

# PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS? PEOPLE AND PLANET OVER PROFITS!

Broadly defined, a **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** is a long-term contract between a private party and a government entity to provide public services and/or develop public infrastructure, in which responsibilities and rewards are shared.



There is a lot of hype around PPPs and the crucial role they play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Infrastructure and services that are crucial in the fight against inequality and protecting and expanding human rights are now being increasingly handed to private contractors, when they are actually supposed to be the responsibility of states.



Decades of Structural Adjustment Programmes and austerity policies have left public services underfunded. Privatization became the bitter pill.



## PPP IS THE CURRENT TREND IN PRIVATIZING PUBLIC SERVICES



Private investment means more projects that undermine environmental protections and the fight against climate change



Profits motivation turns public services into commodities, undermining the right to health, education, water and more.



Erosion of job security, lower wages and other rights.



PPPs do not bring in new money; they create more hidden debt



The search for efficiency gains & design innovation results in corner-cutting.

# THE FUTURE IS PUBLIC!



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