



Financial Investors as saviors?

How funds and private equity change health services in the Global South and Germany

Online discussion

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Financial investors are rapidly taking over hospitals and other health facilities in Germany and on a global scale. State development banks (DFIs) also support this development on an international level. For instance, the German investment and development bank DEG holds shares in 19 international health funds, which are often located in offshore financial centers, such as Mauritius and the Cayman Islands. The COVID-19 pandemic reveals that a functioning public health system accessible for all people, is essential – in industrialized countries as well as in the global South. In this webinar, we wish to critically discuss the increasing role of funds and private equity in the health sector on three levels:

- Why do development banks like the DEG foster this development in development and emerging economies, and what does this trend imply for marginalized groups of the population in these countries?
- How does the privatization of health care impact the doctors, patients and the health system in India?
- In which ways does the rise of private equity funds change the German health system?

Course of the event

2 p.m. Introduction to the webinar Financial investors as saviors?

Eva-Maria Schreiber

MP, spokeswoman of the left party parliamentary group in the committee of economic development and cooperation in the German Bundestag

2.10 p.m. The role of the DEG and other development banks in the privatization of health services

Anna Marriott

Oxfam UK

2.25 p.m. Profit driven health services harm people's health: consequences of the privatization of health services in India

Dr. Abhay Shukla

Public health physician and activist of the People's Health Movement

2.40 p.m. Private-Equity funds in Germany

Achim Kessler

MP, spokesman for health economics of the left party parliamentary group

2.55 p.m. Discussion

Moderation: Dr. med. Andreas Wulf

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