



## **Call for Staff and Student Applications: Training on Developing Policy Briefs**

### **Background**

Mzumbe University – Centre of Excellence in Health Monitoring and Evaluation (COEHME) under the School of Public Administration and Management in the Department of Health Systems Management was launched in 2015 – the first of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa. The COEHME aims to contribute to research, dissemination, expertise and teaching in the field of Monitoring Evaluation and learning in Tanzania and beyond. This year (2024) the COEHME has formed a partnership with the International Business Initiative (IBI) under its project the United States Agency for International Development Tanzania Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Adaptation Activity (USAID T-MELA). The primary objective of the project is to improve the monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) capacities and interventions of USAID/Tanzania and its partners.

### **Introduction**

Through this partnership, the COEHME is excited to announce a unique opportunity for Mzumbe University staff and Postgraduate Students to participate in a hands-on training program focused on developing policy briefs from research work. This training initiative aims to equip participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively communicate research findings to policymakers and stakeholders. This call is in line with COEHME and IBI's commitment to fostering impactful research, and knowledge exchange and the importance of translating research findings into actionable policy recommendations. Policy briefs serve as powerful tools for conveying key research insights in a concise and accessible format, thereby facilitating evidence-based decision-making.

### **Training Objectives:**

1. Understand the purpose and structure of policy briefs
2. Learn techniques for synthesizing complex research findings into concise messages
3. Develop skills in crafting clear and persuasive policy recommendations
4. Gain practical experience in designing and formatting policy briefs for maximum impact

### **Eligibility:**

1. Faculty members actively engaged in research activities
2. Master's and PhD students with completed or ongoing research projects
3. Priority will be given to research papers with potential policy implications

### **How to Apply:**

Interested individuals should submit the following documents:

1. A brief description of their research project or paper (maximum 300 words)
2. A statement of interest outlining why they are interested in participating in the training and how they expect to benefit (maximum 200 words)
3. Curriculum vitae (CV)

Applications should be sent to ([coehme@mzumbe.ac.tz](mailto:coehme@mzumbe.ac.tz) copy [mganasel@mzumbe.ac.tz](mailto:mganasel@mzumbe.ac.tz)) by (30 March 2024).

### **Selection Process:**



Applications will be reviewed based on the relevance of the research project/paper to policy development, as well as the applicant's motivation and potential for learning. Successful applicants will be notified via email.

**Important Dates:**

Application Deadline: 30 March 2024

Notification of Acceptance: 15 April 2024

Training Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

We encourage all eligible staff and students to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to enhance their research impact and contribute to evidence-informed policymaking.

**Logistics:**

The selected applicants will be informed of the place where the training will take place and other logistics.

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