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INTRODUCTION

OSSREA celebrated 40 years of existence on March 18th 2020. Over the decades, its main objectives have been to promote and conduct quality collaborative research on emerging issues in Africa and globally, build the capacity of Early Career Researchers (ECRs), retool senior academicians and provide institutional strengthening support for Higher Education Institutions in multi-disciplinary sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa. OSSREA prides itself in South to South, South to South to North partnerships with like-minded institutions to promote research, capacity building, publications, research dissemination, fund administration and translating research into knowledge products as evidence for policy making. Over the years, research, capacity building and dissemination have been evolving dynamically. Right now, the organization is heavily engaged in co-production of data and evidence for policy decision-making through action research. OSSREA is at the forefront in promoting knowledge exchange and policy engagement through multi-stakeholder dialogue between academia, policy makers, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), the media, private practitioners and bi-lateral practitioners. OSSREA also carries out consultancies in the above-mentioned areas.

Under the leadership of the Executive Director of OSSREA, the year 2018/2019 was quite busy, productive, impact filled and eventful. The secretariat was engaged in a raft of activities ranging from fund administration of research projects, conducting research, online and off-line, knowledge exchange and sharing, publications, expanding partnerships, translating research evidence into knowledge products among others. These events are outlined below:

COMPLETED AND ON-GOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- *Youth-Inclusive Mechanisms for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the IGAD Region*

March 2017, saw the signing of an agreement between OSSREA and IDRC for a three-year project; *The Youth-Inclusive Mechanisms for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the IGAD Region*. This project is being undertaken in Kenya and Uganda in partnership with IGAD CEWARN.

In April, 2019 a regional conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya with the objective of disseminating the research findings of the project to various stakeholders in the IGAD region.



Fifty-four participants drawn from IGAD, IDRC, Mayuge district government of Uganda, Gulu district government of Uganda, LPI, Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training, Parliament of Kenya, National Steering Committee on Peace Building and Conflict Management, Ministry of Interior, Youth Associations and NGOs, Universities, FBOs, Media and Private companies attended the conference. In addition, the conference

attracted guest participants from Malawi, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and Somalia. The research findings and evidence from the field both in Kenya and Uganda were presented after which panel discussions on violent extremism in the IGAD region and presentations on the research evidence from Kenya and Uganda were conducted. Participants raised a number of questions and the researchers responded accordingly. Representatives from IDRC, IGAD CEWARN, Gulu and Mayuge Local Government of Uganda, Parliament of Uganda appreciated the work that is being done by OSSREA and commended the achievements so far and pledged to continue their support in the future. The workshop was successful in attaining the outcomes stipulated in the project implementation plan, which was to influence policy and practice towards youth-inclusive mechanisms in preventing and countering violent extremism in the IGAD region.

In June 2019, OSSREA organized Trainer of Trainers workshops in Uganda. The workshops were held in Mayuge and Gulu. With the development of the draft manual, OSSREA carried out pilot trainer of trainers at the research sites using the draft manual. The objective of the pilot was to refine the training manual, enrich it with more local context as per the design of the project which emphasizes using the bottom-up, top-down approach. It was in line with the objective: to carry out comparative research across countries and intra-country case studies since context matters in preventing and countering violent extremism. We



adopted a Trainer of Trainers approach as a multiplier effect and impact of the project.

The TOT was a great milestone as it marked the handing over of the project from OSSREA to the governments, youth-led institutions and the local communities. The Uganda government nominated trainees for the trainer of trainers course. The government nominated twenty participants for the ToT from security actors comprising of police, Ministry of Internal Affairs, policy makers, youth leaders and CSOs. The ToTs were conducted in the districts of Mayuge and, Gulu. Twenty participants were nominated for the training at each district. All trainings were conducted for three days.

the Trainer of Trainers workshop in the two research sites were organized in such a way that the facilitators did presentations demystifying the issues in the respective modules followed by



a question and answers session to clarify the grey areas. After the presentations and Q&A sessions the participants were divided into groups of four or three and were given discussion points to deliberate on their experiences in the local context. This was followed by a plenary session in which the group leaders

presented their groups deliberations and a common stand taken after contributions from the participants. This approach bestowed ownership of what had been discussed in the different modules of the training manual. The workshops were conducted successfully as confirmed in the evaluation survey that was conducted at the end of the sessions.



