







Results and insights from KGGTF Grant: Building Coastal Resilience in Asuncion through Climate Smart Solutions

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KGGTF Grant - Background

- "Building Coastal Resilience in Asunción through Climate-Smart Solutions" — KGGTF Grant (US \$500,000).
- Closed June 30, 2025.
- Supported the preparation and implementation of the Asunción Riverfront Urban Resilience Project (US \$105 million), financed by the World Bank.
- Provided the technical, analytical, and design foundations for climate-resilient, inclusive, and lowcarbon urban development along the Asunción riverfront.



Amount USD 105.000.000.-Economic development and **Component 3:** Objective Improve living conditions of participatory strategies to improve Social resilience, vulnerable households by the quality of life and livelihoods of local economic enhancing public spaces and vulnerable communities development, and urban infrastructure to citizen participation support a more resilient Banco Asunción River Front San Miguel **Component 2:** Design and Implementation: - Revitalization of the Historic Center Infrastructure for - Recovery and Expansion of **Public Spaces and** Caballero Park Green Area - Ecological Reserve of Banco San Miguel and Asunción Bay. Eco-Inclusivo Corredor Centro **Component 1:** Financing for the construction of approximately 700 social housing Distrito Eco-Inclusivo Histórico units and socio-community Infrastructure facilities, road infrastructure and services, watercourse treatment, and public spaces

Key Achievements

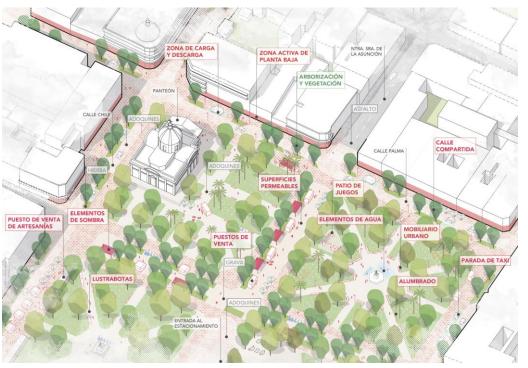
High-Quality Technical Outputs

- Delivered **technical studies and urban design proposals** that directly support the Asunción Riverfront Urban Resilience Project.
- Designs integrate Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), climate-smart infrastructure, and inclusive design principles.

Policy Influence

- Informed national policy discussions on urban regeneration, climate resilience, green infrastructure, and sustainable land management.
- Shared recommendations and design approaches with the Government of Paraguay, strengthening evidencebased decision-making during project implementation.







Key Achievements

Unlocking Private Sector Investment for the Eco-Inclusive District (DEI)

- Market assessment confirmed the DEI as a key catalyst for sustainable urban redevelopment.
- Identified a USD 580 million investment opportunity with a USD 122 million developer margin over 20–22 years, supported by 460,000 m² of buildable area.
- Laid the groundwork for PPP models and private investment in Asunción's riverfront transformation.

Knowledge Exchange & Global Partnerships

- Delivered workshops, study tours, and public events on flood-risk modeling, NBS, and inclusive urban planning.
- Strengthened **capacity and coordination** among MOPC, MUVH, and the Municipality.
- Deepened collaboration with World Bank, IFC (EDGE), and KOICA, promoting knowledge exchange for green and resilient urban development.



Lessons Learned

Using Nature-Based Solutions as Infrastructure

 Designs for the riverfront applied Nature-Based Solutions not as add-ons but as core infrastructure—which will reduce flood risk, restore ecosystems, and improve urban livability.

Strengthening Institutional Coordination for Implementation

- Close collaboration among MOPC, MUVH, and the Municipality built a shared vision for resilient urban development.
- Joint technical work improved policy coherence and local ownership, ensuring continuity beyond the grant cycle.





Proposed Next Grant (Asunción Riverfront 2.0 – Scaling Climate-Smart Urban Transformation)

Objective:

Building on the success of the first KGGTF operation, this next phase aims to **move from design to implementation**, delivering **nature-based, inclusive, and job-generating solutions** that accelerate the implementation of the *Asunción Riverfront Urban Resilience Project (P175320).*

Activity 1 – Nature-Based Solutions and Wetlands Recovery Implementation

Estimated Budget: USD 450,000

Purpose: Translate existing knowledge and diagnostics into implementation-ready project

solutions for wetland recovery, flood resilience, and climate-smart public spaces

Activity 2 – Revitalization and Jobs Strategy

Estimated Budget: USD 350,000

Purpose: Unlock economic revitalization and green jobs by transforming the Historic Center and

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Banco San Miguel Ecological Reserve into dynamic, inclusive destinations that combine

heritage preservation, sustainable tourism, and climate-resilient development.