

IMF COFOG Classifications of Functions of Government

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SUMMARY

The Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG) was developed by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and published by the United Nations Statistical Division. It can be applied to government expense and the net acquisition of nonfinancial assets and is under the IMF Government Financial Statistics (GFS) Database.

The Data Team uses COFOG for a number of series such as **SeriesGovSocialExp%GDPIMF**, **SeriesGovSocialExpMax%GDPIMF**, and **SeriesGovtPension%GDPIMF**.

To pull data from COFOG, refer to the instructions below

STEPS TO PULL DATA FROM COFOG

Step 1: Navigate to the IMF Data Portal

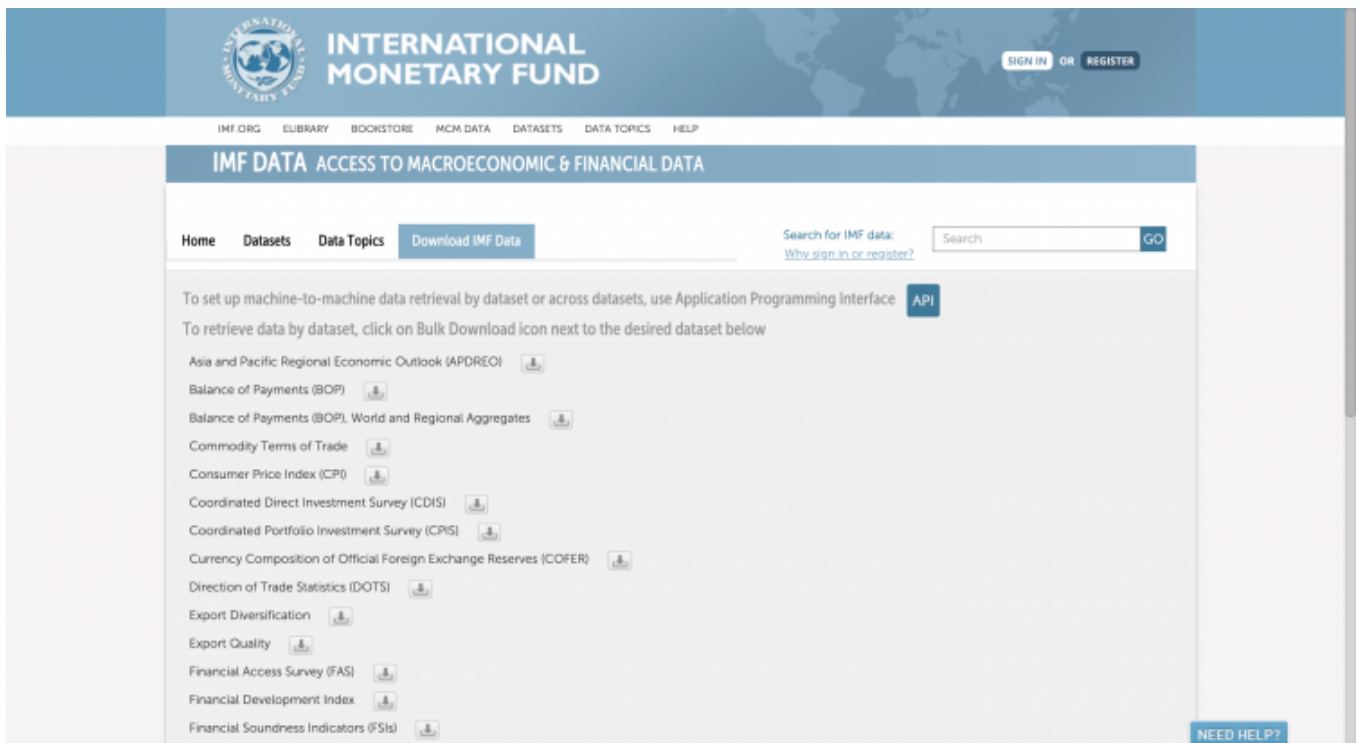


The screenshot shows the IMF Data Portal homepage. At the top, there is the IMF logo and the text "INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND". Below this, there are navigation links for "IMF.ORG", "E-LIBRARY", "BOOKSTORE", "MCM DATA", "DATASETS", "DATA TOPICS", and "HELP". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The main content area features a large banner for "The FAS 2022 Data Released" with a date of October 5, 2022. To the right of the banner is a "Featured Data" section with links to "World Economic Outlook", "International Financial Statistics", "Global Financial Stability Report", "Fiscal Monitor", "Regional Outlooks", and "Climate Change Indicators Dashboard". Below the banner, there are three columns of content: "Data by Country/Economy" with a "Country" dropdown menu, "Popular Datasets" with links to "Charts, Maps, and Advanced Queries", "Balance of Payments and International Investment Position", "Coordinated Direct Investment Survey", "Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey", and "Currency Composition of Official Foreign Reserves", and "Data Release Calendar". At the bottom right, there is a "Print Publications" section with a note about discontinued printed publications and a "NEED HELP?" button.

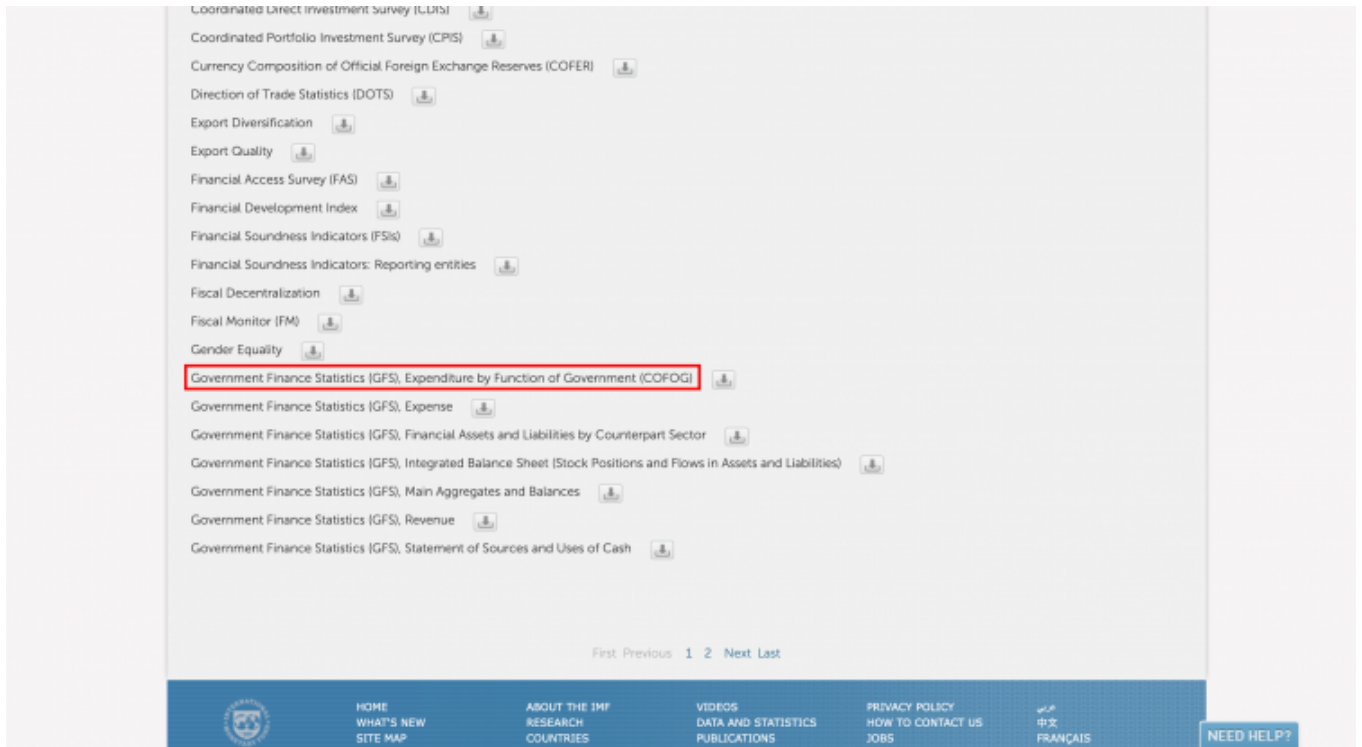
Step 2: Select Download IMF Data from the top bar