In July 2019 a three-day Trainer of Trainers workshop was organised in the three research sites of Kenya; Nairobi, Garissa and Mombasa. The series of workshops kicked off in Nairobi on July 08, 2019. Representatives of stakeholders including CSOs and security sector actors participated in the trainer of trainers' workshop. The Nairobi county government

nominated the trainees along with the National Security Steering Committee (NSSC). All the sub-counties of Nairobi were represented. The training was officially opened by representatives from the Nairobi county government and the NSSC.

The second Trainer of Trainers workshop was conducted in Garissa County from July 12 to



July 14, 2019. The county government nominated twenty trainees from various institutions. The workshop was officially opened by representatives from the county government and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The assistant county commissioner of Garissa thanked OSSREA for involving Garissa County in the Trainer of Trainers workshop since this would be beneficial to the residents in preventing and countering violent extremism.

The third Trainer of Trainers workshop was conducted in Mombasa from July 17 to July 19, 2019. Just like the other ToTs, the County Commissioner office in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security nominated the trainees. The workshop was officially opened by the Deputy County Commissioner Mombasa County. He



stressed the importance of collaborating with various actors in order to effectively prevent and counter violent extremism. In that regard, he said that, the Mombasa County appreciated OSSREA for organizing the workshop. He reiterated that terrorism was a global phenomenon that had far reaching effects to everyone irrespective of their tribes, nationalities and religion. To counter terrorism, both hard and soft approaches should be utilized. OSSREA's effort in trying to study

the root causes of violent extremism in the IGAD region and specifically in Kenya was lauded noting specifically that the research and its implementation mechanisms would support and supplement the efforts of the government especially giving more emphasis to the issues concerning the youth in the region.

The last Trainers of Trainers was conducted in Kampala, Uganda. It was held from August 13 to August 15, 2019. Just like the other ToTs the government of Uganda was represented by the Ministry of Internal Affairs with twenty nominee trainees. The trainees came from security actors, CSOs and government officials who work with the youth. The workshop was officially opened by Mrs. Florence Kirabira, technical Chairperson for PCVE in Uganda and Mr. Anthony, the Programme Officer for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Secretariat and the coordinator of the national team that is currently formulating the national strategy for preventing and countering violent extremism in Uganda.



OSSREA was lauded for its service and support in Uganda in developing a draft for national strategy for PCVE in Uganda. The draft had been developed and it was in the process of validation. Further, the importance of collaborating with

various actors in order to effectively prevent and counter violent extremism through studying the root causes of violent extremism in the IGAD region and specifically Uganda in was reiterated. It was asserted that the role of the youth in PCVE activities could not be underestimated.

During the study in Kampala, the research team visited and talked to several stakeholders in Uganda. One of the dignitaries that we talked to was the traditional king of one of the major tribes in Uganda, his Majesty the Kyabazinga of Busoga Kingdom, Gabula Nadiyope IV. During our meeting the issues of violent extremism and the need to engage the youth in a meaningful way both by state and non-state actors were raised.



The king pledged his support for OSSREA and other organisations that were involved in preventing and countering violent extremism in the region.



In September 2019, OSSREA organized a learning alliance workshop in Kenya. The workshop brought together youth representatives from the three research sites of the project. It kicked off in Mombasa on September 16, 2019. As outlined in the project proposal one of the interventions in this project is to conduct a learning

alliance (LEA) with the aim to give the youth the space and voice to express themselves and encourage peer-to-peer learning and also create a networking opportunity. The expectation is that the youth will speak out and share their views, opinions and experiences about preventing and countering violent extremism in their local context. The LEA was planned to be a platform for sharing of experiences between and among the youth in the three districts where the research took place. We did not depart much from the training manual but we focused the LEA on how participants, most of them are youth, can be able to effectively participate in their respective local context to be change agents towards the issues concerning PCVE.

The participants of the Kenya Learning Alliance came from three counties where the research took place; Nairobi, Garissa and Mombasa. The participants represented their respective communities in different capacities; as youth leaders, NGO leaders, cultural institution leaders, journalists, youth activists, government youth program leaders. Some of the participants participated in the Trainer of Trainers conducted in their respective counties. The LEA created



a platform where participants from the three counties had an opportunity to interact with one another and learn from the practical experience of each other. It also helped the participants to appreciate and understand the contextual nature of violent extremism and the need to address the issues from the perspective of the local context. Participants full of praise for the

model where learning occurred through peer-to-peer interaction and the fact that the model created an opportunity for the participants to understand the contextual nature of PCVE from their peers and from the other counties.

