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EU-China Social Protection Reform Project

Component 2 macro-activities

(Annual Work Plan 2017 – Macro-Activity 2.6)

Topic 2.1.6
Development of Old-age Services and Long Term Care System

POLICY SUGGESTIONS

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

1. **Background**

1.1 **General**

The purpose of the EU-China Social protection reform project (“the Project”) is to contribute to the improvement and inclusiveness of China’s social protection system through strengthening the institutional capability for developing policies, for implementing legal and regulatory frameworks and for supervising systems of social insurances, social assistance and financial management in the area of social security. In particular, the Project’s purpose will be pursued through the following three components in relation to which specific Chinese government entities playing the role of partner of the consortium have been identified:

- i. Component 1: Consolidation of institutional capacity for social protection policy development and reforms in collaboration with the National Development and Reform Commission (“NDRC”);
- ii. Component 2: Enhancing of institutional capacity for financial management and supervision concerning social security funds in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance (“MoF”); and
- iii. Component 3: Improving of legal framework and policy for social assistance in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Affairs (“MoCA” and, together with NDRC and MoF, the “Chinese Ministries”),

These ToR fall under Component 2 of the project.

2. **Description of the Assignment**

2.1. **Overall and Specific Objectives**

2.1.1 Overall Project Objectives

The overall scope of the SPRP project is to further develop social equity and inclusiveness of economic development throughout Chinese society. For the Component 2, the main target is to enhance the institutional capacity for financial management and supervision concerning social security funds.

In 2017, the Component 2 will analyze the following three topics:

2.1.4 An integrated system for the coordinated management of the social assistance system

2.3.1 Development of Old-age Service Industry and Long Term Care System

2.3.2 Investment strategies of social funds and risk control methodologies

This ToR is for the topic 2.3.1

2.1.2 Specific Objectives

China is affected by demographic trends brought about by an extremely fast demographic transition and by deep socio economic changes that have affected the traditional structure and role of the family.

The Chinese Government has already emphasized the need for the development of old age services and Long-Term Care system. The 13th Five Year Plan stresses the necessity to establish a multilevel elderly care service system based on at-home care, supported by communities, and supplemented by elderly care institutions; the enforcement of coordinated plans for building public-interest elderly service facilities and support the building of nursing homes and community day-care centers for disabled elderly persons; establishing systems for providing subsidies for very elderly persons and senior citizens suffering from loss of physical and/or mental capacity, who are experiencing financial

difficulties; exploring the establishment of insurance schemes for long-term care and begin launching trials in this regard, etc.

Up to now, China still does not have a comprehensive structure for the old age service delivery and a consolidated long-term care policy/regulation. China still lacks a consolidated model of LTC and this results in a situation largely fragmented in terms of legislation, distribution of power between different institutions, departments cooperation, organization of the structure for the delivery of services, etc.

The followings weak points have been identified in the literature:

- ❖ Community-based old age care services remain largely nonexistent, except in a few major urban centers like Shanghai
- ❖ Policy initiatives to support home or community-based care have been largely limited to urban areas, and even there, the number of beneficiaries is still relatively small.
- ❖ In much of rural China, the development of home and community-based services faces many practical challenges because of the physical environment and the lack of resources and infrastructure.
- ❖ Current practice and policy directions in rural areas favor institutions by encouraging “centralized support and care” in rural homes for the aged that are run, or subsidized, by the local county or township government-

The main challenges are the followings:

- To define methodologies to assess elders’ health care needs and criteria to allocate public funds while ensuring the provision of appropriate services to meet the needs of frail elders
- Design policies and create an environment that will encourage private and non-profit organizations to establish institutional care facilities
- Create a more equitable market competition between government-sponsored welfare institutes and those that are private, non-government-sponsored, eventually by direct cash payment to eligible individuals (e.g., wubao elders)
- Integrate different Long-Term Care policies and programs in a better way
- Set up reasonable and sustainable financing mechanisms for guaranteeing the development of the Long-Term Care system and more specifically encourage private capital to take part in the development of the old-age service industry
- Prioritize education and training initiatives to grow a professionalized long-term care workforce.

