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# The KWPF's Support for Skills Development and Jobs

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# A Global Overview: The KWPF Portfolio 2013-2024

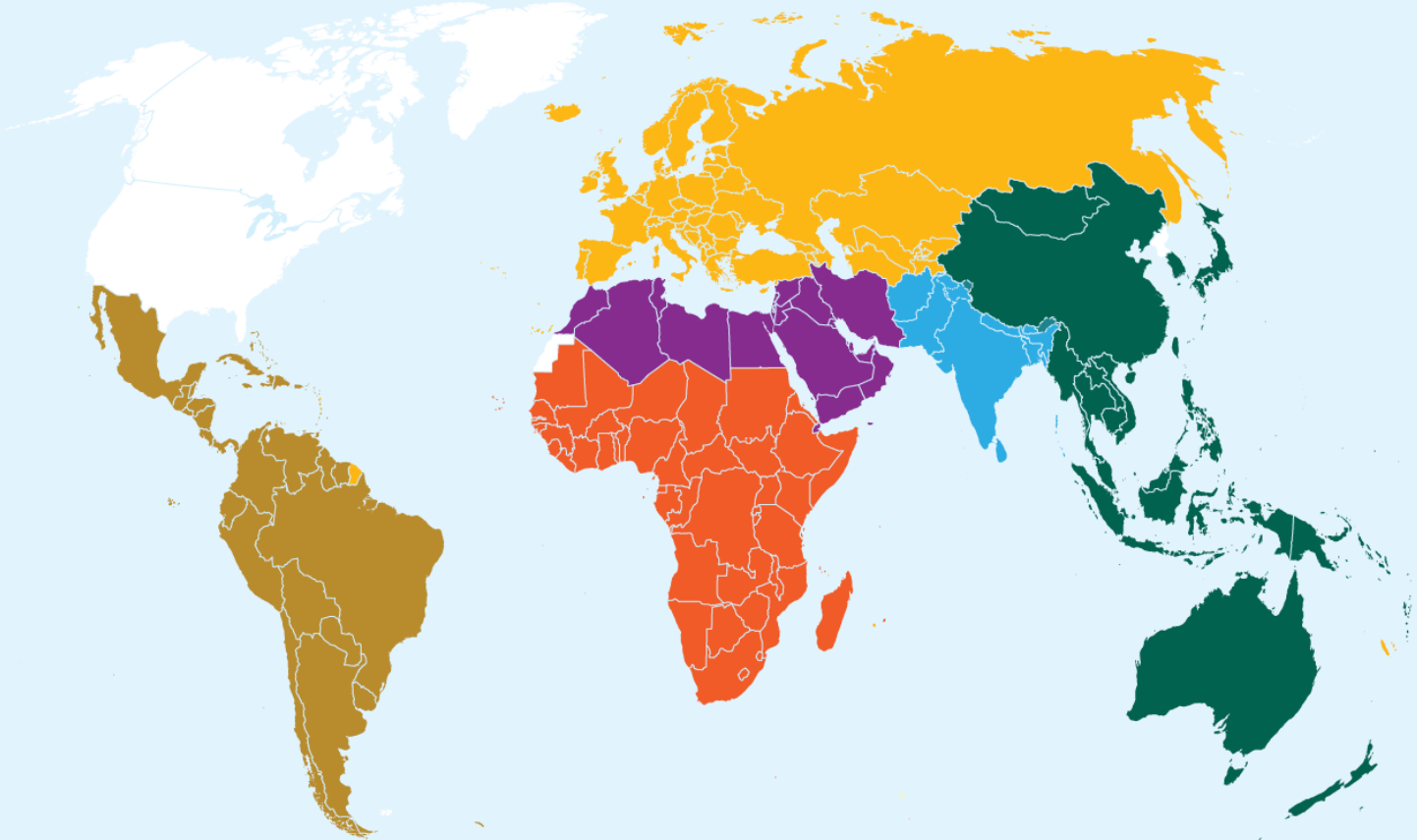
## Funds Allocated by the Ministry of Economy and Finance to the Three KWPF Funding Windows