In August 2019, OSSREA carried out a learning alliance workshop in Uganda. The workshop brought together youth actors from the three districts (Kampala, Mayuge, Gulu) where the research took place. The objective the learning alliance was similar to the Kenyan LEA.



Participants represented their respective communities in different capacities and disciplines including; youth leaders, NGO leaders, Cultural institution leaders, journalists working on youth issues, youth activists, and government youth program leaders. Some of the participants had attended the Trainer of Trainers

conducted in their respective districts. The participants were selected in partnership with the focal persons of the project in Uganda. the selection was based on criteria which addressed gender balance, direct interaction with PCVE issues in their respective districts, potential as a change agent in the future. The LEA created a platform where participants from the three districts had an opportunity to interact with one another and learn from each other. Participants were so happy that we chose this model where learning happens through peer-to-peer interaction and also an opportunity to understand the context of PCVE from others.

• *Migrating out of Poverty Project (MOOP)*

In September 2017, OSSREA signed an MOU with the University of Sussex for a two-year project; The Migrating out of Poverty project (MOOP). In this project, OSSREA is tasked to manage the overall research and administer the funds. In addition to that, the knowledge and ICT manager OSSREA was assigned and tasked with the duty of research communication of the project activities.



The project consists of three thematic areas i.e Migration Industry, Income Remittances and Gender and Generations. So far, OSSREA has developed a research uptake strategy for all of the thematic areas. We have also developed a project window on OSSREA's website and made the pertinent information about the project available. We also co-administer the Facebook page of the MOOP project. Events, blog articles and other research communication articles have been communicated

through OSSREA’s and the project’s social network presence.

In 2019, the project accomplished a lot especially in research communication and dissemination. We held many events for various stakeholders in the country. In Feb 2019, OSSREA was invited to attend a meeting of the income and remittances theme of the project in Accra, Ghana. OSSREA was represented by the ICT and Knowledge Manager. The meeting took place at the University of Ghana, in the presence of project leads from University of Sussex, director of the Centre for Migration Studies at the University of Ghana, the Income and Remittances Research Lead in Ethiopia and communication officers from Ghana, Sussex and Ethiopia.

In March 2019, OSSREA convened a workshop with Ethiopian local government officials and members of the migration task force at the local authority level. We also held meetings and had interesting discussions with various local stakeholders in Hadiya zone and West Arsi zone on migration in Ethiopia. These workshops and meetings revealed that a lot has been done by various stakeholders regarding migration issues in Ethiopia, but still myriads of issues still needs attention and research.



In the same month, March 2019, OSSREA had meeting with the migration industry theme research team at capital Hotel. the research findings and recommendations and issues that needed further research were handled. Various channels of communicating and disseminating the research were discussed.

On May 16th, 2019 The MOOP project held a regional dissemination workshop on the three themes of the research project (Migration Industry, Gender & Generations and Income & Remittances). The workshop was held in Hayat Regency hotel in Addis Ababa Ethiopia. The conference attracted government officials from the Ministry of Social and Labour Affairs, IGAD Migration Directorate, NGOs, Academia and Media.



On August 22, 2019 OSSREA organised a workshop at Hadiya Zone, in the southern part of Ethiopia where migration is high especially to South Africa. Participants from the local



government, CSOs and FBOs who operate in the region were invited. Fekadu Adugna and Asmelash Haile research leads from the Migration Industry and Income and Remittances Theme presented their findings. Infographics summarizing the research and its findings were presented to participants. The discussions were livelier where participants

explained the issues of migration in their locality by giving some interesting examples. The participants provided valuable information that would go a long way in enriching the research. The participants also commended OSSREA for taking the initiative to approach them at the local level. They testified that almost all the time, researchers rarely went back to the community to discuss their findings, but would only collect the data and disappear.

In Feb 2019, as part of the research communication activity we went to one of the research sites and held meetings with the various actors. One of the research areas for the MOOP Ethiopia project is Amhara Region which is located in the Northern part of Ethiopia. The regional government bureaus are located in the region’s capital city Bahirdar. The MOOP Ethiopia research team along with the Executive Director of OSSREA went to Bahirdar city on Feb 20, 2019 and conducted discussions with regional government officers and other stakeholders who directly or indirectly work on migration issues in the region. The team that participated in the meetings included Dr. Truphena Mukuna, Dr. Fekadu Adugna, Dr. Adamnesh Atnafu and Mr. Alemu Tesfaye.

