#### **PSI Union Development Cooperation**





#### Context

- PSI Strategic Priorities
  - Trade union rights
  - Alternatives to privatisation, outsourcing
  - Influencing regional and global institutions
  - Growth (increased affiliated members, new affiliates, new unions)

### **Context: Campaigns**

- Rethinking Quality Public Services (QPS) campaigns in practice
- From FTT to Tax Justice
- Trade (TiSA, TTIP, CETA, TPP)
- Anti-corruption

## **Context: Policy**

- PSI policy on projects
  - PoA 2012-17
  - Consultation process in 2013
  - EB 2014 endorsed
  - Key items:
    - Collaboration with non-affiliates
    - Connect to strategic priorities
    - Contribute to sectoral work
    - "Traditional" elements (participatory planning, gender equality etc) affirmed

# 2014 Project Results Highlights

- Turkey: sector-based activities comparing best practices in organising precarious workers. PSI's affiliates reported organising more than 50,000 precarious workers into unions during 2014.
- PSI, along with affiliates in Norway (NTL), Great Britain (UNISON), Sweden (VISION) and the Netherlands (AbvaKabo), together with PSI's Swazi affiliates, formed the PSI Swaziland Solidarity Coordination Group to help monitor cooperation and to strengthen trade union campaigns globally for democracy and human rights in Swaziland.
- Made up of PSI affiliates, the Association of Public Sector Unions East Africa (APSU-EA) was founded in October 2014 as the organisation for unions to lobby the East Africa Commission (EAC). APSU will be working towards observer status at the EAC.
- In the Philippines, PSI affiliates along with allied trade unions continued building a powerful campaign for the ratification of International Labour Organisation Convention 151 (collective bargaining in the public sector) by the country's Senate.
- In Indonesia, PSI project work supported ongoing campaigns by trade unions and civil society organisations to reverse the privatisation of Jakarta city water and bring it back under public control. Despite 20 years of privatised water, residents of the city remain unable to drink tap water. In March, the city government announced measures to remunicipalise Jakarta's water.

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- In Mozambique, a project which supported lobbying in the national assembly and local awareness raising activities, led to PSI affiliate SINAFP winning the legal right to form a trade union for public sector workers for the first time in the country's history. With passage of a new law on public sector trade unionism in November 2014, SINAFP is now engaged in recruiting and organising new members for legal registration.
- In Santiago in October, PSI's new project or Southern Cone and Brazil on genderbased violence and workplace harassment saw unprecedented high-level commitments and participation, including an address to the opening conference of the project by the President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet.
- Following lobbying from PSI health unions, the West Africa Health Sector Unions Network (PSI-WAHSUN) was able to secure for the first time a high-level meeting with the Director-General of the West Africa Health Organisation (WAHO) in August, the peak inter-governmental health organisation for the ECOWAS countries of West Africa. Discussions focussed on future areas of cooperation, Ebola Virus Disease and achieving observer status at WAHO.

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- In Tunis in May, women unionists from PSI affiliates in the Middle East and North Africa held a forum on leadership, which included active participation of women who were leaders themselves of trade unions in Egypt, Algeria and Sweden. The forum mapped women's current role in the MENA trade unions and concluded with participants agreeing to be active in campaigning for a 30% quota of women's representation at the highest level of union bodies and to encourage women to participate in election campaigns for union positions.
- Following decisions by the International Labour Conference in June regarding persistent violations of trade union rights in Ecuador, a technical mission was sent to the country in January to report on the situation. PSI's affiliates, through the support of a specific project fund, were active during the ILO mission in presenting further evidence on the restrictions to trade unionism in the country.