

## Hip-Hop Community Needs to Stay Involved

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Last weekend's Live 8 concerts saw the hip-hop community contribute to a meaningful cause. The hip-hop community was represented by many hip-hop and rap artists alongside various rock, pop and jazz groups, as over 2 billion people all over the world showed unity to support aid for Africa.

The purpose of this mass showing of unity by both young and old, was according to Bob Geldof "These concerts are the start point for The Long Walk To Justice, the one way we can all make our voices heard in unison."

"This is without doubt a moment in history where ordinary people can grasp the chance to achieve something truly monumental and demand from the 8 world leaders at G8 an end to poverty."

"The G8 leaders have it within their power to alter history. They will only have the will to do so if tens of thousands of people show them that enough is enough."

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“By doubling aid, fully canceling debt, and delivering trade justice for Africa, the G8 could change the future for millions of men, women and children.”

From London, Edinburgh, Philadelphia, Berlin, Paris and Rome millions came together to call for complete debt cancellation, more and better aid and trade justice for the world’s poorest people.

The world was watching and listening and now the G8 leaders have promised to double aid to Africa by \$25 billion a year by 2010.

We can not stop here or can we stop and relax now. Promises are fine but action is desperately needed. Not only the hip-hop and rap artists and all the artists from all the different genres of the music industry, but as a people we need to stand together for what is right.

The artists raised their voices and we should all continue to raise our voices until we fix this mass problem.

This concert has united over 2 billion people world wide that care about their fellow human beings in the worse conditions imaginable.

Visit <http://www.live8live.com> to get the latest new and updates on this continuing need for aid.

Also today Secretary General Kofi Annan congratulated G8 for Africa communiqué promise to double aid by 2010. In a statement released by the Secretary General he said:

“I want to congratulate Prime Minister Tony Blair and his fellow G-8 leaders on what they have done today for Africa. This G-8 was being closely watched by people everywhere. The leaders carried the hopes of people around the world who wanted progress towards reducing poverty in Africa, and today they got it: a promise to double aid to Africa by \$25 billion a year by 2010. And indeed official development assistance as a whole is to increase by \$50 billion by that year.”

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“This is very good news; and similarly, there has been welcome progress on debt, with 100 per cent cancellation now for 18 of the most indebted countries, and an innovative Paris Club debt solution for Nigeria.”

“Further, in the G-8 meeting with African leaders, the latter reaffirmed their commitment to good governance, democracy and the fight against corruption. They also reaffirmed the priority they give to the basic decision of achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the areas of health, education, gender equality, agriculture, infrastructure and communication.”

“I had hoped that G-8 leaders might also have committed themselves to a clear, unambiguous date for ending export subsidies. They will have another opportunity to do so in December, at the World Trade Organization ( WTO ) meeting in Hong Kong.”

“But this is the beginning, not the end, for the people and the leaders who made today’s success possible. We got here through the exercise of political will. That will must not be allowed to disperse if we are to keep on track for 2015.”

“I hope Gleneagles will be remembered as the beginning of something very big, perhaps even the beginning of the end of mass poverty.”

Let us stay united and not forget what has been started here. We can make a difference in this world – if only we get involved.

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