The objectives of the meetings were to:

- Introduce the MOOP Ethiopia project to the stakeholders and brief them on the activities conducted so far and future anticipated events and activities in the Amhara Region
- Build relationships with the various stakeholders in the Amhara region
- Better understand the workings of the Amhara regional government on migration issues
- Find out avenues of collaboration with different stakeholders in the Amhara Region

Consequently, we made visits and held discussions with the Social and Labour Affairs Bureau, Women, Youth and Children Affairs Bureau, the Justice bureau, Anti-human trafficking taskforce bureau and the Bahirdar University hierachy.

• ***Borderland Dynamics in East Africa (NORHED) Project***



On August 29, 2019 a conference organised by OSSREA and the partners of the NORHED project was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The conference was on borderland dynamics in East Africa. It attracted various stakeholders from mainly Academia, Government officials and interested parties. Participants came from Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan, Kenya and Norway

CONFERENCES

In March 2019, OSSREA hosted a two days' Global conference on migration and displacement under the theme 'Roots to vulnerability, roads to solutions'. The conference took place at Hilton Addis Ababa.

The conference was organized in collaboration with the GCRF. It attracted high level stakeholders in the field of migration and displacement. The conference highlighted the importance of OSSREA as a regional research institute with impactful research projects in Migration, borderlands, youth issues and gender dynamics.



On the sides of the conference, the ED of OSSREA, Dr. Truphena Mukuna and the Knowledge Manager of OSSREA, Mr. Alemu S. Tesfaye held some successful side meetings with Prof. Heaven Crawley, Director of the UKRI-GCRF and discussed on future collaboration on migration, borderlands and displacement issues.

6th to 10th May 2019 OSSREA in collaboration with IGAD Migration Directorate and Maseno University organized the **First International Scientific Conference on 'Forced displacement and Mixed Migration in East and horn of Africa: Current Trends and Future Directions.** The conference took place at the Radison Blu Hotel in Nairobi Kenya. Participants comprised of researchers, policy makers, development partners and practitioners working in and outside the IGAD region. Dr. Truphena Mukuna presented a paper on the Nexus between Migration and Violent Extremism. The three-day conferences' objective was to provide a convergence platform for reflections on forced displacement and mixed migration addressing the issues in a more humane and sustainable manner for both those displaced persons and the host communities.

The conference aimed at enabling scholarly and policy interrogation of the relationship between forced displacement and other forms of migration (mixed migration flows). Secondly, it was an opportunity to assess and analyze new knowledge and developments in migration management in the Horn of Africa in particular and the African continent as a whole. The participants discussed how these mixed migration flows are influenced by the political economy of international migration. In discussing these broad dynamics, the conference sought to contribute to shaping future directions of the forced displacement and mixed migration



discourse, interventions and policy in the Horn and East Africa. During a comprehensive opening session that saw interventions by representatives of the host country, the IGAD Chair, OSSREA, Maseno University, the UNHCR, the International Organization for Migration, the German development agency GIZ and the World Bank, the Director of Health and Social Development Division at IGAD, Dr. Truphena Mukuna, highlighted that migration and forced displacement require to be researched deeply so that sound legal frameworks and policies for the protection and empowerment of vulnerable populations and for enhancing the developmental impacts of those who are affected can be developed in the region. She stressed the need for having a research hub in the region to study migration and related issues and informed the participants to work with OSSREA to realize it. The conference was impactful because it was a testimony of the partnership that OSSREA has forged with regional organizations (IGAD), policy makers, academia, media and bi-lateral practitioners. OSSREA got more visibility on the issues of migration and displacement. It was also highly talked about on social media and OSSREA used the opportunity to post as many messages as possible on Twitter to grab the attention of its followers and others about the conference and OSSREA's involvement in it.

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On June 24th, 2019 Dr. Mukuna and Mr. Alemu (the Youth and PCVE project team) participated in a workshop organized by IDRC. The title of the workshop was **Africa Youth: Understanding and Addressing Youth Experiences with Violence, Exclusion and Injustice in Africa**. It was held in Nairobi Kenya. The Youth Vulnerability to Violent Extremism Cohort under the IDRC Department of Governance and Social Justice funded by IDRC on youth issues and governance participated in the conference. OSSREA presented its

research project and findings at the workshop and had a great opportunity to network with the donors (IDRC) and fellow cohort researchers.

