

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

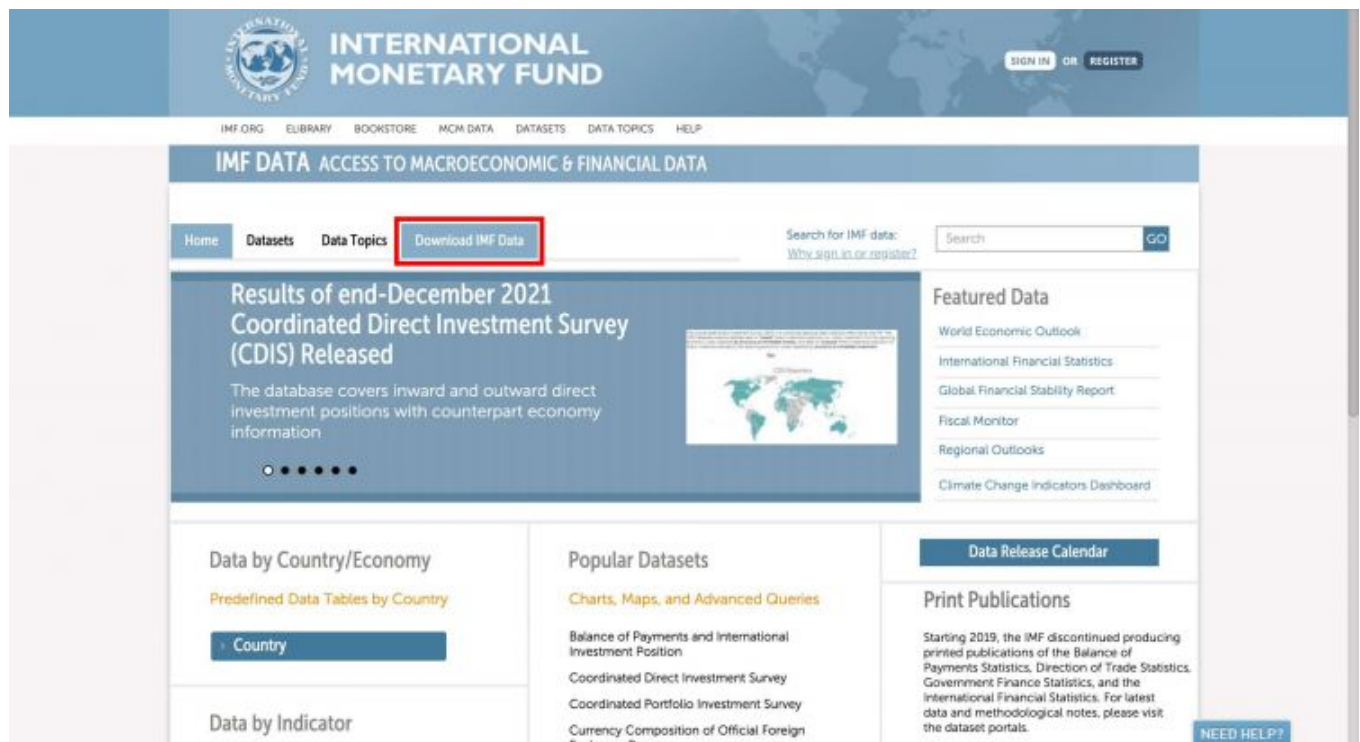
STEPS TO PULL DATA FROM COFOG

Step 1: Navigate to the IMF Data Portal