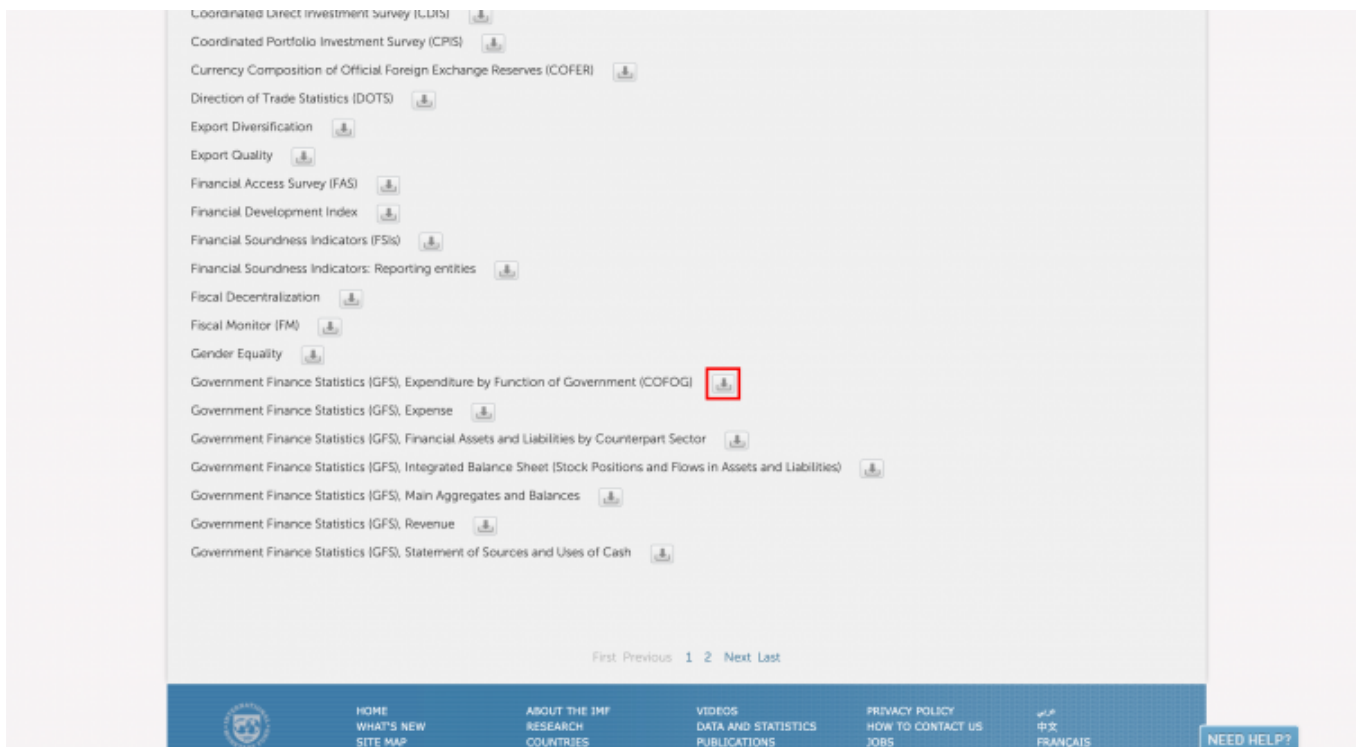
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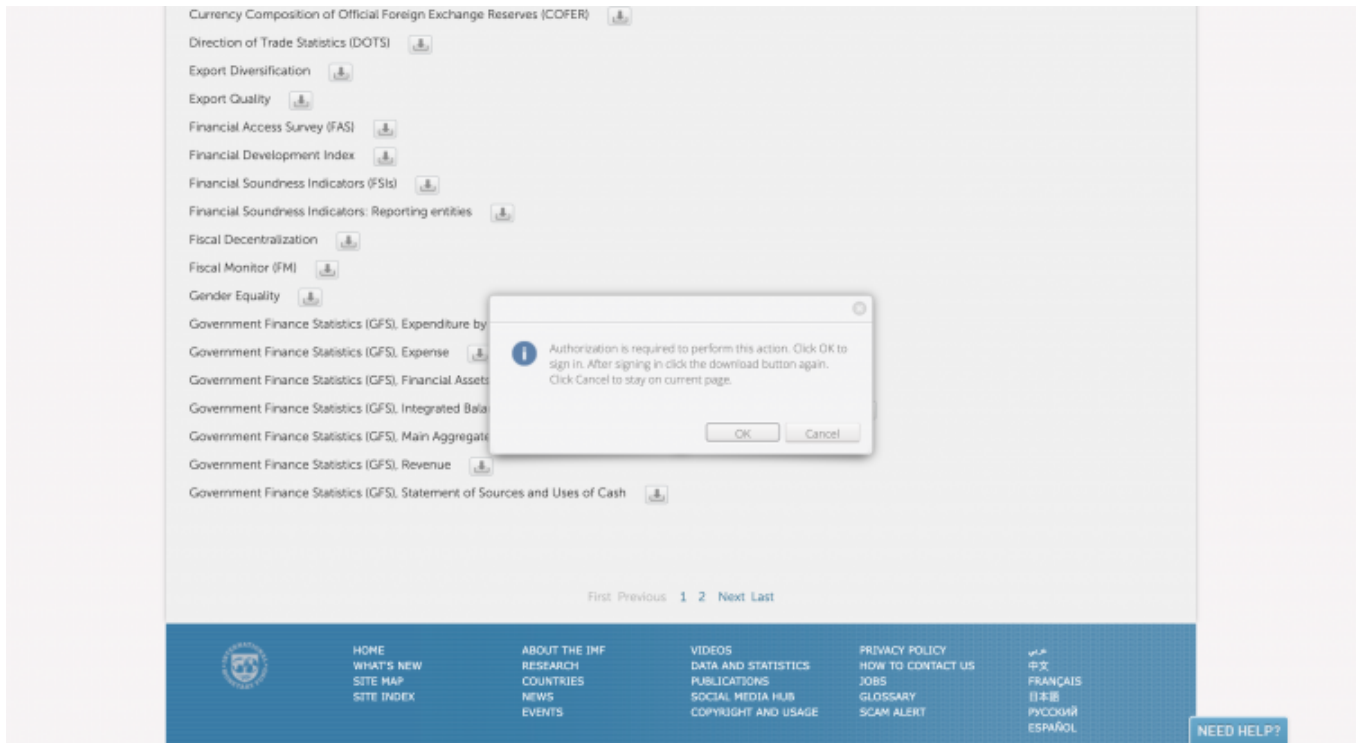
Step 3: Scroll down and locate Government Finance Statistics (GFS), Expenditure by Function of Government (COFOG)



