

EU-China Social Protection Reform Project

Component 2 macro-activities

1 Short Term Chinese Expert

(Annual Work Plan 2016 – Macro-Activities 2.1 to 2.12)

Topic 2.1.4

Social security benefits and the assessment of the household socio-economic conditions

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 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.

2.1.2 Specific Objectives

One of the specific objective of the Component 2 of the Project is to create a system to coordinate Social Assistance System, which could help to successfully face problems such as the segmentation of policies, the dispersion of resources, the lack of coordination between numerous institutions. It could also help to realize a healthy and sustainable development of the Social assistance system and improve the performance of the services provided and make them more equitable. Finally it represents a necessary measure to modernize in a comprehensive way the public governance of this extremely important sector.

Among available systems, Italian ISEE could provide the starting point to build a comprehensive information platform for the management of social assistance programs, which constitute a fundamental and critical phase in the construction of the Chinese Assistance System.

The long term objectives of the research program are the followings:

1. Clarify the role of the System in coordinating the design of social assistance programs while improving public governance; the research will indicate how to optimize the procedure to design social assistance programs, taking into consideration their specific functions and roles, and improving their connection with other programs;
2. Design and implement a methodology to exchange information on social assistance among competent authorities and social organization to support top level policy makers;
3. Design (and implement) a data base to collect, classify and store social assistance data available in different departments to improve mean-test mechanism on household economic situation, target the right person accurately, monitor and evaluate social assistance programs.

In particular the present situational study has the aim to carry out a case study in one or two cities/counties of China.

Each case study will be structured into two phases. The aim of the first phase is to verify the present structure of social assistance; the functions and roles of different department of various ministries and social organization in managing the programs and their interactions; the availability and location of statistical information.

On the basis of the findings, the research will provide a critical evaluation and assessment of the status quo by highlighting the main issues and suggesting possible improvements measures and mechanisms.

The main results of this analysis and a survey of the best EU practices will be discussed at the Panel Discussion.

2.2. Requested Services

The Chinese expert will deliver a research report (around 40 pages) in both English and Chinese and present the main results of the research during the session of the Panel Discussion that will be devoted to topic 2.1.4.

The Expert will entertain constant dialogue with MoF and the C2 RE throughout his assignment. In particular, he will share with the C2 team an abstract and outline of the paper within 15 days from the signature of the contract; a first draft of the paper by the first week of September and the final report by the first week of November. He will finalize the report taking into account remarks and suggestions made by the project team and by MoF.

2.3. Expected output/deliverables

The expected output is represented by the research report of about 40 pages. The expert will also give a presentation of his paper supported by the related power point at the Panel Discussion that will be held in November 2106.

3. Experts' Profile

Requirements Short Term Expert	Requirement/ asset
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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	R
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
A proven record of accomplishment in conducting research work nationally and internationally in the realm of social protection.	R

4. Location & Duration

Location: Beijing and other cities/counties

Timing: 11 August – 15 December 2016

Working days: 35 working days

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 Mr. Michele Bruni mbbruni.44@gmail.com and Mr. Antonello Crudo antonello.crudo@inps.it with copy to Comp2.InpsProgettoCina@inps.it within the established deadline of August 3rd 2016.