"Development" Finance ...and the roll-back of social and environmental protections

Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs)
MDBs are large banks controlled and owned by member countries, which finance projects in the private sector in the name of "development". Some MDBs have differing scales, others focus more on sector-specific projects. The MDBs have a major impact on investments from public and private sources, as well as having influence over corporate social and environmental policies.

Public-Private Partnerships
While large private sector social services projects have typically been funded in public works, there is a growing trend to finance these projects through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). PPPs involve governments and private investors, with these agreements taking on various forms and structures, including the construction and operation of infrastructure projects. PPPs are often criticized for their impact on public services, with concerns raised about the costs, quality, and accountability of these projects.

Development Banks' Safeguards
Development banks have safeguards that are intended to ensure that projects meet certain standards. These safeguards are intended to protect communities and the environment, but they are often not enforced or are being weakened. Over decades, social movements have fought for the creation of national laws and regulations that govern development projects, and these frameworks are being challenged by new trends in investment and development practices.

National Development Banks and Investment Agencies
These types of institutions use public funds to promote national development and assist domestic companies in making overseas investments or export deals.

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Peru
In recent years, the Peruvian government has increased investment and trade, and has improved the country's financial system. The United Nations has praised Peru for its efforts in poverty reduction and economic growth.

Tunisia
In the fall of 2011, Tunisia experienced a wave of protests and strikes that led to the ousting of President Ben Ali. The government has since implemented a number of reforms to improve the country's economy and reduce poverty.

Egypt
The World Bank has been involved in a number of projects in Egypt, including infrastructure development, energy, and education. The bank has also provided loans to the government to finance social welfare programs.

South Africa
In 2015, the South African government decided to reduce the number of public sector jobs and increase the number of private sector jobs. The government has also implemented a number of measures to improve the country's economy and reduce poverty.

Indonesia
The government has implemented a number of programs to improve the country's economy, including reforms to the tax system and the banking sector. The government has also invested in infrastructure development, such as building roads and highways.

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Greece
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Spain
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Brazil
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Civil society
An active civil society is vital for ensuring that development investments meet the needs of the people and respect human rights. However, the space for social movements and other critical development processes is becoming increasingly limited. In 2014 civil society was under threat in Brazil, and in 2015 civil society organizations in India faced increasing pressure.