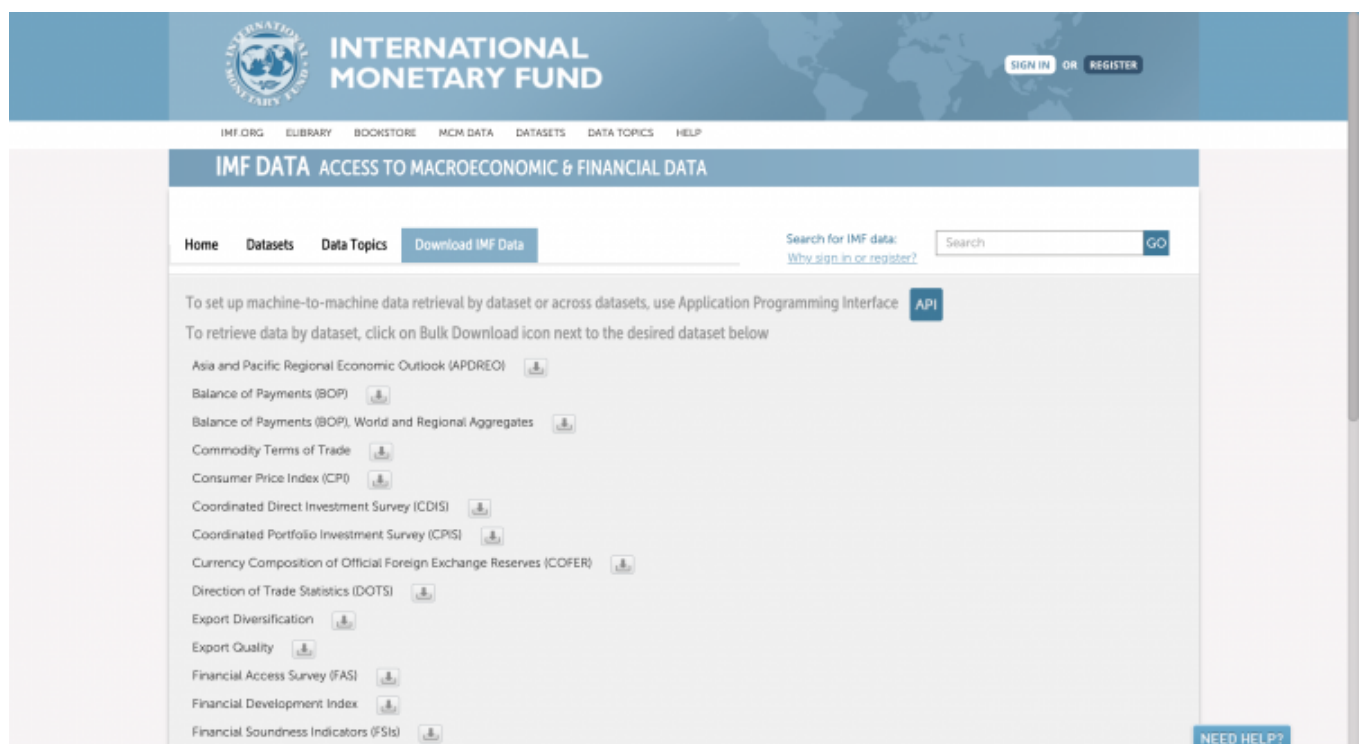


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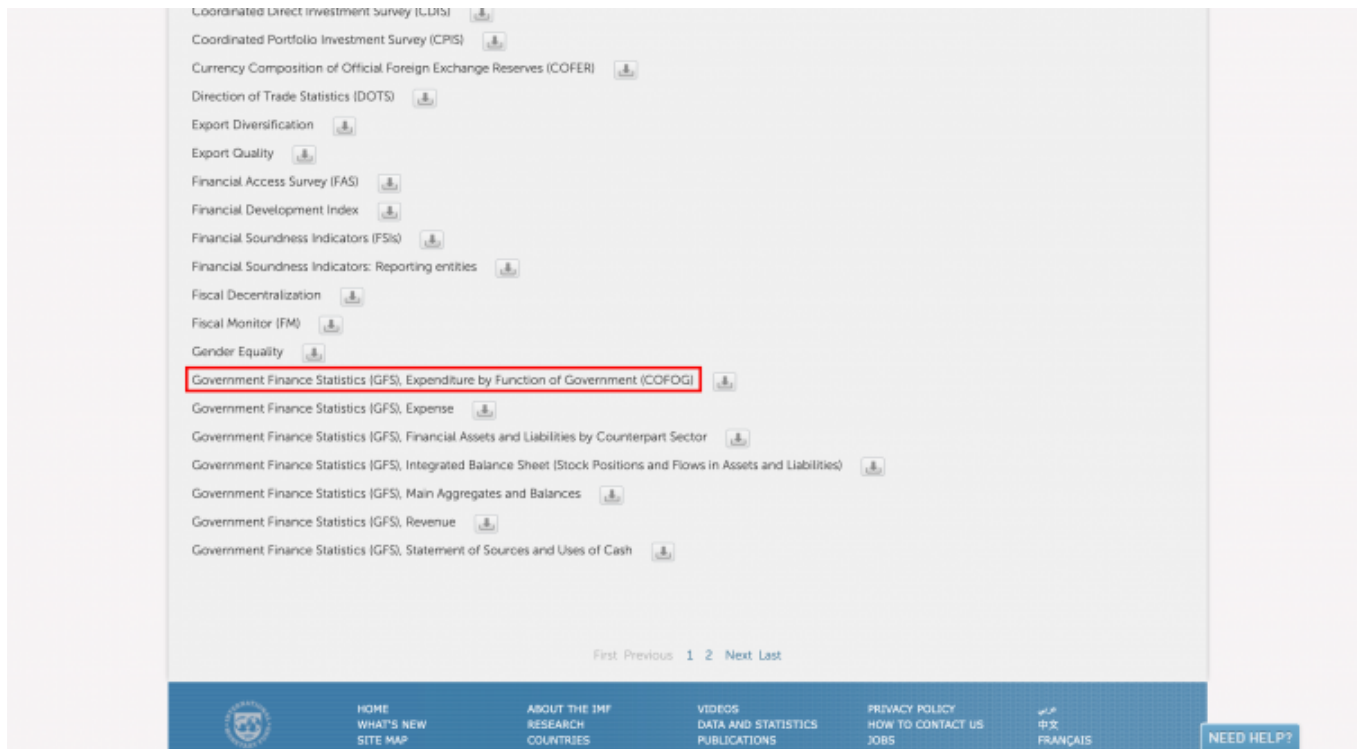
