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See also Gabrielle Watson’s related blog posting: [Trust but verify: Companies assessing their own impacts on human rights?](#) Oxfam’s experience supporting communities to conduct human rights

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And docs mentioned in her post:

- [the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in 2011](#)
- **Oxfam's community-based Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) tool**, [Getting it Right](#)  
,The tool was first tested in the Philippines, Tibet, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Argentina and Peru, and then improved. In 2010 and 2011, Oxfam supported local partner organizations to conduct community-based HRIAs with tobacco farmworkers in North Carolina and with mining-affected communities in Bolivia. In our experience, community-based HRIAs have: (1) built human rights awareness among community members, (2) helped initiate constructive engagement when companies have previously ignored community concerns, and (3) led to concrete actions by companies to address concerns.

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