The Republic of Korea established the e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund (EAKPF) in 2006. By providing grants and supporting technical assistance projects, the fund aims to bridge the digital divide and improve access to information through information and communications technology (ICT) in the Asia and Pacific region.

**At a glance**

- **Total contributions**: $118.80 million
- **Years of support**: 14 (2006–2019)
- **Approved applications**: $71.58 million

**Types of support**
- Grants
- Technical Assistance
Wide-ranging support

EAKPF supports innovative approaches like ICT and the strategic means of creating and disseminating knowledge. This support has helped create new opportunities for human development, poverty reduction, economic growth, and effective governance.

**BY SECTOR**

- Infrastructure: $19.60 million
  - Transport, Energy, Water and Urban Infrastructure and Services
- Public Sector Management: $13.62 million
- Finance: $9.57 million
- Multisector: $9.32 million
- Information and Communications Technology: $5.62 million
- Education: $5.00 million
- Health: $4.35 million
- Industry and Trade: $3.50 million
- Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development: $1.00 million

**BY REGION**

- Central and West Asia: $4.35 million
- South Asia: $8.85 million
- East Asia: $8.35 million
- Southeast Asia: $9.50 million
- Regional: $40.03 million
- Pacific: $0.50 million
**EAKPF Featured Projects**

**azerbaijan**

**Strengthening Tax Policy and Administration Capacity**
Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund contribution: $500,000
Helping strengthen tax policy and compliance by increasing human resources capacities, improving tax services, imposing more serious penalties for noncompliance, and enhancing fiscal management through fiscal modeling.

**Bangladesh**

**Southwest Transmission Grid Expansion Project**
Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund contribution: $500,000
Helping improve the electric supply capacity in Bangladesh by installing new substations in Gopalganj, and expand transmission networks in southern and western parts of the country.

**Regional**

**Southeast Asia**

**Integrated and Innovative Solutions for More Livable Cities**
Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund contribution: $500,000
Paving the way to urban livability by integrating and promoting innovative urban solutions and increasing capacities of cities to improve urban planning.

**Regional**

**Strengthening Financial Sector Operations in Asia and the Pacific (Supplementary)**
Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund contribution: $500,000
Helping create an enabling environment for investment opportunities in developing member countries by identifying pilot investment projects and delivering cross-sector knowledge on financial solutions.

**Mongolia**

**Improving Transport Services in Ger Areas**
Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund contribution: $500,000
Helping improve the quality and safety of public transport facilities, including pedestrian safety, in the Chinghigai corridor of Mongolia’s ger districts.