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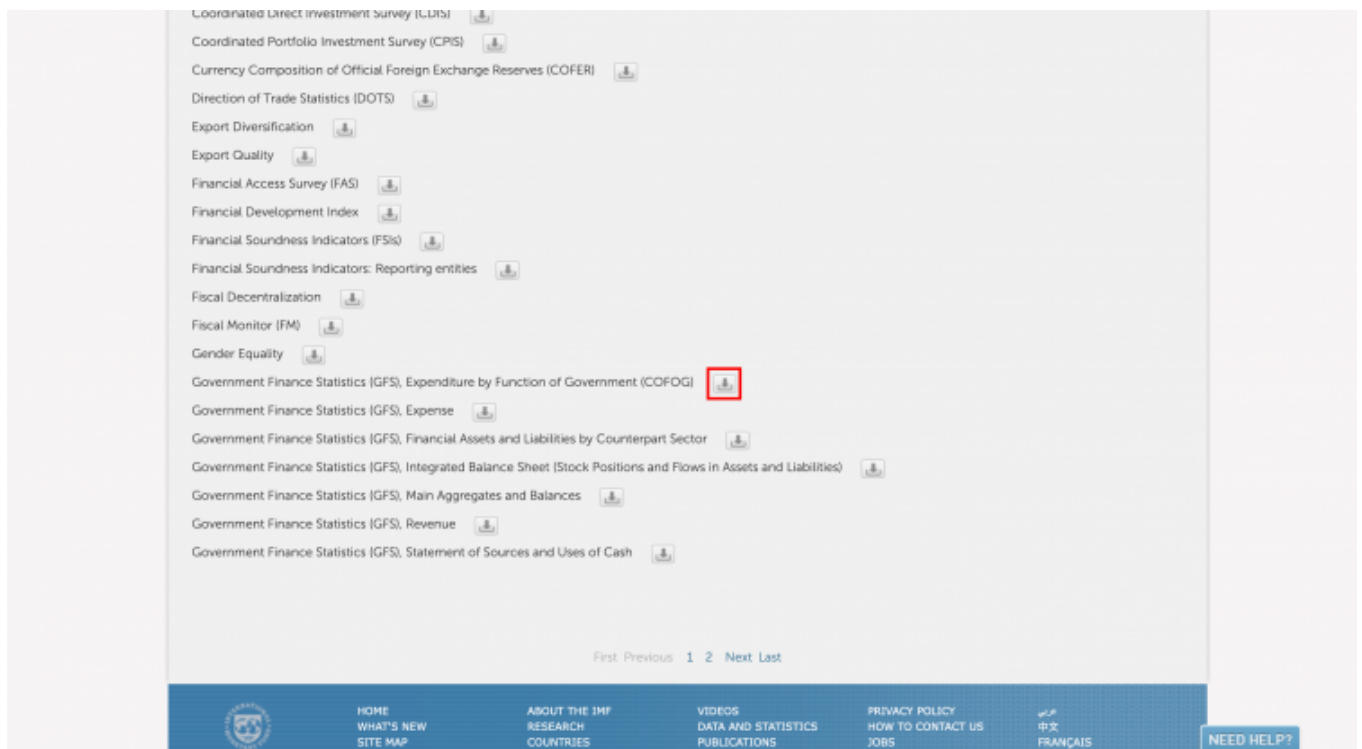
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