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# People-first Public Private Partnerships and Human Rights to Water

A Conceptual Introduction

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# PPPs in 1990s and early 2000s

- ▶ **First generation of PPPs in 1990s** (Chile, Brazil, Argentina).
  - ❖ Focus was attracting private sector for building infrastructure.
  - ❖ Investment mechanisms structured to generate a market return.
  - ❖ Public sector sharing larger market risks.
  - ❖ Challenges (and failures) due to high tariffs and runaway profits.
- ▶ **Second generation of improved PPPs in early 2000**
  - ❖ Balancing of public interest with private sector role through Public Sector Comparator (PSC) and Value for Money (VfM).
  - ❖ Need for large scale infrastructure and weak fiscal position led to renewed interest in many countries (Australia, Spain, Portugal etc.).
  - ❖ Stagnation/ Consolidation of old programs (Chile, Brazil).
  - ❖ UK's Private Finance Initiative in 1990s was reshaped.

**Water and Sanitation services to the poor and vulnerable lacking**

# Human Rights to Water

- ▶ UN Resolution no. 64/292 on 28 July 2010, through which the United Nations General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to water and sanitation.
- ▶ Human Rights to Water entitles everyone to:
  - ❖ Sufficient
  - ❖ Safe
  - ❖ Acceptable
  - ❖ Physically accessible and
  - ❖ Affordable water.for personal and domestic use

# Water and Sanitation related SDGs (2015)

## ▶ Output level - Primary

- ❖ GOAL 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- ❖ GOAL 5: Gender Equality

## ▶ SDGs at Outcome level:

- ❖ GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
- ❖ GOAL 9: Resilient Infrastructure
- ❖ GOAL 17: Partnerships

## ▶ SDGs at Impact level

- ❖ GOAL 1: End Poverty
- ❖ GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- ❖ GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- ❖ GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- ❖ GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- ❖ GOAL 13: Climate Action

# People-first PPPs

## ▶ Third Generation of PPPs - People First PPPs

- ❖ Focusing on “People-first” - include the relevant SDGs in the PPP contracts.
- ❖ Adding focus - from “outputs” to outcomes and “impacts” - identified through the SDGs.
- ❖ Bringing in the environmental factor of climate resilience.
- ❖ Multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources.
  - ❖ SDG 17.17: Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships
- ❖ Blended financing, combining traditional financing sources with ‘Impact Financing’ of PPPs.

# Moving Forward

- ▶ Looking forward to hear from our eminent panelists:

“the interlink between People-first Public-Private Partnerships (Pf-PPPs) and the need for a Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) in the delivery of water and sanitation.”

- ▶ Webinar at an appropriate time when we all are trying to mitigate COVID-19.
  - ❖ Human right to water forms an inescapable aspect of WASH - water, sanitation and hygiene - which has been identified as an essential tool for arresting the spread of COVID-19.

# Indicators - Traditional and SDG-linked

- ▶ Typically performance indicators are related to the efficient performance delivery and include:
  - ▶ Access to tap drinking water and sewerage;
  - ▶ Service quality levels;
  - ▶ Service coverage;
  - ▶ Tariffs affordability and connection fees;
  - ▶ Response time to customer complaints;
  - ▶ Transparent financial and technical reporting to the public;
  - ▶ Keeping with regulatory decisions, rules and standards;
  - ▶ Efficiency of service provision as measured by water losses, labor productivity and operating costs;
  - ▶ Subsidies to utilities; etc.
- ▶ **Linking SDGs to Performance Indicators measures project outcome and impacts over and above Outputs**