**WINDOW 1**  
Financing for global and regional WB Trust Fund programs  
**\$149 MILLION**

**+**  
**WINDOW 2**  
Co-financing and project preparation support of WB lending projects  
**\$62 MILLION**

**+**  
**WINDOW 3**  
Generation and transfer of development knowledge  
**\$94 MILLION**

**=**  
Total Allocation:  
**\$305 MILLION**



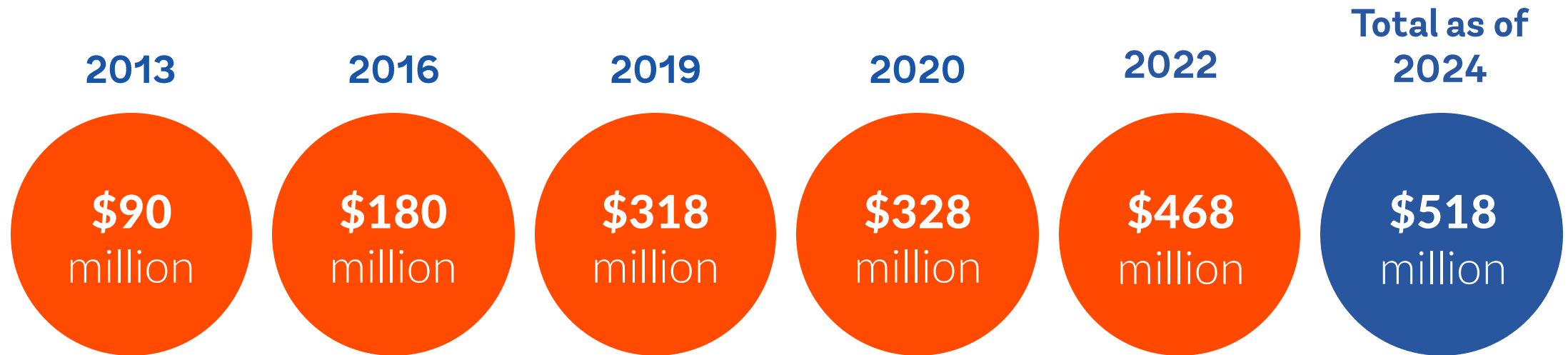
## Number of KWPF Window 2 and Window 3 Grants, by Region

Global	41
AFR	43
SAR	37
EAP	28
ECA	20
LAC	19
MENA	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>

