

# Participatory approaches to the development of a Theory of Change: Beginnings of a list

## Description

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## Background

There have been quite a few generic guidance documents written on the use of Theories of Change. These are not the main focus of this list. Nevertheless, here are those I have come across:

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