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Enumeration of results

- Empirical research on the role of social work in poverty reduction and the realization of MDGs conducted (in total 2,000 respondents).
- Revision (informed by empirical research) of undergraduate social work curricula and new courses to be included in proposed Master of Social Work programmes (Kenya and Uganda only).
- Publication of four national books based on PROSOWO research findings (Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda).
- Final project publication entitled “Professional Social Work in East Africa: Towards Social Development, Poverty Reduction and Gender Equality”, edited by Helmut Spitzer, Janestic Twikirize and Gidraph Wairire.
- In total, approximately 1,000 physical copies of project-related publications disseminated to social work training institutions and other stakeholders in the East African Community.
- Production of a fieldwork manual (Uganda).
- 6 journal articles published.
- 32 conference papers presented at international conferences and symposia (Austria, Kenya, South Africa, Sweden, Uganda, Hong Kong).
- Launch of the international social work conference “Professional Social Work in East Africa” (March 2014 in Uganda).
- Launch of two social work symposia (June 2011 in Kenya, June 2012 in Austria).
- Forum on “Social Policy and Inequality” at the Austrian Development Conference (November 2014).
- Attendance at three scientific writing workshops (Austria, Sweden, Uganda).
- Three grants for PhD studies in Austria (one from Kenya, two from Uganda).
- ASSWA membership for Rwanda, Tanzania and Austria established.
- PROSOWO regional network extended to Burundi with Hope Africa University as an “associated partner”.
- Realization of frequent consortium meetings, national and regional stakeholder meetings, dissemination and sensitization workshops.
- Several meetings with government authorities held; initial steps towards the realization of a regulatory body for social work made (Tanzania, Uganda).

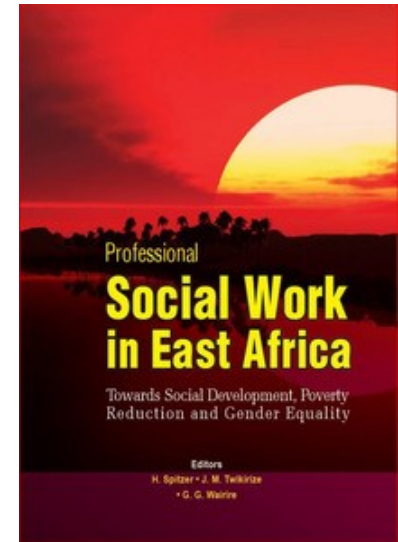


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