## Number of KWPF Window 2 and Window 3 Grants, by Sector



# Korean funding has fueled KWPF's innovation-driven work

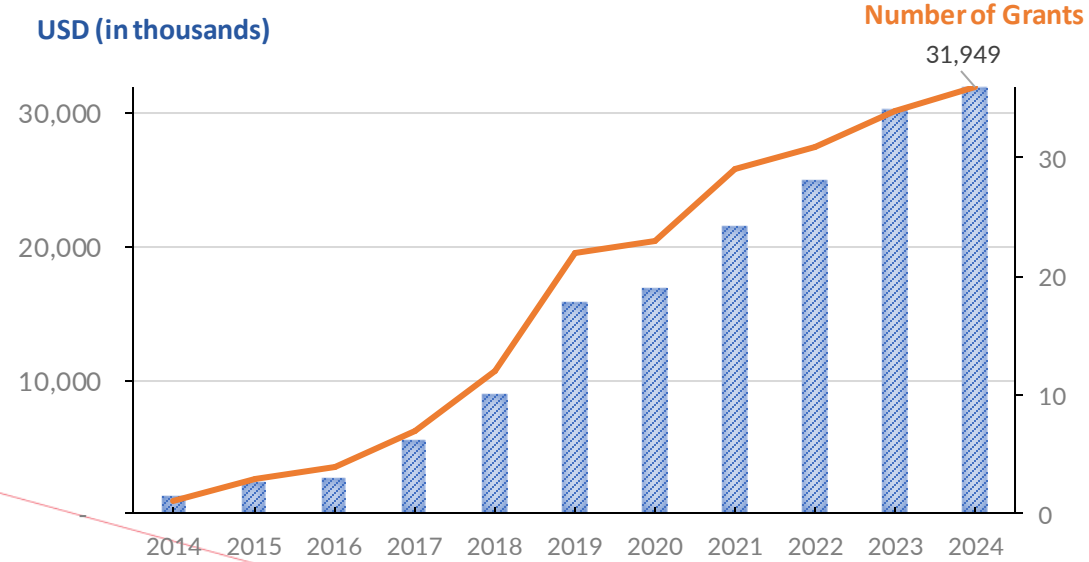


Cumulative signed amounts FY 2013-2024

# The KWPF: Steadfastly committed to delivering impact on Skills Development and Jobs

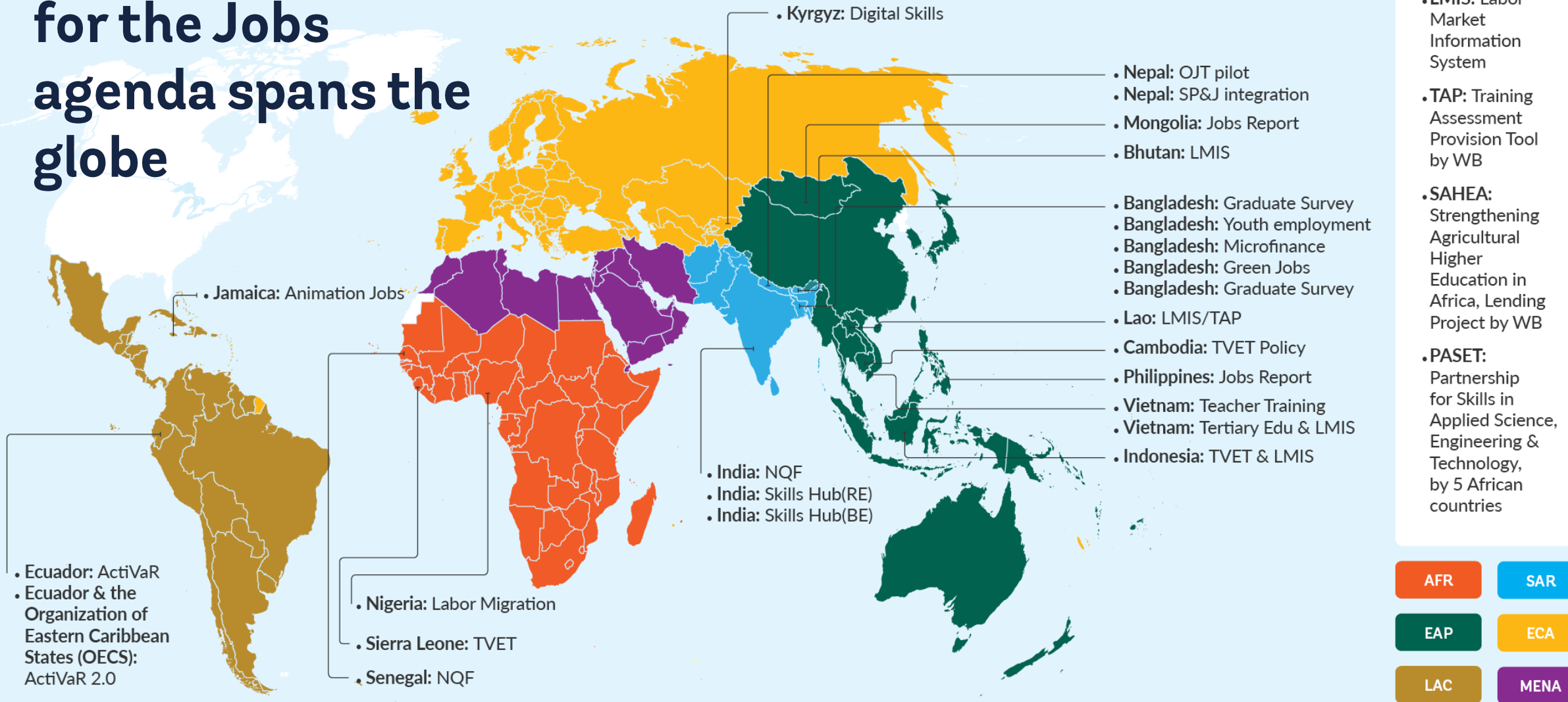
Since its inception in 2013, KWPF has funded 36 grants in the Skills Development and Jobs theme, totaling \$32 million

KWPF Skills Development and Jobs Grants (Cumulative)



