

Notes and news

TANZANIA NOTES AND RECORDS, SPECIAL ISSUE

The Tanzania Society is a non-government membership organization, which has the aim of promoting scholarly research and studies about Tanzania in all fields, principally through the publication and world-wide distribution of these studies in its journal *Tanzania Notes and Records*.

Tanzania Notes and Records has been published continuously since the year 1936 and as well as being the oldest journal in Tanzania it also has the widest international distribution. The Society has a membership of approximately 1200 (including a large proportion of national or university libraries) in over sixty countries around the world.

The annual *Tanzania Bibliography* has, because of printing problems, fallen behind. A special five-year bibliography issue, TNR 94, is to be published in the second half of 1983.

The Society is trying to make the work as comprehensive and as thorough as possible and therefore asks for your help and cooperation in the monumental task ahead.

The Society are collecting the titles of all published material about Tanzania and her people (or about East Africa as a whole as long as the major portion of the material pertains to Tanzania) from 1977 to 1981 inclusive.

Full details of all reports, papers, articles, pamphlets, booklets, magazines and books or portions of books on Tanzania, whether printed or in mimeo, or in any other form are needed. Institutions and individuals are asked to assist by sending full details to:

The Tanzania Society
Offices in the National Museum of Tanzania
P.O. Box 511
Dar es Salaam
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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND, SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH UNIT

The Social Science Research Unit (SSRU) was established within the Faculty of Social Science, University of Swaziland (UNISWA) in 1981.

The main objectives of the SSRU are:

- to promote and facilitate an awareness of past and current research through its Documentation Centre;
- to promote stronger recognition of the importance of research at UNISWA;
- to improve the research capabilities and general academic performances of the UNISWA students;
- to become an officially recognized intermediary between research funding agencies and researchers within (and outside) UNISWA;
- to stimulate and co-ordinate social science research in Swaziland.

The SSRU has been involved in a number of research projects on the request of external agencies:

A Rural Waterborne Disease Study by the Ministry of Health.

Xolile P. Guma and Vakashile R. Simelane carried out research for the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on 'Small farmer credit and small farmer attitudes towards cooperatives'.

A Socio-Economic Survey for Mbebane Urban Extension Project will be undertaken in 1983.

A Post Secondary School Tracer Survey.

Rural Development Research Project The Rural Development Research Project (RDRP) was initiated at the same time as the SSRU and falls under the administrative supervision and general guidance of the SSRU. The Project (like the SSRU) is financed by the Dutch Government and its aim is to undertake research into the resource base of the rural homestead in Swaziland. The brief of the RDRP team is to investigate decision making processes in the rural homestead in Swaziland since such decision making effects the success of Swaziland's rural development programmes. It was recognised that a fairly extensive data base on the rural homestead already existed in the form of several surveys and therefore the research team first set out to review the existing knowledge and data, which it did at a Workshop in October 1982.

During the Workshop it was decided that the RDRP would concentrate its research on a study of decision making processes on the Swazi homestead with respect to the allocation of land, labour and capital resources.

Documentation Centre The Documentation Centre collects published and unpublished materials relevant to Swaziland on social, economic and cultural developments. During 1981/1982 the Centre collected some 1,500 volumes. It is hoped to compile an accession list of these holdings by mid-1983.

The Documentation Centre is offering a press clipping service. Articles about Swaziland are cut from the two Swaziland newspapers: *Times of Swaziland* and *Observer*.

The Centre is also working on a research bibliography on Swaziland related research conducted or compiled by staff members of the University of Swaziland.

Further information may be obtained from:

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SIR GEORGE BERESFORD-STOOKE

Sir George Beresford-Stooke, Vice-Chairman of the IAI from 1954-74, died in April 1983. He was 86. An obituary will appear in a later edition of *Africa*.