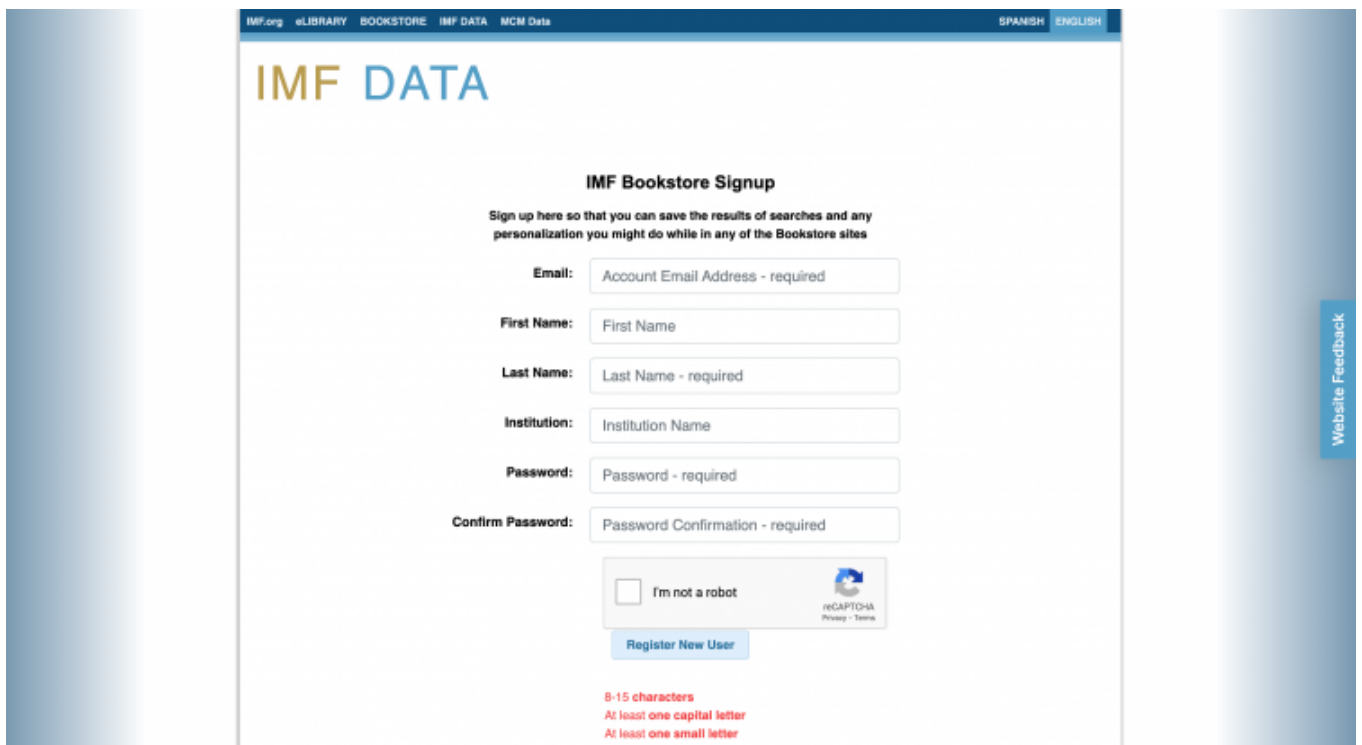
Step 4: Click the download icon next to the dataset name



