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## The Impact of UK Aid on African Countries

Aid money is a vast amount of money, which each year is set aside by wealthy governments, that is ~~or~~ sent to poor or third world countries to financially help them ~~and~~ and to care for their people. Lots of European governments send aid money ~~to~~ each year to places like Africa and Asia. One of the rich ~~countries~~ western governments that take part in the annual money giving wave is the United Kingdom. The UK is known for ~~it~~ boasting and ~~massive~~ broadcasting about their aid money contributions to poor countries. The UK ~~the~~ government claim that it ~~is~~ <sup>gives</sup> ~~spends~~ millions, billions of pounds in aid money to Africa but does all that money ~~is~~ supposed to ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> what then it is ~~is~~ supposed to do?

A number of charities like Oxfam, Save the Children and ~~Water Aid~~ <sup>help</sup> generate the aid money funds thanks to ~~repetitive~~ ~~repetitive~~ and one off donations from the British public. The UK government also contributes to the fund and companies pay towards aid money in the form of ~~lab~~ taxes but charities are the main ~~providers~~ contributors.

Aid money is not as transparent as UK it seems. Many people think that aid money is given out of generosity but that is a



common ~~misde~~ misjudgement as aid money is in actual fact, a loan. I ~~would have~~ believe that aid money is one of the most (if not the most) ~~largest~~ biggest loans ever! The same money that is said to be relieving ~~press~~ financial pressures on countries is ~~the~~ ~~doing~~ <sup>having</sup> a complete opposite effect - aid money is acting like old ~~cash~~ money being dumped on places who have no choice but to take it. Aid money in my opinion, seems like a burden on poor countries as it is rising their debt ~~lower~~ levels. How is a already poor country supposed to stabilise ~~it~~ and develop when <sup>it</sup> has ~~lower~~ massive loans coming left, ~~can~~ right and on centre? It is said that African governments spend ~~21~~ twenty-one billion dollars a year on debt repayment.

Another ~~unsp~~ unsurprising fact ~~operated~~ about aid money is that it is used as a cover story for the stealing of billions of dollars from ~~the~~ ~~road~~ the continent each year. Foreign ~~multinational~~ multinational companies, which are backed by western governments, remove forty-six billion dollars out of sub-Saharan Africa each year. ~~Then~~, with a thirty-five billion dollars being put into tax havens <sup>located</sup> <sup>all</sup> around the world. Aid money is ~~a~~ ~~smoke~~ ~~screen~~ acting as a smokescreen to hide ~~the~~ a ~~an~~ global trafficking network run by the UK and other western governments.



On the other hand, the aid money that reaches Africa have a positive effect on the people it helps. Aid money can be used to pay for medical equipment, food, medicine and clothes. Aid money can change people's lives and give people support. It used to fund volunteers or transportation. When aid money is use rightly it can make a change, big or small.

Analysing all of this evidence shows me that evidence is densely packed a bad thing ~~has~~ as, to me, ~~is~~ the pros out weigh the cons. We have to try and resolve the problems about aid money as it is no use just knowing and having a opinion on it. We have to change western domination in Africa. We can do this by having a binding international agreement on transitional corporations to protect human rights drawn up in the U.S. Another solution could be to expose the money truth behind aid money to grind the money removal from Africa to a halt.