NAME OF PROJECTS AND THEIR STATUS

ACTIVITY	PARTNERS	FUNDED BY	COMMENCEMENT	EXPECTED COMPLETION
Youth-Inclusive Mechanisms in Preventing and Counter Violence Extremism in the IGAD Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace and Development Network (PeaceNet), CEWARN-IGAD 	IDRC	1 st March 2017	31 st March 2020
Migrating Out of Poverty (MOOP).	<p>A consortium of migration hubs in South Africa (Wits), Ghana University, University of Senegal, University of Sussex and OSSREA.</p> <p>OSSREA team has conducted research on migration industry, Gender and generation and remittances</p>	DFID	February 2018	May 2019
The Informal Cross-Border Trade and Cross-Border Security Governance (ICBT-CBSG) Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life and Peace Institute (LPI) • Inter-Africa Group (IAG) • CEWARN-IGAD • OSSREA 	SIDA	2014-	ongoing
Borderland Dynamics in East Africa (NORHED) Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bergen University • CMI • Addis Ababa University • Makerere University • University of Khartoum • OSSREA 	NORAD	2014-	ongoing
Improving the Radical Cure of Vivax Malaria, A multi center randomized, Placebo-controlled comparison of short and long course primaquine regimens IMPROV project	Improving the Radical cure of Vivax malaria: A multicentre comparison of short & long course primaquine regimens	Menzies school of Health Research Australia (the sponsor or Menzies)	September 2016	Ongoing

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ACTIVITY	PARTNERS	FUNDED BY	COMMENCEMENT	EXPECTED COMPLETION
Cross-Border Economies in the Horn of Africa:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOAS University of London • Research and Evidence facility (REF) 	EUTF	2017	2019
Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa: A mixed methods study to inform policy and programmes, the case of Ethiopia. It's made Young People a strategic priority in its work Health Insurance		International Fund for Agricultural Development-IFAD	September 2018	October 2019
Cross-cultural Insights into well-being among Vulnerable population in Eastern Africa	Addis Ababa University	Emory University	January 2017	Jan 2018
Children on the move & access to service in Ethiopia	Addis Ababa University	UNICEF		2019 (3 months)2019
Initiative alteration Nutrition specific & sensitive interventions to ensure optimal program intervention	Institute of Dev't studies	UNICEF		2018-2019
John snow Initiative	Addis Ababa University			2018-2019
Drugs for neglected disease	Addis Ababa University			ongoing

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Initiatives				
Improve	Addis Ababa University			ongoing
NORHED	Addis Ababa University, Makerere University and Khartoum University			Ongoing
SOAS	Addis Ababa University, Makerere University and Juba University			2019-2020
BORESHA Project (Ethiopia, Kenya & Somalia)		European Union		6 Months 2019
CIR (Center for International Health)				ongoing

OSSREA WEBSITE AND ONLINE PRESENCE

In 2019 the website and email systems of OSSREA experienced virus attacks but were successfully defended by SiteLock security. This is a security service that OSSREA subscribed to in 2018 due to various attacks to the website and email services of the organization causing disruption of service. After subscribing this service, there has been no major disruption of service throughout the year 2019.

OSSREA’s presence on major social media networks like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube is also being operated successfully. From our analysis using the metrics in the application and also interactions with people in various events, we have found out that the twitter page has brought OSSREA a lot of visibility compared to the other social media platforms. This is mainly because of the presence of many influential people who have interest in what OSSREA is doing. Hence, in the coming years we will give twitter a special attention and try our best to post content regarding our various activities in projects, conferences, meetings, publications and also in other areas.

In the previous years we created project windows for two projects which OSSREA was awarded a grant. In 2019, we continued updating these windows. The two projects that are still active are namely, ‘Migrating out of Poverty’ funded by DFID and commissioned by University of Sussex and ‘Youth-Inclusive Mechanisms for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism’ in the IGAD Region funded by IDRC.

Both projects produced various research outputs of in various forms. Project outputs such as research briefs, videos from various events, newsletters, infographics, animated videos, policy briefs, research reports, photographs and contact information were populated in the project windows.

In addition to that, there has also been an update on the website with various outputs from other activities. One major update is a book project which was subcontracted to OSSREA by REPOA. Apart from that, contents such as news articles, annual reports, strategic plans and other pertinent information were also uploaded to the website.