If you have not previously signed in, the pop up pictured below will appear. Click OK.

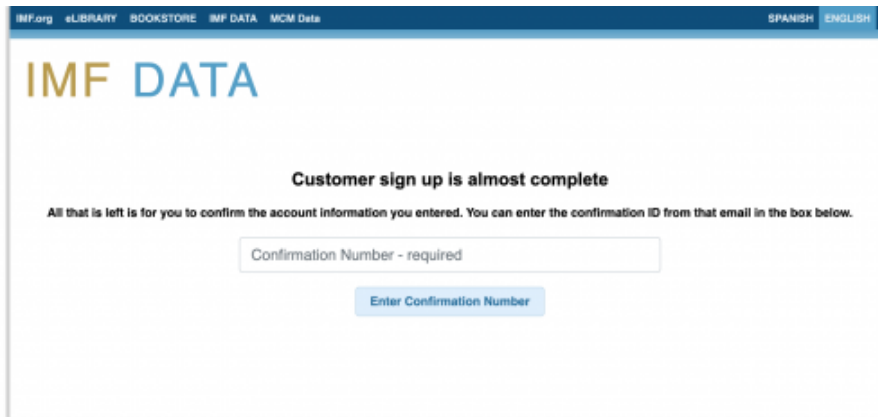


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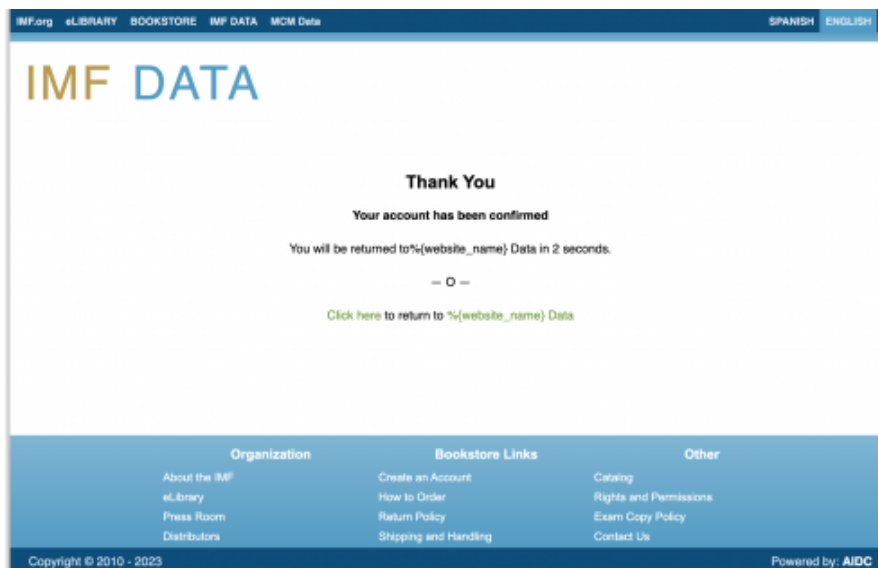
Step 5: Fill out the required fields and click Register New User

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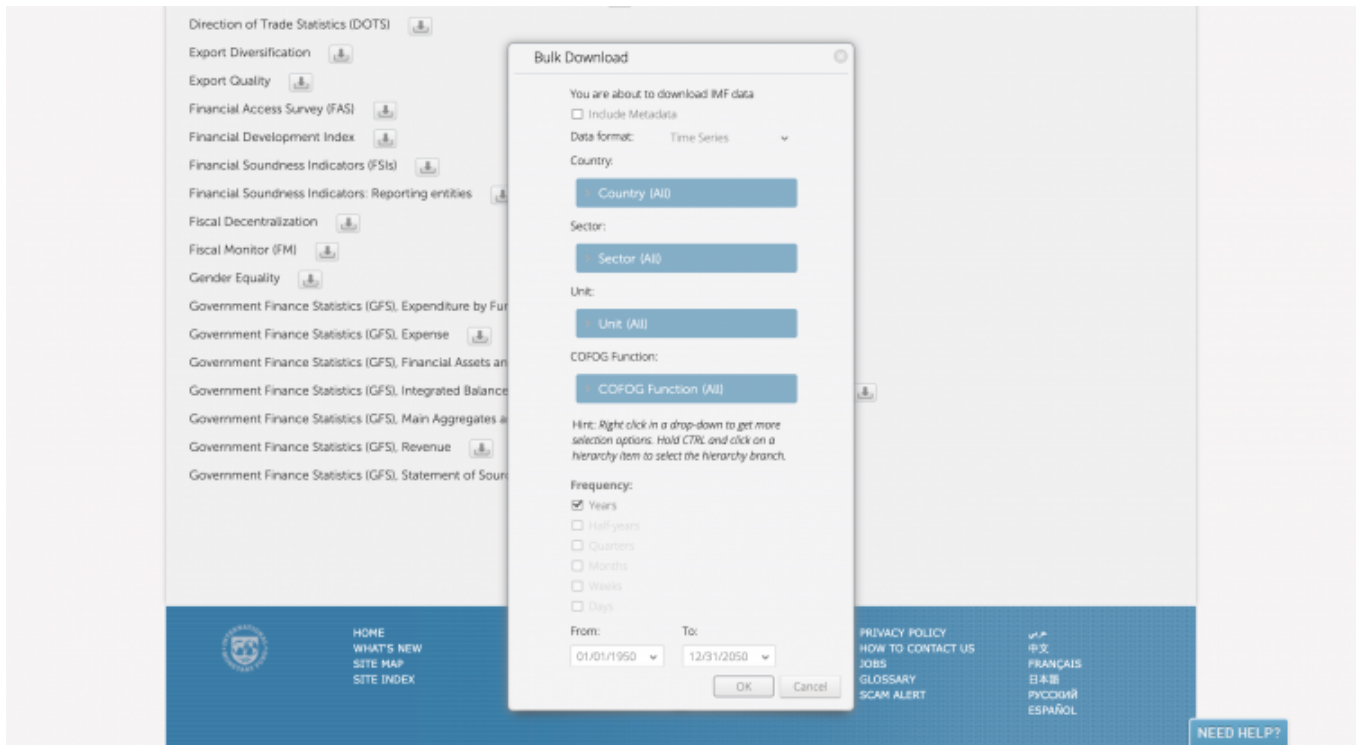
Step 6: Enter the confirmation number sent to the email you provided and click Enter Confirmation Number