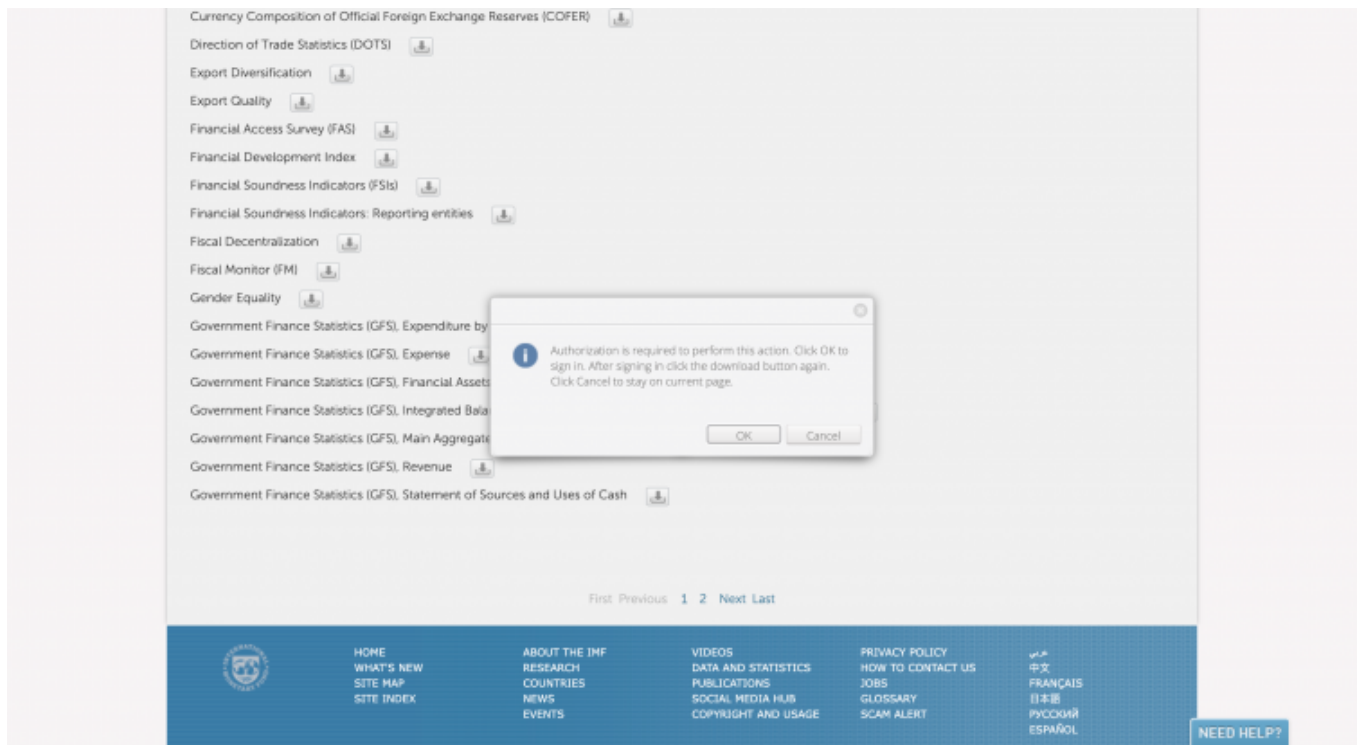
Step 3: Scroll down and locate Government Finance Statistics (GFS), Expenditure by Function of Government (COFOG)



