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Private sector engagement and investment in the health sector mainly takes place through private financing and provision of health services, public procurement and concessional public private partnerships (PPPs). In times of economic globalization, the rules of (private sector) cross-border investment in the health sector are based on WTO/GATS modalities difficult to control by any government.

The Covid-19 pandemic has once more shown the public health risks of privatized and under-regulated health care provision. Nevertheless, the World Health Organization still promotes “private sector engagement for strong health systems and better health” (see here) and lets things slide. Or not?

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• Sulakshana Nandi, People’s Health Movement PHM
• Marco Angelo, Wemos
• Raymond Saner, Centre for Socio-Economic Development CSEND
• Nicoletta Dentico, Society for international Development SID
• Brid Brennan, Transnational Institute TNI
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The content of the briefings and debates was shaped through the feedback received from G2H2 members, based on their scrutiny of the topics to be taken up by the Executive Board.

In the tradition of G2H2 briefings ahead of WHO governing body meetings, all sessions will start with analysis and proposals provided by civil society organizations, followed by responses by representatives of WHO members and the Secretariat (if available) and a general debate.

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