

**TANZANIA TRAINING REPORT FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS UNDER THE  
PROJECT**

**“Enhancing Participation of Consumers in Regulatory Reforms in the Electricity Sub-  
Sector through Capacity Building:**

**A Case of Kenya and Tanzania”**

**(REKETA Project)**

**Held at TCAS Offices on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Training programme**

<b>Time period</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>By whom</b>
09.00-09.30	Registration of participants	All participants
09.30-10.00	Sharing research objectives	CUTS-Daniel
10.00-10.30	Research ethics and methodology to be use	TCAS-Bernard/CUTS-Gaurav
10.30-11.00	Break	All participants
11.00-13.00	Understand the research tools	All participants
13.00-13.30	Closing of the training	TCAS-Bernard

**List of attendants**

1. Daniel Asher CUTS-Nairobi
2. Gaurav Shukla CUTS International-India
3. Bernard Kihyo TCAS Executive Director
4. Ally Goronya Research assistant
5. Jacob Kateri - Research assistant
6. Rehema Kimatta Research assistant
7. Agripina Ernest - Research assistant
8. Happiness Mhina - Research assistant
9. Neema John –Research assistant
10. Dennis Farres – Research assistant
- 1) Henry Katabazi – Research assistant

## Purpose of the training

Bernard Kihyo (TCAS) highlighted to the participants on the purpose and importance of the study and welcome all participants to be free to discuss and ask as many questions as they can. He mentioned the following as training purposes:-

- 1) To improve research assistants' capacity on handling study effectively and efficiently most especially as per set of research parameters.
- 2) To improve research assistants capacity on data collection and recording for making appropriate feedback on study indicators
- 3) To improve the research assistants capacity on understanding the research tools and what is expected of them
- 4) To share with research assistants research ethical values including what are suppose to do, behave and what not.
- 5) To help research assistants on exploring detailed issues on how topics under study by clearing their questions/doubts if any.



## Importance of the study

Daniel Asher shared with the participants on the importance and objectives of conducting this research. He said the study would like to explore on the current powerlessness of consumers and relationships that inhibits their participation on regulatory reforms in Tanzania. Daniel cemented by mentioning the study key informants to this study include, SMEs, Household consumers,

regulator and power supplier hence there will be four research informants to deal with making a total of 500.

Daniel elaborated on the expected number of the study respondents as follows

Regions	Dar	Tanga	Mwanza	Musoma	Total
Number of Households	85	88	88	88	349
Number of SMEs	25	25	25	25	100
Number of CSOs	10	10	10	10	40
Distributers (TANESCO)	3	2	2	2	9
Regulators (EWURA)	2	0	0	0	2
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>500</b>

### Study areas and timing of study

Participants were told by Bernard that, the study will be conducted in four regions of Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Musoma. Hence the teams will be divided into four teams each group comprised of two research assistants each team handing 125 respondents for not more than ten day. CUTS-International will foot the logistics to and from the study regions by bus, and your per diems.



Mr. Gaurav Shukla of CUTS International Discussing the Ethical dimensions of the study by the Research Team in Tanzania

## **Ethical dimensions of the study**

Gaurav insisted on authenticity of collected data so to acquired the actual results from the field he insisted on the following key issues;-

- To ensure that data will be secured from the designated respondent i.e. the household consumer must be the one with the house/rented and proved to pay electricity bills and not otherwise
- The information shared will be recorded in a proper row and column in the questionnaire without adding anything else.
- Extra care will be taken to ensure that individual privacy is respected and that data subjects will not be deprived as a result of the study.

## **Review of research tools**

The participants went through all research questionnaires, by tuning all the questions in Swahili while clarifications were given to ensure there is proper translation of questions by all research assistants.

## **Conclusion**

The training was close by Bernard by thanking CUTS team for sharing their vast experiences on the same as they have already done the same in Kenya and India. He insisted to the research assistant that neither TCAS nor CUTS will accept any low quality work, please be careful with every research process you had been trained here today.