You will be navigated to this page, which will automatically navigate you back to the Download tab



Step 7: Locate Government Finance Statistics (GFS), Expenditure by Function of Government (COFOG) and click the download icon again

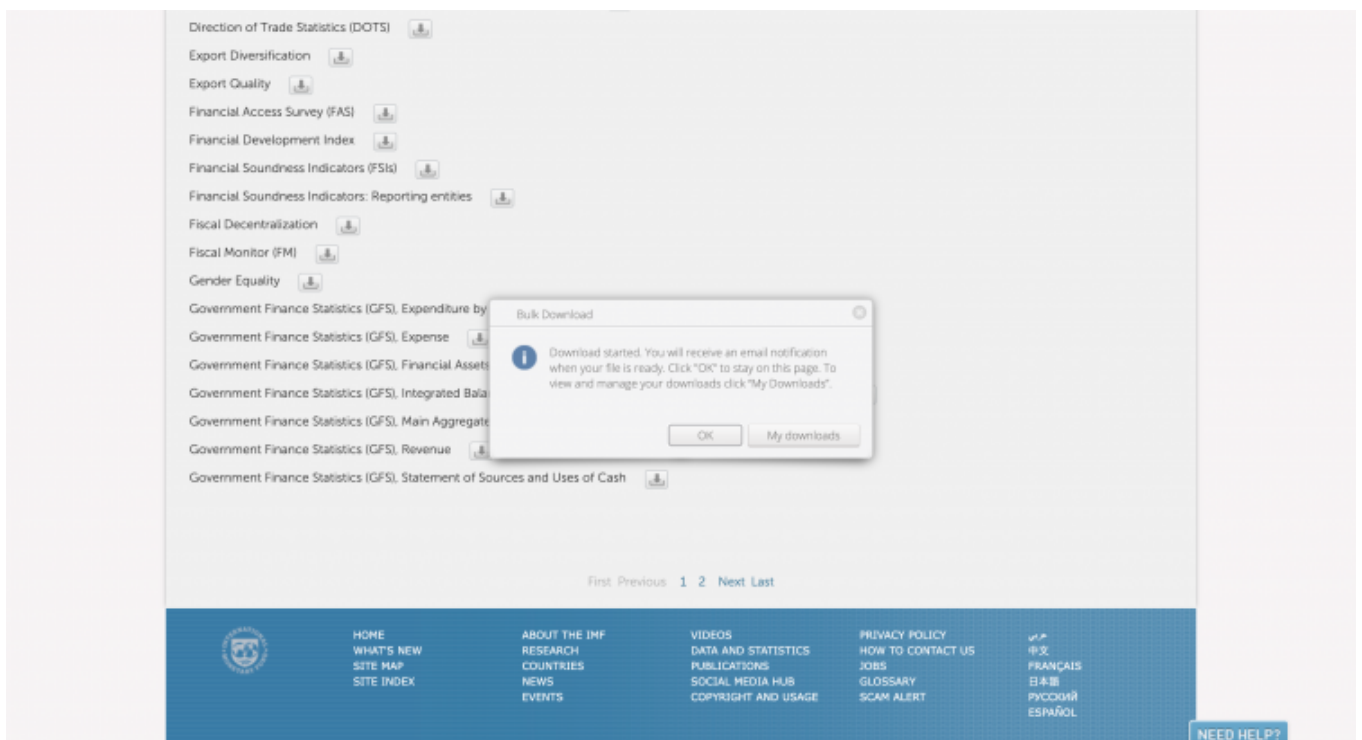
This pop-up will appear:



Use the tabs to select the desired countries, sector, unit, COFOG Function, and date range.