Word Cloud sampled from the completion reports of the 36 KWPF grants in the Skills Development and Jobs theme, 2013-2024

# KWPF support for the Jobs agenda spans the globe



Note: Geographic distribution of all 36 KWPF grants in the Skills Development and Jobs theme, 2013-2024

# Client demand shapes KWPF grants supporting Skills Development and Jobs

Create jobs for the growing youth population  
Nigeria, Bangladesh, Nepal

Enhance TVET to meet market demand (globalization, 4IR)  
Indonesia, Cambodia

Facilitate Work-Training Dual Systems or On-the-Job-Training  
Bangladesh, Sierra Leone

Integrate Social Protection and Jobs programs  
Bangladesh

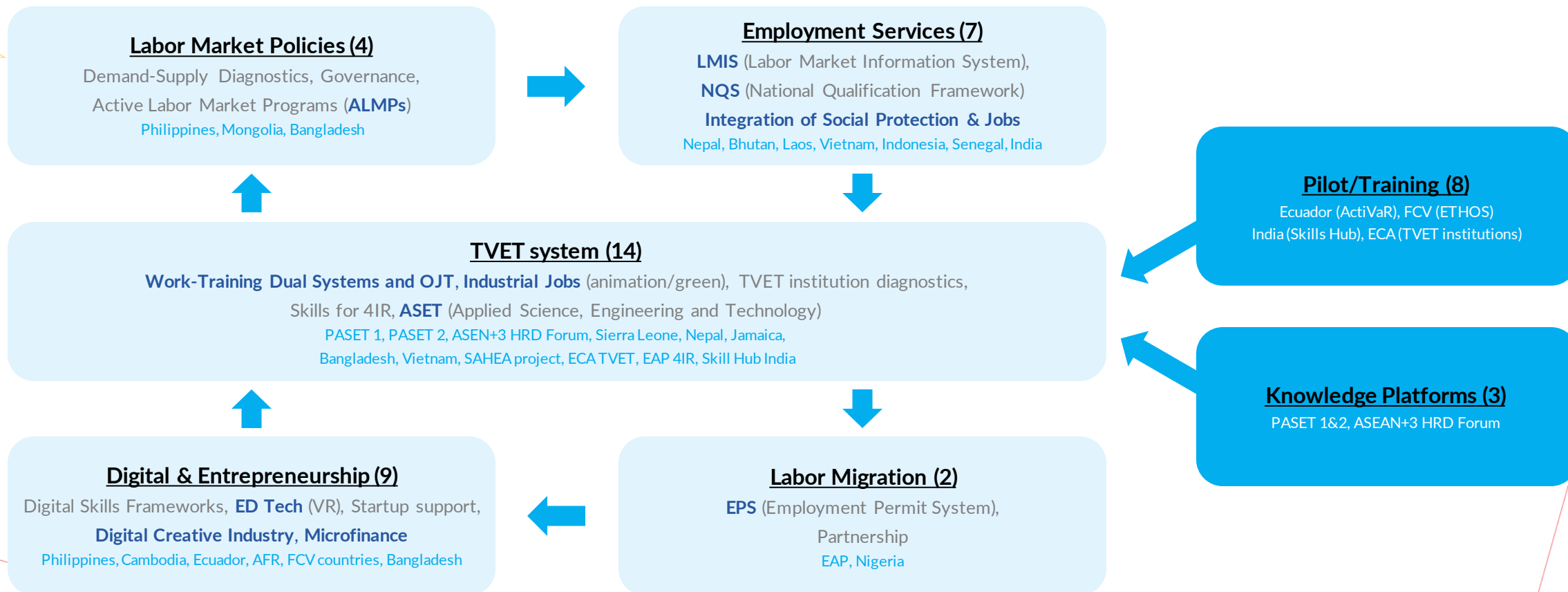
Train migrant workers  
Nigeria, Myanmar, Philippines