The following tables briefly show statistics of user activities on those platforms for the year 2019. The statistics were compiled from Awstat (a major metrics application built in the OSSREA CPANEL application) and metrics from the social media platforms themselves.

i. Number of page hits

Month	Unique Visitors	Number of Visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2019	624	5,618	17,365	77,978
Feb 2019	625	3,902	11,217	49,016
Mar 2019	653	5,467	16,383	75,213

Apr 2019	651	5,603	16,494	76,792
May 2019	653	6,291	18,828	81,677
June 2019	637	5,903	16,580	77,569
July 2019	640	6,006	16,481	80,266
Aug 2019	641	5,671	15,538	79,043
Sep 2019	616	5,204	14,514	73,673
Oct 2019	634	5,546	17,102	81,327
Nov 2019	646	5,576	16,288	78,387
Dec 2019	633	5,646	16,945	77,433

ii. Online services

Online Services	2017	2018	2019
www.ossrea.net	1,894,124	712,519	908,374
Facebook Page	1,537	1,620	1837
Twitter Followers	804	840	1220

PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Publications: Two publications were edited, proofread, designed, checked in-press and published during the reporting period.

1.1. Borderland Dynamics in East Africa: Cases from Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda (pp. 340):

This book contained 20 papers that were turned in to separate book chapter. Those are the following:

- a) **Chapter One:** Borderland Dynamics in East Africa: General Introduction
- b) **Chapter Two:** Movements, Relations, and Land Contestations along the Ethio-Sudan Border in Metema Yohannes
- c) **Chapter Three:** Borderland Entrepreneurs or Victims of Gendered Mobility?
Commercial Sex Workers in Metema Yohannes Town

- d) **Chapter Four:** The Dynamics of Cross-Border Migration along the Ethio-Sudan Border: Ethiopian Women Migrants and the Metema Route
- e) **Chapter Five:** Ethiopian Women in the Sudan: A Case from Kassala - Eastern Sudan
- f) **Chapter Six:** Moving in the Face of Uncertainty: Eritrean Refugees En-Route Flight Experiences Across the Ethio-Eritrean Border
- g) **Chapter Seven:** Strangers in Their Own Countries: The Problem Faced by Southerners Who Remained in the Sudan after the Secession of the South in 2011
- h) **Chapter Eight:** “Magendo Is Our Life, the Border is Our Home.” Informal Cross-Border Trade at Busia
- i) **Chapter Nine:** An Ethnography of Everyday Life in Busia: Being a Boda-Boda Operator at the Border
- j) **Chapter Ten:** Informal Cross-Border Trade Along the Ethio-Kenya Border: The Case of Women Informal Cross Border Traders in Moyale
- k) **Chapter Eleven:** The Tyranny of Borders: Politics of Identity and Conflicts around the Ethiopia-Kenya Borderlands
- l) **Chapter Twelve:** Borders and Boundaries: Possibilities and Challenges along Sudan and South Sudan Borders
- m) **Chapter Thirteen:** Those Who Ignore Borders – the Rashaida in Sudan
- n) **Chapter Fourteen:** From Administrative to National Borders: Consequences for the Dual Identification of the Silaim
- o) **Chapter Fifteen:** The Dynamics of Cross-Border Cattle-Raiding Along the Ethio-South Sudan Border: The Case of Gambella Regional State
- p) **Chapter Sixteen:** Balancing Actions on Many “Borders”: Experiences of Mid-Wives Delivering Infibulated Teenage Mothers at the Pokot Kenya-Uganda Border Corridor

- q) **Chapter Seventeen:** Reality of Hepatitis B in Uganda: An Anthropological Investigation of Access Challenges to Services Among Truckers and Commercial Sex Workers at Malaba Border
- r) **Chapter Eighteen:** Families across Borders. Effects of Spousal Migration on Family Relations among the Bamasaba-Babukusu in Lwakhakha
- s) **Chapter Nineteen:** Polluted Bodies and Border Crossing Among the Acholi
- t) **Chapter Twenty:** Social Distancing in Indigenous Health-Seeking Knowledge for Epidemic Control Used in Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak

1.2. Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review Journal, Vol. 35 No. 1/2 (Jan & June 2019; pp.168): This contained five articles that came through the rigorous double-blind review and revision processes. Those are:

- a) Impacts of Congenital Deafness on Language and Cognitive Development of Primary Schools Deaf Students in Addis Ababa
- b) Gender and Social Inclusion in the Cashew Nut Value Chain: The Role of Women and Youth in Agro processing in Tanzania
- c) Effect of Credit Constraints on Intensity of Fertilizer Adoption and Agricultural Productivity in Amhara Region, Ethiopia: An Endogenous Switching Regression Analysis
- d) Ebola Shapes Society: No Partner, No Family, No Friends
- e) Livelihood impacts of Development-induced Displacements An investigation into Post-Project livelihoods of PAPs

I. Conferences

- 2.1 International conference on Migration and Displacement: *Roots of Vulnerability, Roads to Solutions*, held at the Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- 2.2 A regional dissemination workshop on *Migrating out of Poverty* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at Hayat Regency Hotel.
- 2.3 A Policy dialogue workshop on Borderland Dynamics: *Anthropological capacity building in East African Universities* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at Hilton Hotel.

- II. Acquisition, Review and Documentation** of 14 articles that were submitted for the EASSRR journal was handled.
- III. Over 30 payment requests were prepared on-behalf of reviewers:** Payment requests were prepared for all the reviewers who assessed articles. Requests were prepared also for rapporteur of the different conference and reviewers of the Borderland Dynamics in East Africa: case from Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.
- IV. Many copies of books and journals were distributed** to authors of the book. The articles were also disseminated to subscribers of EASSR journal.
- V. The following Contractual and/or collaboration agreements were drafted:**
- 3.1. Contractual agreement between OSSREA and Dr. Getnet Fetene to finalise the technical review of the book on Borderland Dynamics in East Africa: Cases from Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.
 - 3.2. Contractual agreement between OSSREA and Dr. Philip Ogada to finalise the technical review of the book on Borderland Dynamics in East Africa: Cases from Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda
- VI. The following testimonial letters were written and issued as and when requested**
- 4.1. **Four** ‘To Whom It May Concern’ Testimonial letters for contributors who published in the EASSRR and the books OSSREA published recently;
 - 4.2. **Eight** ‘To Whom It May Concern’ Testimonial letters for reviewers who assessed journal articles and book materials for OSSREA;
- VII. Meetings that were attended:**
- 5.1 There were a number of meetings during the year, where the officer of Publications and Dissemination participated in;
- VIII. Represented OSSREA at the following Meetings:**
- 6.1 Participating in a two days inception workshop on a policy framework document on *Informal Cross Border Trade-Cross Border Security Governance nexus in the IGAD*

region. The publication participated in the meeting and assisted in the development of questioners, tools and choosing areas which the pilot program is going to be implemented.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Summary of Unaudited Income and Expenditure for the year ended, 2019 (USD)

Total Income from various projects during the year 2019	864,710.94
Total Income from fund admin., Sale of books and others	175,932.93
Total Income during the Year	1,040,643.87
Expenditure of the year 2019	
NORHED Meeting Expenses	24,047.79
Publications of proceedings	99.98
IDRC/CVE-Personnel	24,103.66
IDRC/CVE-International Travel	1,219.78
IDRC/CVE-Research	173,888.59
IDRC/CVE-Indirect Cost	23,830.00
MOOP-Migration Industry - Personnel Costs	48,137.04
MOOP- Migration Industry Local Travel cost	135.30
MOOP-Migration Industry Accommodation/Subsistence	1,043.68
MOOP-Migration Industry Over Head	2,996.37
MOOP-Migration Industry Data entry/Processing	3,247.98
MOOP- Migration Industry Research Uptake Activity	2,350.41
MOOP-Gender & Generation Personnel Costs	47,265.31
MOOP-Gender & Generation Over Head	4,984.00
Nutrition Project	3,000.00
SOAS Project	75,652.10
International Development Studies (IDS)	18,346.75
REPOA Book Project	5,553.57
MOOP Income and Remittance- Personnel	101,104.92
MOOP Income & Remittance- Local Travel	6,216.52
MOOP Income & Remittance-Training	844.79
MOOP Income & Remittance-Research Uptake	5,009.20
MOOP Income & Remittance-Overhead	8,563.51
MOOP - Stake holders Regional w/shop & research acti	10,702.91
SOAS - Migration displacement Workshop 21-22 March 20	410.85
BORESHA Project expense	14,132.01
OSSREA Salary and operating expenses	144,833.66
Mailing, postage, toners and other expenses	4,828.48
Others - Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2,575.65
Others - DNDi	19,662.07
Dioraphyte	22,299.75
Centre for International Health- Unv. of Bergen	41,272.20

