

# Why the media coverage of G8 is not Gr8 for Africa

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Every year at G8 time our screens are full of (unelected, fund-raising) spokespeople from Africa charities demanding more aid. The message from Live8 is that we need to give yet more billions to salve our consciences and provide sticking plaster for a continent 'ravaged' by HIV, poverty, war and exploitation. It's a simplistic and self-defeating narrative that always ends in disappointment when either the G8 nations fail to deliver or when the money disappears down the plug-hole of corruption, incompetence and dependency. So good to hear a refreshing [view](#) on the G8/Africa media circus by [Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie](#). He's not arguing against aid as such, more the way that it is seen as the only solution. POLIS will launch its [report](#) on the role of the African media in development and democracy on June 27th – email us at [polis@lse.ac.uk](mailto:polis@lse.ac.uk) if you want to come to the launch event.

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