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



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The screenshot shows the 'IMF Bookstore Signup' page. The page header includes 'IMF.org', 'eLIBRARY', 'BOOKSTORE', 'IMF DATA', 'NCM Data', 'SPANISH', and 'ENGLISH'. The main heading is 'IMF DATA'. Below the heading, the text reads: 'IMF Bookstore Signup' and 'Sign up here so that you can save the results of searches and any personalization you might do while in any of the Bookstore sites'. The form contains the following fields: 'Email:' (Account Email Address - required), 'First Name:' (First Name), 'Last Name:' (Last Name - required), 'Institution:' (Institution Name), 'Password:' (Password - required), and 'Confirm Password:' (Password Confirmation - required). Below the form, there is a checkbox labeled 'I'm not a robot' and a reCAPTCHA logo. A 'Register New User' button is located below the form. At the bottom, there are red text requirements: '8-15 characters', 'At least one capital letter', and 'At least one small letter'.

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

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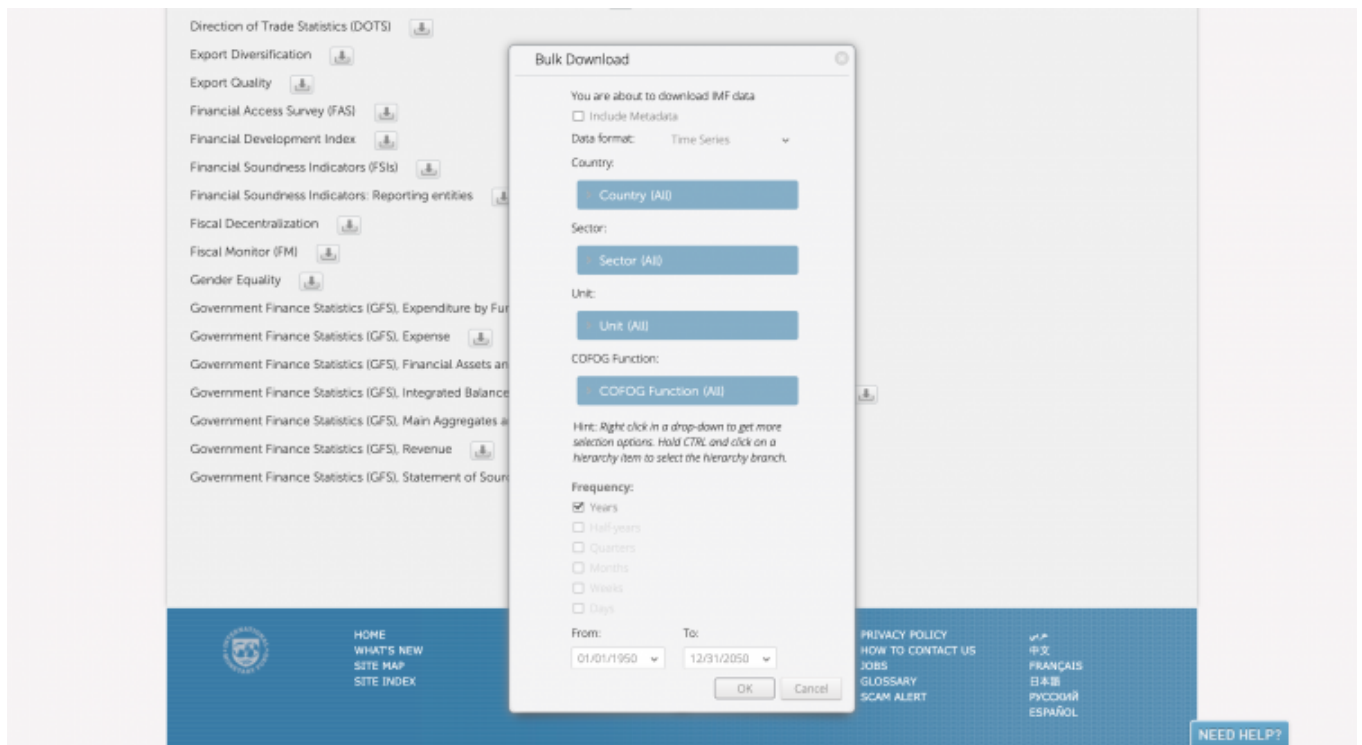
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Step 7: Locate Government Finance Statistics (GFS), Expenditure by Function of Government (COFOG) and click the download icon again