Unlock access to micro finance  
Bangladesh

Sources: KWPF Grant TTL Reports and Knowledge Products

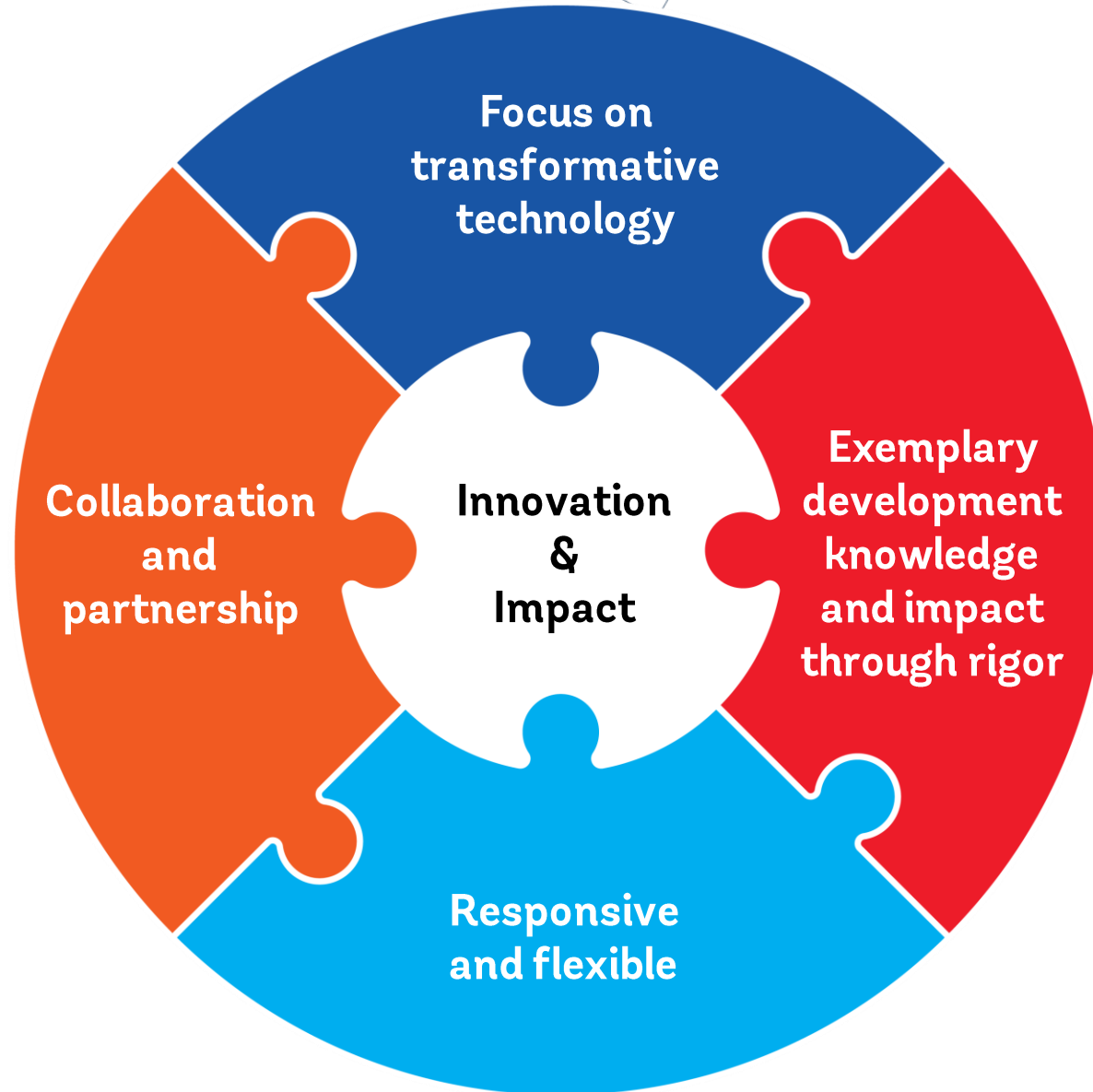


# The knowledge generated & transferred with KWPF support touches every element of the Skills Development and Jobs ecosystem



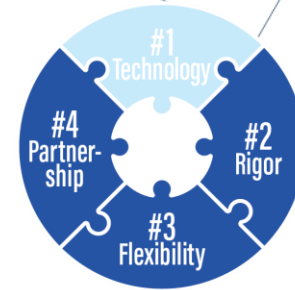
Note: The bolded blue font calls out areas in which Korea has exemplary knowledge

