MORE ON THE AID PROBLEM...

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Rombo has just posted a very thoughtful piece commenting (among other things) on the wisdom of having Bono as an expert on aid for Africa...

> *she compared it to â€œhaving an International musician like Amy Winehouse commenting on the US debt crisis rather than Obama. It makes no sense."*
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> *On the one hand, I really feel badly for Bono and Blair and their ilk. They see a problem and theyâ€™re compelled to do something. Itâ€™s hard to fault them on that ground. There are too many people all over the place doing nothing when they should be doing something.*
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> *On the other hand, itâ€™s clear that AID has not worked/is not working as itâ€™s supposed to, unless of course, it had the subversive objective all along of perpetuating dependence, in which case, itâ€™s truly a work of genius. As Moyo says, â€œgiving aid to Africa remains one of the biggest ideas of our time,â€ which is puzzling no end because all the evidence suggests is that itâ€™s an idea that has failed miserably. (read more)*