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Out of Poverty: Comparative Poverty Reduction Strategies in Eastern and Southern Africa

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Mkuki Na Nyota Publishers, Tanzania, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 276 x 208 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Poverty reduction has been a long-standing concern of all African countries since independence. This focus is also reflected in the policies of the international donor community, including the twin International Financial Institutions (IFIs) the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. This study examines, traces and maps the poverty reduction policies adopted by six countries in Eastern and Southern Africa since the mid-1990s with a view to highlighting differences and similarities. The first group of three countries Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia is made up of so-called Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs), while the other three are non-HIPCs, comprising Botswana, Kenya and Namibia. Whereas the former are required to formulate Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) under terms of reference set by the IFIs, the latter are at liberty to chart home-grown strategies. The study compares these two categories of countries in order to ascertain whether their poverty reduction strategies differ substantially or largely converge. It is found that despite differences of nuance there is a strong tendency towards convergence of approach and design. Since it is recognised...



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