# KWPF's four building blocks for innovation and impact





# Spotlight on Bangladesh: Jobs for the Poor

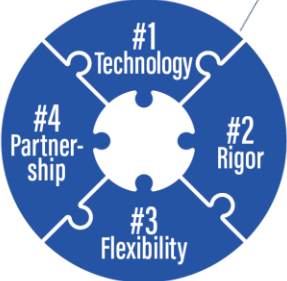





REGION	SECTOR	WINDOW		
 <b>SAR</b>	 <b>Skills Development and Jobs</b>	 <b>Window 3</b>		
GRANT NAME	APPROVED	CLOSED	AUTHORIZED	DISBURSED
<b>KWPF Bangladesh: Jobs for the Poor</b>	November 2017 (5th Call)	December 31, 2019	\$700,000	\$700,000

## Highlights of this grant's impact:

- Informed the first-ever Bangladesh National Jobs Strategy
- Identified the factors preventing Bangladeshi youth from achieving favorable labor market outcomes
- Supported dialogue leading to several WB lending operations (IPF and a DPF series)

# Spotlight on Ecuador: Virtual Reality Training Programs (ActiVaR)



REGION	SECTOR	WINDOW		
 LAC	 Skills Development and Jobs	 Window 3		
GRANT NAME	APPROVED	CLOSED	AUTHORIZED	DISBURSED
<b>Pilot Program to Test Virtual Reality Training Programs for Technological and Technical Courses in Higher Education (“ActiVaR 1.0”)</b>	July 2018 (6th Call)	October 31, 2022	\$750,000	\$749,000
<b>Developing LAC’s Capacity to Develop Virtual Laboratories for Technical and Technological Education Amid COVID-19 (“ActiVaR 2.0”)</b>	March 2021 (9th Call)	expected to close October 31, 2024	\$1.7 million	Disbursed amount not provided for active grants

## Highlights of these grants’ impact:

- Informed Ecuador’s ongoing reform of higher technical and technological education
- Achieved a stellar partnership with Namseoul University
- Provided training for 640 students annually and brought VR training to the classrooms of 44 teachers
- Contributed to the creation Virtual and Augmented Reality training for WB staff to apply to development operations
- Expanded the program to the Caribbean and helped inform a lending operation (approved January 2024)

# The KWPF catalyzes impact

Three-quarters of these 36 KWPF grants contributed to WB **lending operations** by either:

- Supporting the implementation of on-going lending operations
- Informing the preparation of new lending operations

## Lending Operation Linkages of KWPF Skills Development and Jobs Grants

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Support for Preparation	12
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Support for Implementation	13
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Support for Both	2
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Advisory Services and Analytics (ASA) only	9
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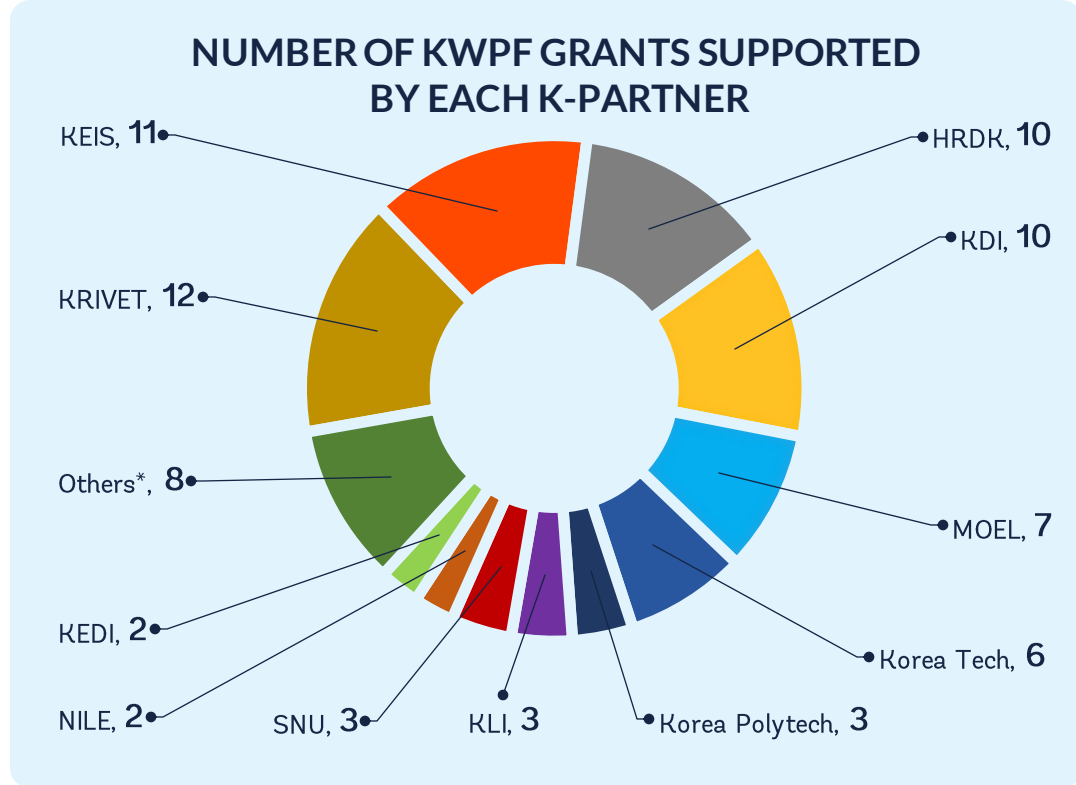
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<b>Total Number of Grants</b>	<b>36</b>
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# Korean Knowledge Institutions are an integral part of the success formula