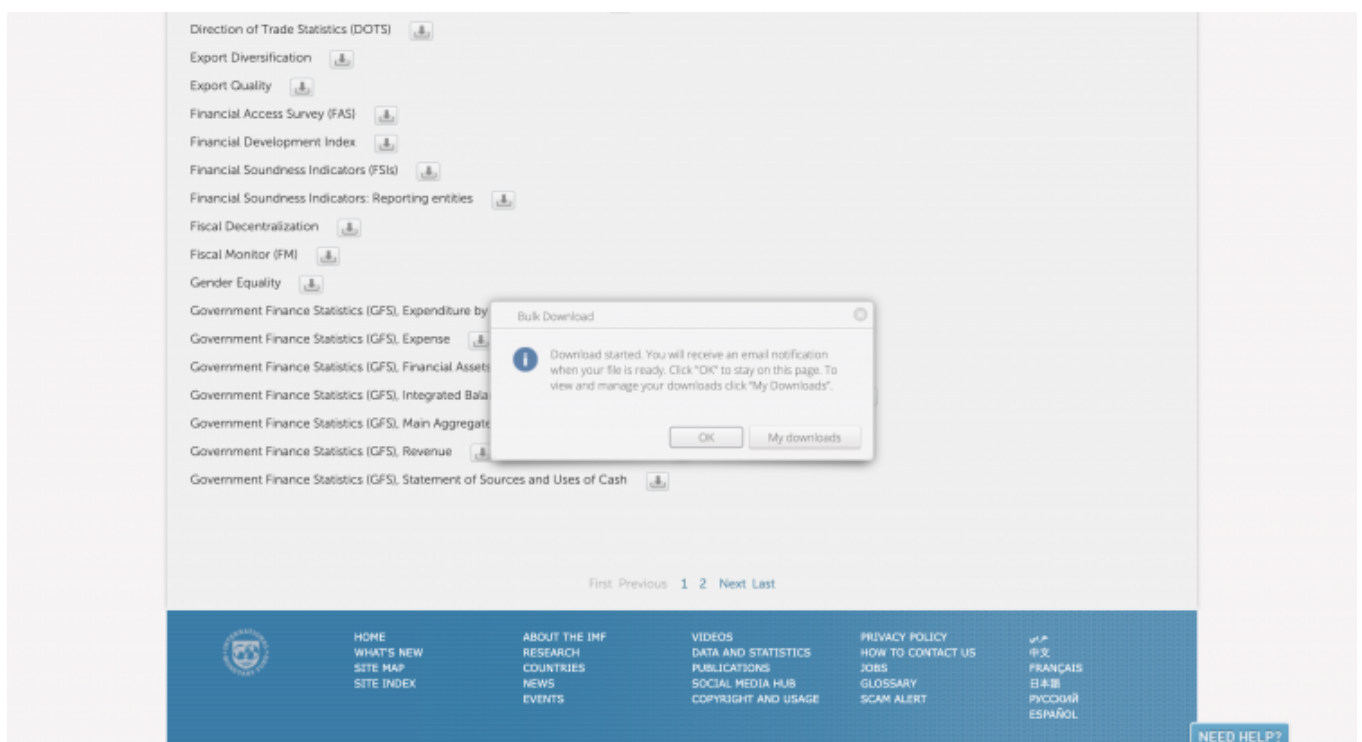
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Use the tabs to select the desired countries, sector, unit, COFOG Function, and date range.

