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A LIBERTAÇÃO TOTAL DE ÁFRICA**

**AN AFRICAN WOMAN  
UNITE IN A COMMON IDEAL  
THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA**

**LA FEMME AFRICAINE UNIE  
EN UN SEUL IDEAL EXIGE  
LA LIBERATION TOTALE  
DE L'AFRIQUE**



# Mobilise against privatisation!

**COSATU says all working people suffer from privatisation.**

How does privatisation affect you and your community?

In education, the rich pay high fees and get great schools in the suburbs. Meanwhile, working people's schools in the townships and rural areas don't have electricity or enough classrooms. This results in high failure rates.

In health, the rich can afford private care with the best services - while the poor are trapped in an underfunded, understaffed system, with long queues and deteriorating hospitals and clinics.

Where cities have privatised water management, the cost goes up and the service gets worse. Durban is facing a 28% increase in water costs. Making people pay for water has led to cut offs and even made the cholera epidemic worse.

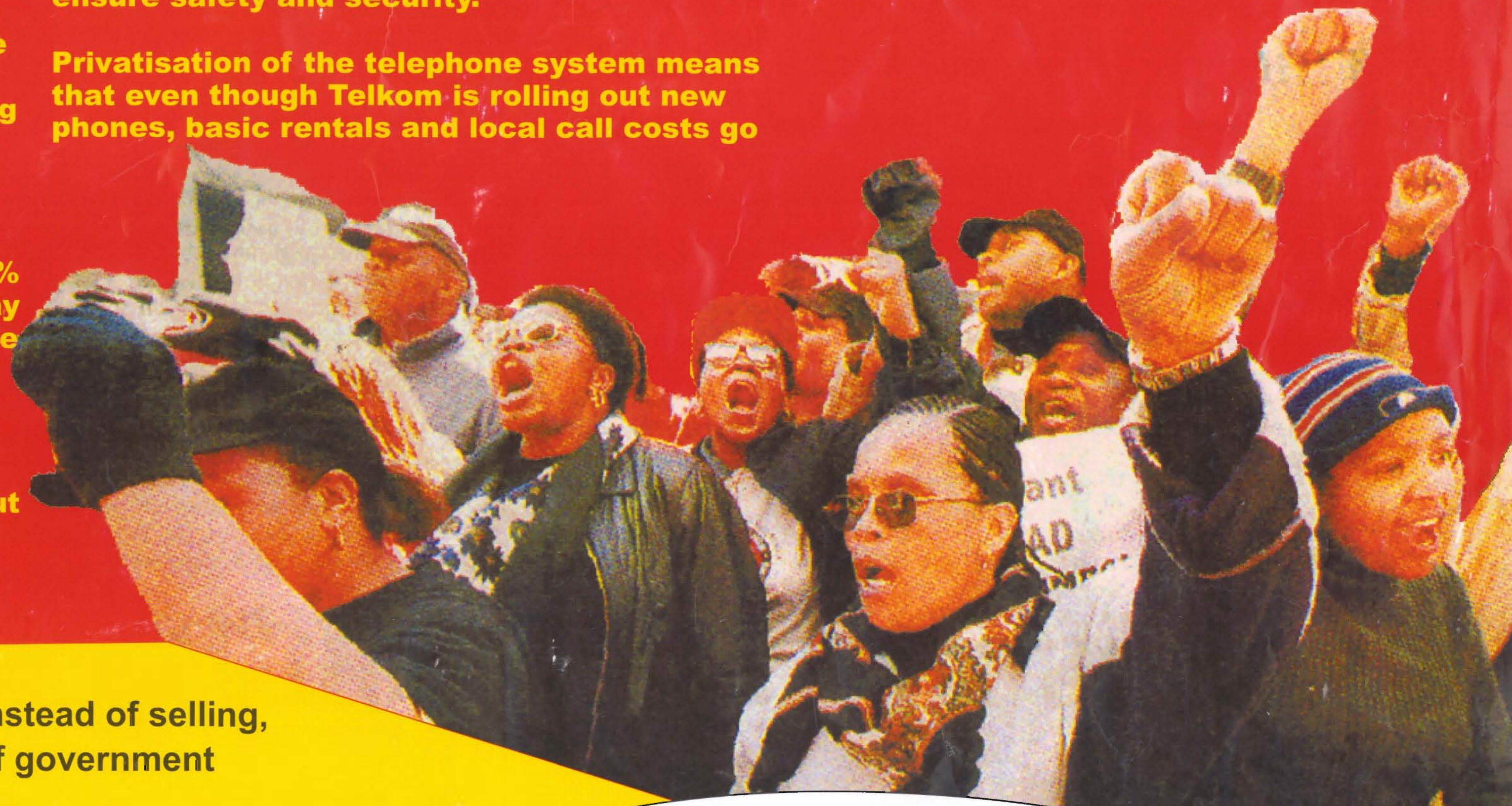
Because government says Eskom has to make profits and pay taxes, we have seen mass cut offs - 60 000 households were shut down in mid-winter in Soweto alone. Now the National Electricity Regulator says it

wants to charge market prices for electricity. This could lead to a 20% price hike.

In policing, the rich hire their own security guards and fence in their suburbs. For the rest of us, there are not enough police to ensure safety and security.

Privatisation of the telephone system means that even though Telkom is rolling out new phones, basic rentals and local call costs go

up - and phones get cut off for poor people. In transport, the rich have their own cars and can afford toll roads. But government trains and busses have been cut back, so our people have to rely on dangerous taxis. Stampedes in train stations cost more lives.



Government says it is not privatising. Instead of selling, they let the private sector take control of government services on a broad scale.

## Government is:

- selling shares in our parastatals.
- letting private companies compete with state companies like Telkom and Eskom:
- handing over the management of state agencies to private interests.
- outsourcing services like catering and cleaning in hospitals.
- making state-owned enterprises work like private companies, just to make profits-commercialising them.

COSATU supports the restructuring of state-owned enterprises and local government to improve their capacity to deliver basic services. We want a strong government to build our economy to provide jobs and improve our lives. But privatisation will NOT help achieve these ends.

## COSATU demands:

Government must stop privatising basic services and national infrastructure at once. Basic services are: water, sewerage, rubbish disposal, electricity, welfare, and basic housing, health, transport, education, telecommunications and cultural services (such as stadiums, parks and libraries). These services must remain in the hands of the people.

Any restructuring of the state must improve services for our communities and especially for the poor. It must keep and create quality jobs.

Restructuring must be negotiated with communities and labour, and be approved by parliament or local government councils.

So who wants privatisation? Big, rich companies are pushing privatisation because they make millions of rands off government as consultants and managers - and they get better services.

These are all forms of privatisation, because they let the private sector take over government services.



**We did not fight for liberation so that we could sell everything we won to the highest bidder!**

Contact your regional office or COSATU local for details.