17 Korean Knowledge Partners actively collaborated with the KWPF on the 36 grants in the Skills Development & Jobs thematic area

K-Partners supported WB task teams and shared knowledge through **Analytics, Policy Consultations, Study Visits and Knowledge Dissemination**



 <b>HRDK</b> Human Resources Development Service of Korea	 <b>KDI</b> Korea Development Institute	 <b>MOEL</b> Ministry of Employment and Labour	 <b>Korea Tech</b>	 <b>Korea Polytech</b>	 <b>KLI</b> Korea Labour Institute	 <b>SNU</b> Seoul National University	<b>NILE</b>	 <b>KEDI</b> Korean Educational Development Institute	<b>*Others</b> NamSeoul Univ, KICE, SUNY Korea, KISDI, KIAFA, KOICA, KINF	 <b>KRIVET</b> Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training	 <b>KEIS</b> Korea Employment Information Service
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# World Bank Task Team Leaders and beneficiaries value Korean partnership

“The partnership with the Korean delegation was very well received by the Indonesian Gov... **Korean experience added credibility to the WB’s recommendations**

“**Korean LMIS** serve as a good international experience on the integration of employment-related data to help policy makers implement evidence-based labor market policies

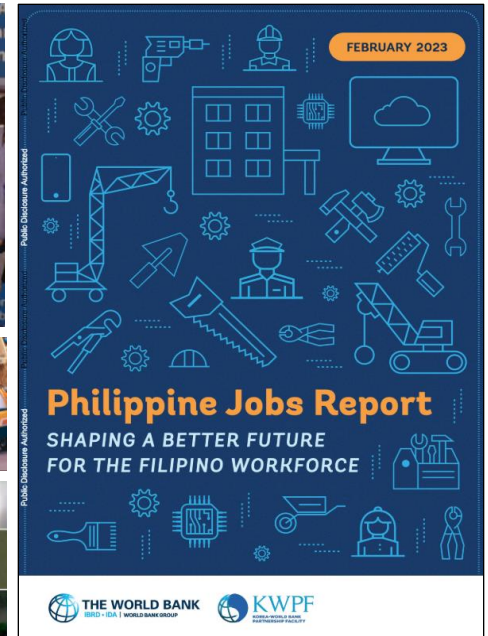
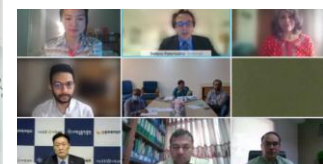
“The Government of Nepal has continued to express **strong interest in learning** based on the **Korean example**

“The WB team also provided support to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the preparation of a study tour to Korea to learn about **Korean LMIS**

“Proposed policy solutions to the Government of Cambodia to address these skills constraints, based on internationally recognized, successful, and **demand-driven mechanisms, such as Korea’s**



# Advisory Services and Analytics, Policy Dialogues, Study Visits, and Knowledge Dissemination





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