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- [Summary-Report: Methods and Indicators for Measuring the Impact of Poverty Reduction: An ODA Funded ActionAid Research Project.](#) Rick Davies and Winkie Williamson, 1997
- [Guidance Notes on Increasing the Participation of the Poor in the Assessment of the Impact of Development Interventions.](#) Rick Davies, 1997. Methods and Indicators for Measuring the Impact of Poverty Reduction: An ODA Funded ActionAid Research Project

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