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

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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

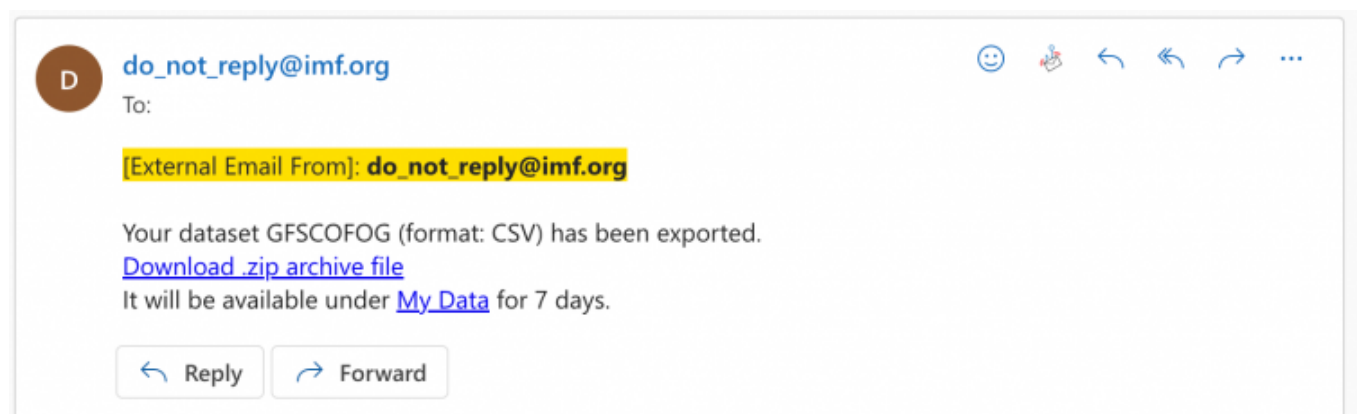
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The screenshot shows the IMF Data Downloads page. At the top, there's a header with the IMF logo and 'INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND'. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with links like 'IMF.ORG', 'EUBRARY', 'BOOKSTORE', 'MCM DATA', 'DATASETS', 'DATA TOPICS', and 'HELP'. The main content area is titled 'IMF DATA ACCESS TO MACROECONOMIC & FINANCIAL DATA'. It has tabs for 'Personal Data', 'Subscriptions', 'Downloads', 'Queries', and 'Workbooks'. The 'Downloads' tab is active, showing a table of downloaded datasets. The table has columns for 'Dataset', 'File Format', 'Data Format', 'Status', 'Progress', 'Packed Size', 'File Creation Date', and 'Download Requested Date'. Three datasets are listed: 'GFSCFOFG', 'GFMSAB', and 'WoRLD'. Each dataset is in CSV format, Time Series, and has a status of 'Completed'. The progress bar for each is at 100%. The file sizes are 18.7 MB, 11.5 MB, and 40 KB respectively. The file creation dates are 12:41 pm, 12:02 pm, and 1/24/2023. The download requested dates are 12:41 pm, 12:02 pm, and 1/24/2023. At the bottom, there's a footer with links like 'HOME', 'WHAT'S NEW', 'SITE MAP', 'SITE INDEX', 'ABOUT THE IMF', 'RESEARCH COUNTRIES', 'NEWS', 'VIDEOS', 'DATA AND STATISTICS', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'SOCIAL MEDIA HUB', 'CONSULTANT AND USAGE', 'PRIVACY POLICY', 'HOW TO CONTACT US', 'JOBS', 'GLOSSARY', 'SCAM ALERT', and a 'NEED HELP?' button.

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WoRLD	CSV	Time Series	Completed	100%	40 KB	1/24/2023	1/24/2023

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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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