff. It has been made based on labor proclamation 377 and in line with the collective agreement signed between the organization and the staff labor union.



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3.4 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3.4.8 FUND BALANCE

	Notes	Balance on 01/01/2015	Adjustment /Transfer	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance on 31/12/15
DANIDA fund	3.4.9	-	~	209,123	(157,726)	51,397
Reserve for salary & other						
core expenses	3.4.10	687,404	(4,297)	109,361	(510,118)	282,350
Reserve for research projects		128,165	4,297	-	-	132,462
Other funds	3.4.11	79,338	-	435,668	(393,190)	121,816
Sub Total		79,338	-	644,791	(550,916)	173,213
Total		894,907	<u> </u>	754,152	(1,061,034)	588,025

3.4.9 DANIDA FUND

	Balance as at			Balance as at
	01/01/15	Receipts	Expenditure	31/12/15
Policy Dialogue Expenses	-	32,000	26,629	5,371
Knowledge Harvesting Book Projects	-	127,123	116,976	10,146
Bank and other charges	-	4,000	1,957	2,043
Strategic Plan (2016 - 2020)	÷	20,000	5,743	14,257
OADIS Publications	-	26,000	6,420	19,580
		209,123	157,726	51,397



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3.4 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3.4.10 RESERVE FOR SALARY AND OTHER CORE EXPENSES

	Balance 01/01/15 USD	Transfer/ Reallocation USD	Receipts USD	Expenditure USD	Balance 31/12/15 USD
Balance on 01/01/15	687,404	-		-	687,404
To correct amount of gratuity for directors	-	-	2,444	-	2,444
Sales of publications and CD		-	10,953		10,953
ACBF Policy Digest		-	10,000	(9,184)	816
NORHED meeting organization			9,149	(7,0810)	2,068
Fund administration fee	-	-	35,171	-	35,171
15% VAT refunded		-	18,618	-	18,618
Income generated from consultancy and					
training	-	-	250	-	250
Oxfam – SOUT Project	-	-	7,885	-	7,885
OSSREA overhead collected	-	-	4,788	2	4,788
IPAR- Study Tour		-	2,754	(764)	1,990
Income from E-Learning	-	-	1,549	2	1,549
Contribution for fund raising activity	-	-	5,800		5,800
		<i>k</i>			
Other expenses of the year 2015		(4,297)	-	(493,089)	(493,089)
Balance on 31/12/15	687,404	(4,297)	109,361	(510,118)	282,350



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3.4 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3.4.11 OTHER GRANT FUNDS

	Balance as at			Balance as at
	01/01/15 Receipts		Expenditure	31/12/15
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	21,186	169,982	124,841	66,327
Erasmus University of Rotterdam	6,920	65,761	66,305	6,376
(EUR)				
DNDI	8,662	57,444	66,040	66
LPI	1,782	-	-	1,782
The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)	8,634	-	2,807	5,827
IDRI	2,346	-	2,346	-
IDRC	14,004	27,012	40,715	301
University of California (UCSD)	1,186	-	-	1,186
ELLA	14,618	71,010	51,607	34,021
LPI-Cross Border	-	36,704	31,616	5,088
Circle Visiting Fellows	-	7,755	6,913	842
	79,338	435,668	393,190	121,816

3.4.12 RESTATEMENT OF COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The prior year report is restated in respect of commitments for project activities not actually incurred, but reported as liabilities in the previous year, now treated as part of special reserve in fund balance as follows:

	2014 USD
Research project liabilities previously recognized as at 31 December 2014 Less: Amount transferred to accrued liabilities	161,294 (<u>33,129</u>)
Amount transferred to special reserve	Connection and the connection of the connection

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