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IMPROV(Improving radical cure of plasmodium vivax ma	443.87
University of Manchester	10,911.48
John Snow -Dr. Kaleab	99,712.98
UNICEF - Dr. Tekaligne Project	33,986.75
African Himanities Workshop - 2019	54,207.79
Foreign Currency Translation Gain or Loss	12,938.28
UNICEF - Dr. Kaleab - 1	83,600.58
CVM - Dr. Fassil Nigusie Project	6,926.03
Total Expenditure during the year	1,145,086.59
Excess of Expenditure over income	104,442.72

Beg. Fund Balance 01 January 2019	287,480.00
Add: Income during the year	1,040,643.87
Total Income	1,328,123.87
Deduct Expenditure during year 2019	1,145,086.59
Ending fund Balance as of 31 December 2019	183,037.28

Income from various projects during the year 2019 (USD)

41700-015	Others Fund Administered by OSSREA - DNDi	28,678.52
41700-027	IMPROV (Improving radical cure of plasmodium vivax m	4,883.00
41700-029	IDRC/CVE-Personnel	24,000.00
41700-032	IDRC/CVE-International Travel	2,000.00
41700-033	IDRC/CVE-Research	144,006.34
41700-034	IDRC/CVE-Indirect Cost	23,830.00
41700-038	MOOP- Migration Income -Personnel cost - Dr. Fekade	28,170.80
41700-040	University of Manchester	16,193.41
41700-046	MOOP-Gender Income Personnel- Dr. Adamnesh	37,885.29
41700-048	MOOP-Gender Income-Accomod/Subs. -Dr. Adamnesh	3,515.13
41700-049	MOOP-Gender Income-Training- Dr. Adamnesh	334.54
41700-050	MOOP-Gender Income-Printing/copy-Dr. Adamnesh	624.91
41700-051	MOOP-Gender Income Research Uptake- Dr. Adamnesh	2,343.54
41700-053	SOAS Project	54,175.02
41700-054	International Development Service (IDS)	32,538.17
41700-055	REPOWA Book Project	46,855.50
41700-057	African Humanities Workshop 2019	31,531.50
41700-060	MOOP - Migration - Overhead	2,996.37
41700-062	MOOP-Gender Income Overhead	4,984.00
41700-063	MOOP Income & Remittance-Personnel	76,584.60
41700-064	MOOP Income & Remittance- Local Travel	6,362.73
41700-068	MOOP Income &Remittance-Research Uptake	2,676.53
41700-069	MOOP Income &Remittance-Overhead	8,563.51

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41700-071	SOAS - Migration displacement workshop income 21-22 M	10,661.43
41700-072	UNICEF - Dr. Tekaligne project	35,075.11
41700-073	UNICEF - Dr. Kaleab - 1	95,104.32
41700-074	CVM -Dr Fassil Nigusie Project	7,496.87
41700-075	BORESHA Project revenue	13,154.97
41700-076	MOOP Regional workshop 16 May 2019	11,226.13
41700-077	Jhon Snow	103,443.70
41700-078	Rift Valley Workshop	4,815.00
	Total Income from various projects during the year 2019	864,710.94
	Income from fund admin., Sale of books and others	
41800-002	Sales of Publications & CDs	9,586.25
41800-006	Fund Administration Fee	99,323.33
41800-007	Interest Income	0.00
41800-008	Sales of Old Items	2,395.72
41800-009	Income generated from Consultancy and Training	0.00
41800-010	15% VAT Refund	1,474.03
41800-011	Attachment fee of fellow PhD student	0.00
41800-012	Communic. Officer income- Migration Industry	2,271.18
41800-014	Communica. officer income - Income & Remittance	7,284.48
41900-001	Reserve for Salary and other core expenses	8,120.00
41950 - 019	Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) - Journal Pu	6,490.81
41950-009	NORHED Meeting Logistics	38,987.13
		175,932.93
	Total Income from the year	1,040,643.87

Apart from editing and publishing books from REPOA, OSSREA also undertook and responded to a number of competitive calls for funded proposals of which 2020 saw the organization clinching an IDRC funded project on “Rapid Response for COVID-19 in three African countries, namely Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda”. OSSREA has also partnered with 5S, and INNO food through offering technical advice and fund administration.