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INFRASTRUCTURES: AN EMPIRICAL ASSESSMENT IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

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ABSTRACT

This study analyses the relationship between Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and corruption. To carry this out, several econometric analyses have been developed using a sample of 92 low- and middle-income countries over the period 1995-2018. There is research in the literature that theoretically discusses the vulnerability of PPPs to corruption, but this study adds empirical evidence, considering that developing countries have more problems with corruption. The empirical results suggest that perceived corruption rises as the number of PPP arrangements increases, and this link is also found when PPPs are more important in monetary terms. These findings are relevant for fighting corruption. They suggest the need to monitor PPPs in order to reduce the level of perceived corruption in developing countries.