Step 8: When you have made all of your selections, click OK

This pop-up will appear:



Step 9: To locate the download file, you can either click My Downloads or click OK and navigate to the email you used to create your account

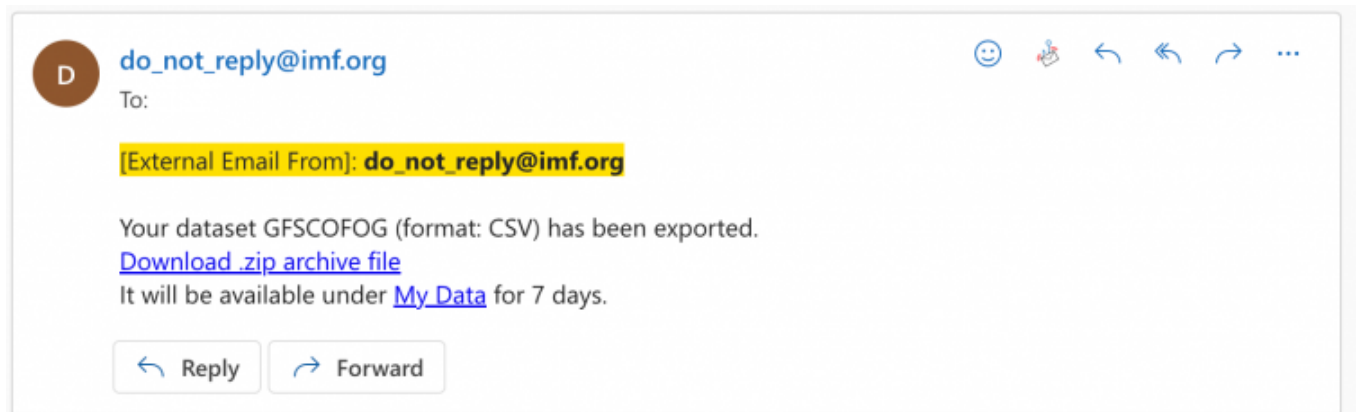
My Downloads will look like this:



The screenshot shows the IMF Data Downloads page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IMF logo and the text "INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND". Below this, there is a sub-header "IMF DATA ACCESS TO MACROECONOMIC & FINANCIAL DATA". The main content area features a table with columns for Dataset, File Format, Data Format, Status, Progress, Packed Size, File Creation Date, and Download Requested Date. Three rows are visible, all with a status of "Completed" and a progress bar at 100%.

Dataset	File Format	Data Format	Status	Progress	Packed Size	File Creation Date	Download Requested Date	
GFSCFOFG	CSV	Time Series	Completed	100%	18.7 MB	12:41 pm	12:41 pm	Download icon, Refresh icon, Delete icon
GFMSAB	CSV	Time Series	Completed	100%	11.5 MB	12:02 pm	12:02 pm	Download icon, Refresh icon, Delete icon
WoRLD	CSV	Time Series	Completed	100%	40 KB	1/24/2023	1/24/2023	Download icon, Refresh icon, Delete icon

The email will look like this:



The screenshot shows an email notification from do_not_reply@imf.org. The email content states: "Your dataset GFSCFOFG (format: CSV) has been exported. Download .zip archive file. It will be available under My Data for 7 days." Below the text are buttons for "Reply" and "Forward".

Step 10A (My Downloads): If you choose to navigate to My Downloads, locate the dataset in your Downloads queue and click the download icon to download the dataset

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Step 10B (Email): If you choose to navigate to your registered email, click the download link to download the dataset

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