

### **Selected MECS project activities implemented by TaTEDO by the end of January 2020**

- Introduction of the MECS project to the government authorities at the Regional and two Municipal levels in Dar es Salaam was made, a positive response on the project noted.
- Carried out focus group discussions with head of departments of two Municipal Councils of Ubungu and Kinondoni in Dar es Salaam, ward and sub-wards leaders of six wards and lobby for their involvement in the ongoing interventions.



*Picture 1 Discussions with Some of the Kinondoni Municipal Council officers.*

- Households survey, interviews and focus group discussions with households of different income clusters (low, middle and higher income) were carried out to assess the social economic cultural issues, level of awareness on the EPC, the status of using electricity, barriers to access to the modern energy cooking appliances. The discussions were participatory whereby different options and suggestions on how to overcome the barriers in terms of supporting services, and enabling environment were proposed



*Picture 2. House hold interview and discussion with end users at Sinza Area*

- Discussions with Financial Institutions like Banks were made to explore the terms and packages available to support MECs initiatives along the market chain actors like importers/suppliers, dealers/ distributors for the increased supply and uptake of the EPCs.
- Distribution of twenty-two (22) pressure cookers to end users in peri urban and rural areas, as part of research to explore better approaches for delivery of EPCs. Information on how EPCs works were also given. Regular follow-ups of the 6 end users supplied with EPCs in December 2019 in Gairo District is being made and they are comfortable with the use of the EPCs.



*Picture 3. Providing explanation on how pressure cooker works before deployed to end users at Goba Area*

- Preparations of the eCook book for Tanzania is in progress, the draft is in place at the stage of inserting illustrations and settings as an initial process towards publishing.

**Next planned activities and events to attend**

- TaTEDO expects to participate in the workshop that will be organized by MECs partners in Dar es Salaam in February 2020.
- TaTEDO through her social enterprise SESCOM will supply EPCs to A2EI for their mini-grid project customers.
- Further focus group discussions and meetings with development partners dealing with energy sector in Tanzania which is organized by UNDP and JICA will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and MECs research project activities among others implemented by TaTEDO will be presented.
- Final round of visits, meeting and discussions with MECs relevant government Ministries and departments will be held as part of research to explore more on the enabling environment for EPCs uptake and deliveries.