

EU-China Social Protection Reform Project

Component 2 macro-activities

1 Chinese Short Term Expert

(Annual Work Plan 2019 – Macro-Activities 2.6)

RESULT 6

The capacity of MoF financial management and supervision of central and local model of social security system and the extension of social security system coverage are enhanced, in particular in the fields of division of expenditure responsibilities, mid -terms budgeting of fund, and performance assessment model.

Topic 2.1.3 Alternative policy measures to cope with the impact of ageing on the financial sustainability of the social security system

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT-

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.

The 2019 Activity plan foresees that C2 will carry out up to two pilots at the provincial level in Tianjin and Guanxi. The general objective of the activity is to deepen the dialogue at the local level in the areas of financially sustainable policies in the fields of the pension insurance system, the medical insurance system, and the social assistance system to cope with the issue of a rapidly ageing population. The pilot activities will provide specific suggestions to improve the financing and the management of social security funds and reduce the risks of default and frauds.

This ToR falls under the topic:

2.1.3 Alternative policy measures to cope with the impact of ageing on the financial sustainability of the social security system

The activity will contribute to the achievement of Result 6:

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2.1.2 *Specific Objectives*

The main objective is to gather information and assess the provincial practices and challenges on the financial management and supervision of the social security system in two provinces.

The target group is represented by the local staff: provincial, county and city/township level and local/community leaders

During the local missions in the provinces, a few meetings and workshops will be held to share and transfer information among central and local departments of MoF.

The Chinese expert, who will be responsible for drafting a preliminary assessment report and will actively take part in the local activities. The missions could also provide knowledge to provincial and local staff on drafting and consulting procedures used by EU countries in the fields of financial management of social security funds.

2.2. Requested Services

On the basis of previous research work carried out by the Component, the Chinese Expert, prior to the provincial missions, will gather data and draft an assessment report. The report will present the provincial situation, highlighting background, challenges, and existing policy experiments to improve the situation.

The expert will coordinate his activity with the central officials of MoF, the EU expert, and the resident team. The expert will take part to the two local missions and actively participate in all the activities therein; after the missions, he will provide a complete assessment to be submitted to the MoF.

The Expert will take all necessary action to provide the report to the satisfaction of the Project represented by the Component 2 coordinator (INPS).

2.3. Outputs

- a report of around 30 pages, in English and Chinese

3. Experts' Profile

Requirements Short Term Expert	Requirement/asset
Qualifications and skills	
University Degree within the relevant sectors of Social Protection, Law, Political Science, Economics	A
Fluent in English and Chinese both verbally and in writing	A
Strong analytical and drafting skills	R
Ability to develop and maintain good professional relations with stakeholders, particularly counterparts and staff members in an international setting	R
Ability to work in team and share knowledge relating to social security to the counterpart	R
Previous experience in execution tasks in other international projects	A
Strong training skills	R

Professional experience	
10 years experience of working in areas related to Social Protection at the domestic and international levels	R
Possessing professional experience relevant to the ToR for his/her specific assignment	R

4. Location & Duration

Location: Beijing and other municipalities

Timing: March-May 2019.

- Submit a first draft of the assessments on the two provinces before 20th March 2019
- Take part in the local mission tentatively schedule in the first week of April (total 5 days)
- Submit the final report before 10th May 2019.

Working days: 30 w/days

The expert's travel and accommodation cost, per diem for the provincial visits will be covered by the Project.

5. How to apply:

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

1. Candidacy – Letter of intents
2. A CV in English
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 February 25th, 2019.