

Africa...Rich but Poor??

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Many of the images shown on posters when referring to Africa shows starving children with flies circling their skeleton-like malnourished bodies.

For as far back as I can remember, we have been championing 'Charities' in order to raise funds to assist in buildings programmes, water purification exercises, the building of schools, the provision of homes and shelter. For all the millions that have been raised for these cause, the situation still remains critical.

What has happened to all the money raised?

Have you ever wondered whether Africa has any natural resources of its own? You may be shocked.

The following is an answer from Shola that I found on Yahoo answers.

First of all Africa is continent not a country:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=826tpNNrC...>

Example of African countries natural resources that are exported to countries around the world:

SOUTH AFRICA

gold, diamonds, uranium, chromium, fruits, sugar, wheat, and more

TANZANIA

iron, diamonds, coffee, tea, cassava, and more

NIGERIA

petroleum(oil), natural gas, coal, iron, cocoa, Palm oil, columbite, and many more

GHANA

gold, manganese, bauxite, cassava, cocoa, and many more

EGYPT

Petroleum(oil), iron, cotton, and many more

KENYA

limestones, rubies, coffee, tea, and many more

MADAGASCAR

coal, timber, graphite, and many more

CONGO

rubber, copper, diamonds, cobalt, gold, zinc, and many more

LIBYA

petroleum(oil), and many more

ALGERIA

petroleum(oil), and many more

NAMIBIA

gold, diamonds, copper, uranium, and many more

ANGOLA

petroleum(oil), diamonds, and many more

BOTSWANA

diamonds, and many more

I can go on and on but you get what I am saying, majority of African countries have their natural resources today(and will be there for hundreds and hundreds of years from now), it didn't go anywhere, I don't know who has been telling you Africa doesn't have resources but they are ignorant and mis-informed.

If Africa didn't have resources you wouldn't be seeing many Foreign Governments and investors still investing with many African countries, especially China:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTbda3oS2...>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfvxG1AAX...>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJawrak2I...>
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So, with all this undeniable evidence my question is:

If one third of Africa's export to China's is in oil and there is a phenomenal amount of natural resources,(as evidenced by the above links) what are all those distressing photos and scenes we are being shown on the media channels?

So...reverting back to my title...Africa....**Rich but Poor?**

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