



**Tanzania Public Health Association
(Chama cha Afya ya Jamii Tanzania)**

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 31ST ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Social Determinants of Health and Millennium Development Goals Achievement

Stella Maris Hotel, Bagamoyo, Tanzania 24th -28th November, 2014

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Conference participants identified the following to be the role of TPHA in the coming decade:

- 1) Advocate for public health and more Public-Private engagement – move beyond Partnership into engagement
- 2) Advice better management and leadership of the health system
- 3) Participate in emergencies, epidemics and provide technical guidance to the MOHSW
- 4) Advocate for the support of private sector to participate in the production of human resource for financing modalities – have more private sector participation and motivate them to invest more in service provision; scale up social schemes and community involvement
- 5) Lobby for the enforcement of policy enactment of the Alcohol Act and enforcement of protective legislation on alcohol use – e.g. through control of access. Alcohol consumption affects 7 out of 8 MDGs. These included MDG1, MDG2, MDG3, MDG4, MDG5, MDG 6 and MDG 7.
- 6) In addition, intoxication leads to impaired judgment with regard to safe sex. It is also a significant cause of NCDs including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, liver and kidney disease and mental disorders. Moreover, the packaging (sachets) used to package alcoholic drinks are an environmental eye sore.
- 7) TPHA to extend the fight against tobacco to include E-cigs