MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM...
As the global development community mobilizes to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the world's poorest nations, KGGTF is coming together with teams and partners to find progressive solutions and create positive impact where it is much needed. This short newsletter contains some of our recent work and perspectives related to the crisis.

6 Good Reasons the KGGTF Team are Staying Home and Keeping Others Safe!

1. Water and nurture back to life the parched plants that died while you were away on many missions.

2. Upgrade pajama pants to a staple item in your work attire.

3. Display highlights from the hundreds of photos on your phone by creating photo books, calendars or photo gallery.
walls at home.

4 Expand your culinary repertoire by using whatever ingredients you have at home to create a new dish without leaving the house to buy extras.

5 Inventory your shoe/sneaker collection or closet and prepare to lighten your life by filling bin bags to take to charity stores when they re-open.

6 Take some time to look after your body and mind every day by doing an online course or daily class in yoga, meditation, stretching, strength, cardio etc.

Lessons for the World: Korea’s Response to COVID-19

The big lesson from South Korea’s coronavirus response by VOX

Tackling COVID-19 in South Korea by Ministry of Economy and Finance, Republic of Korea

Seoul’s Radical Experiment in Digital Contact Tracing by the New Yorker

South Korea’s Foreign Minister explains how the country contained COVID-19 by World Economic Forum

South Korea Offers a Lesson in Best Practices by Foreign Affairs

Korea's response to COVID-19: Early lessons in tackling the pandemic by the World Bank Group

KGGTF ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT EXTENSIONS
Portfolio Snapshot | To date KGGTF has supported 144 grant programs over six regions, globally. At the end of 2019, 103 grants were closed and 43 grants active and ongoing. Global and EAP region programs have the highest active grant rate. Almost 80 percent of grant programs in LAC and MENA regions are now closed.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU...

Due to the global pandemic and the extent of its impact on our activities worldwide, we’re aware that there may be an increased need for closing date extensions. **We’ll be reaching out to child Trust Fund grants that are due to close in the next 6 months to discuss specific needs for 6-12 month extensions.**

If you need to discuss any other Trust Fund administration needs please reach out to Eun Joo Allison Yi at eyi@worldbank.org and +1 202 288 6623.

WEBSITE UPDATE AND REFRESH

We are excited to welcome you to the **new KGGTF website** which has new, easier navigation and lots more content! Visit [www.wbgkggtf.org](http://www.wbgkggtf.org) to explore new features and content from 7 years of KGGTF funded programs worldwide, publications, videos and more.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Stay tuned for the KGGTF Year 8 Call for Proposals

We are excited to announce that KGGTF will launch its Year 8 Call for Proposals in the coming months. We welcome proposals from our 7 core GPs aligning with the World Bank’s operational objectives of inclusive green growth implementation, with a focus on multi-sector and innovative approaches to green growth challenges.

New Online Platform for the Call for Proposals
In a move to digitize, streamline and reduce the workload burden related to the Call for Proposals and grant management, KGGTF has built a customized Online Grant Tracking System (Dashboard) for KGGTF grant activity monitoring, evaluating and reporting – from proposal preparation to program completion. The Year 8 Call for Proposals will be conducted through this system.

Virtual Knowledge Exchange Videos: Energy & Transport

KGGTF is developing two Virtual Knowledge Exchange videos (expected Fall 2020). The videos take audiences on a field trip to key institutions and sites in Korea to demonstrate how Korea implemented green growth in the Energy and Transport sectors. Topics include effective governance and institutional structures, integrating new technologies, implementation strategies, and operational approaches and solutions.

About KGGTF

The Korea Green Growth Trust Fund is a partnership between the World Bank Group and the Republic of Korea, established in 2011 to support client countries as they shift to green development path. Both partners share a common goal to reduce poverty and promote shared economic prosperity in an environmentally responsible and socially inclusive way.

The Trust Fund finances on-the-ground programs as well as knowledge exchange activities, and to date has approved 145 programs in the urban, transport, information and communication technology, energy, environment, water, climate and agriculture sectors. Based on strong performance, as well as increasing demand for collaborative development implementation programs, the fund has grown from US$40 million to US$88 million WBG programs through 2021.

For more information about KGGTF activities please visit website www.wbgkgtf.org.

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