In order to find the best solutions for the challenges just outlined, selected EU experts will document relevant experiences of four/five EU countries.

2.3 Requested Services

2.4

Following up the outcomes of the Panel Discussion, the Expert will provide a policy recommendation report on the topic 2.1.6 based on the best practices from the EU. The expert will coordinate the research work with other EU experts involved in the panel discussion, Chinese expert and resident expert in order to provide a complete policy reference to be submitted to the MoF and discussed at the Workshop, in Beijing, scheduled between the end of January and beginning of February 2018.

The Expert will take all necessary action to provide the policy suggestion report to the satisfaction of the Project represented by the Component 2 coordinator (INPS). He will submit a mid term draft for comments and amendment suggestions by the project team. He will present the main results of the survey at the dedicated Workshop.

2.4. Outputs

- a Report of around 30 pages, in English
- an abstract of the paper, in English
- a power point presentation in English

The expert will also present the main contents of his work during the Workshop to be organized in Beijing between the end of January and beginning of February 2018.

3. Experts' Profile

The Expert's required qualifications are:

Requirements for Experts	Requirement/Asset
Qualifications and skills	
University Degree within the relevant sectors of Demography, Social Protection, Law, Political Science, and Economics	R
Excellent organizational, communication, writing and interpersonal skills	R
Strong analytical and drafting skills	R
Previous experience in execution tasks in other international projects	A
Fluent in English both verbally and writing	A
Ability to develop and maintain good professional relations with stakeholders, particularly counterparts and staff members in an international setting	R
General professional experience	
At least 5 years of experience working in areas related to Social Protection and/or Employment policies	R
Public servant within one of the Applicant Entities of the Consortium or staff from public institutions cooperating with the Applicant Entities of the Consortium or researcher from the research institution outside Consortium. Public servants and staff from public institutions cooperating with the Applicant Entities who fulfill the requirements take precedence over candidates outside Consortium.	R
Previous working experience in international projects, preferably with EU funded projects	A
Previous working experience in China	A
Specific professional experience-related to action	
Possessing professional experience relevant to the ToR for his/her specific assignment	R
Previous experience in research or previous publications in the area of social sciences	A

3.1 Working Languages

The incumbent should be fluent in English both verbally and in writing.

4. Location, Duration and Budget

Location: Experts' countries and Beijing

Timing: November 2017 to February 2018. First draft of policy suggestion report by 20th December 2017, final document by 15th January 2018. Power point presentation by the Panel Discussion timing.

Working days: Maximum 10 w/days (including a short mission to Beijing)

5. How to apply

Interested Expert(s) are requested to submit three documents:

1. Candidacy – Letter of intents

2. A CV in English (Europass format suggested), possibly in word format
3. A copy of her/his Identification Document

Applications are to be sent to C2 Resident Expert, Mr. Michele Bruni: Michele.bruni@eucsprp.org and the C2 Coordinator, Ms. Valeria Bonavolontà: valeria.bonavolonta@inps.it by or before November 27, 2017.

6. Personal data protection

INPS – Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza sociale, based in Rome (Italy), Via Ciro il Grande 21, is the Responsible of personal data processing, as EU-China SPR Project Leader and Component 2 Coordinator. INPS informs you that your personal data contained in the application for the present ToR will be processed by the Component 2 Resident Expert of the EU-China SPR Project, his assistant and INPS employees involved in the EU-China SPR Project – Component 2, in compliance with the Italian Legislative Decree no. 196 dated 30/06/2003 on personal data protection, in order to process your application to the selection. Your personal data will be processed also with electronical instruments. Your data will be communicated to other public or private Institutions only in cases provided by the Italian laws. INPS informs you that, in accordance to art. 7 of the above mentioned decree, you are entitled, in particular, to have access to your personal data, to request rectification, updating or deleting of information if data are incomplete or wrong. You should contact INPS at the e-mail address: Comp2.InpsProgettoCina@inps.it to exercise the rights provided in art. 7.