



Korean Trust Fund on ICT4D

In FY08, the Republic of Korea became a donor to *infoDev* and a partner to the Global ICT Department of the World Bank by establishing the Korean Trust Fund on ICT4D, totaling US \$15 million over three years. This trust fund is managed by *infoDev* and supports projects that demonstrate cutting-edge ICT4D solutions in economic and social growth and poverty reduction.

HOW IT WORKS

The Korean Trust Fund on ICT4D awards grants to World Bank projects and activities submitted along cross-cutting strategic themes. To ensure that there are strong linkages between proposals and the strategic objectives of the Bank in ICT-for-Development, projects supported are cutting edge and generate cross-border knowledge and capacity development for priority ICT4D challenges.

These priority challenges include:

- Use of ICT for economic and social integration of rural areas;
- Broadband connectivity;
- Innovative applications in health, education, agriculture and rural development, clean technology and public financial management;
- ICT-enabled enterprise creation;
- Mobile applications.

IMPACT

- EVOKE, the runaway success alternate reality game developed for African teenagers with the goal of supporting social innovation among young people around the world. EVOKE ran from March to June 2010 and attracted 19,324 people from 150 countries
- Fingerprint technologies will be used to track school attendance in Malawi to increase school completion rates and farmer credit histories in Morocco to improve rural access to credit.
- Public and private sector capacity to scale up mobile banking programs will be improved, based on a study of practices in Brazil and five Asian countries.
- E-government applications will be developed in Indonesia, and an investment plan to expand the IT/ITES (Information Technology Enabled Services) market in Bangladesh.
- In Mozambique, training programs on ICT skills development are being established.



Projects Awarded



In 2008, the projects supported by the Korean Trust Fund on ICT4D were:

1. ICTs for Youth Innovation: Social Entrepreneurship in Africa
2. Mainstreaming the use of ICT and MIS in irrigation water delivery services
3. Mobile Banking Users and Non Users Behavior Study
4. Leveraging ICT for Bangladesh's Growth and Competitiveness
5. Study on Broadband Policy in Korea: Lessons for Developing Countries
6. Building Blocks for E-Government Capability
7. New Economy Skills for Africa - Information and Communication Technologies and Education
8. Technological Innovations in Rural Malawi: A Field Experimental Approach
9. E-monitoring of a Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Rural Morocco



In 2009, the projects supported by the Korean Trust Fund on ICT4D were:

- Computerization of land records in Asia Pacific: Impact and the next steps
- The use of Mobile phones in education in Developing Countries
- M-PB mobile technology as complementary ICT tool for participatory
- Using Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Data Infrastructure for monitoring development outcomes
- Building a toolkit on broadband strategies for Developing Countries
- Peer-to-peer Networks for ICT enabled Government transformation
- Creating an ICT4D Innovation Platform
- Mobile Services and Applications for Sectoral Development
- Extending mobile applications in Africa through social networking

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