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The People's Republic of China

PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE DOCUMENT

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Project Title: China National Human Development Report Programme

Duration: 12 months

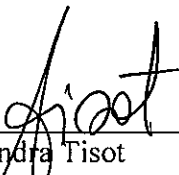
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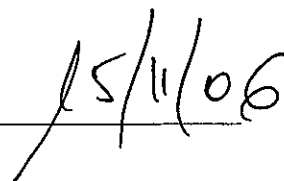
Brief Description: The Preparatory Assistance will support UNDP in formulating a programme for the production of China National Human Development Reports (NHDR). Much like its global counterpart, the NHDR is a key policy advocacy and outreach tool for UNDP. As such it needs to be strategic, sustained and guided by a clear set of principles. By creating a multi-year project to underpin not only the production of consecutive NHDRs but the ongoing work of consultation, advocacy and partnership building, this Preparatory Assistance initiative will provide a solid framework to ensure this success.

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*“China National Human Development Report Programme”*

**Preparatory Assistance for Programme Formulation:**

**I. Background and justification**

National Human Development Reports (NHDRs) constitute major pillars of UNDP analytical and policy work. The principal objective of the reports is to raise public awareness and trigger action on critical human development concerns. The NHDRs also contribute significantly to strengthening national statistical and analytical capacity, and constitute a major vehicle for the realization of the goals set by the international community at the Millennium Summit.

Human development is the process of enlarging people's choices by expanding their capabilities to lead long and healthy lives, to be knowledgeable, to have a decent standard of living and to participate actively in community life. This is truly development of, for and by the people. The NHDRs bring this message alive, duly reflecting specific country contexts, priorities and aspirations. They place solid analysis, from the perspective of people-centred development, at the forefront of national agendas, and they shape policies and programmes by providing options and broad recommendations on pertinent themes.

There is a two-way link between the NHDRs and the global Human Development Report (HDR). Through the NHDRs, UNDP brings to national policy debate many of the concepts and methodologies that have been tested in the global reports, as well as in national and sub-national human development initiatives. Similarly, the analysis and recommendations of the NHDRs enrich the global debate championed by the HDR with practical local perspectives.

The NHDRs are national reports not only in the sense that they are country-based, but also because they are the culmination of inclusive consultations that help to build consensus among national stakeholders. The publication of the reports themselves is the centre-piece of a dynamic process that involves participatory preparation, extensive dissemination and advocacy, sustained follow-up and impact monitoring.

In order for such a process to be successful and yield strong results, it needs to be strategic, sustained and guided by a clear set of principles. The PA will create a multi-year project to underpin the production of consecutive NHDRs as well as the ongoing work of consultation, advocacy and partnership building.

**II. Expected outputs**

This Preparatory Assistance will help formulate the programme resulting in a programme document for the production of at least two consecutive National Human Development Reports. It will initiate preparations for NHDR 2007 to ensure timely delivery as well as support punctual follow-up actions for NHDR 2005 as deemed relevant. The PA will also support events related to human development and provide fora for discussion on social issues related to growth with equity, participation, governance and the rule of law.

The formulation will include the following tasks and activities:

- ✓ Review best practice from other Human Development Reports in terms of preparation process, outreach and communications strategies, partnerships, quality control, etc
- ✓ Arrange consultations with a broad range of partners on how to maximize the added value of the NHDRs in terms of thematic choice as well as production process and outreach strategy
- ✓ Identify as well as assess the capacity and potential role of strategic NHDR partners, including the most appropriate partners for NHDR 2007
- ✓ Identify and elaborate a thematic concept for NHDR 2007

- ✓ Produce a rough timeline and strategy for the creation and leveraging of at least two NHDRs, including communications plan, partnerships strategy, quality control mechanism and management arrangements
- ✓ Produce a detailed timeline and implementation work plan for NHDR 2007
- ✓ Use opportunities for advocacy to generate awareness of UNDP and NHDR
- ✓ Arrange support and substantive trainings by HDRO for UNDP staff and relevant partners
- ✓ Produce and contract out background papers for NHDR 2007

The outputs of the PA include a Programme Document in the standard UNDP format acceptable to both UNDP and the Government, which reflects this Preparatory Assistance document. They also include a clear timeline and strategy for the creation and leveraging of at least two NHDRs – including communications plan, partnerships strategy, quality control mechanism and management arrangements – as well as both more detailed plans and concrete preparations for NHDR 2007.

### III. Risk Log

The main risks identified for this Preparatory Assistance are as follows:

- **Failure to identify and secure an adequate partner(s).** The partner(s) chosen for implementation require sufficient capacity, academic credibility and political influence to achieve success
- **Inadequate outreach and consultation.** The process of creating the NHDR being as important as the physical end product, these efforts are key to guide production as well as to increase buy-in, dialogue and impact.
- **Excessive sensitivity.** NHDRs are meant to be at the forefront of discussion and are often controversial, which means that the assessment of potential controversy around themes and conclusions is of great importance. An NHDR that is so controversial that it alienates key partners and doesn't reach broad discussion has failed.

### IV. Management arrangements

Services will be provided by the UNDP Country Office, with costs recovered as per corporate guidelines.

### V. Funds

**Input -- Source of Fund : UNDP Programme Co-Financing Fund (11888) Sum total USD 200,000**



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Proj. ID	Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Resp. Partner	Fund	Donor	Budget	Planned Budget Description	Amount
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
		Formulation (Best practice review; Consultations; Partners' assessment)  NHDR '05 follow-up				X	UNDP	11888	UNDP	71300	National consultants	\$30,000
			X				UNDP	11888	UNDP	71600	Travel	\$5,000
							UNDP	11888	UNDP	74500	Misc.	\$15,000
			X				UNDP	11888	UNDP	74500	Misc.	\$20,000
Sub total												
TOTAL												\$70,000

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			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Fund	Donor	Budget Description	Budget Description	
		Formulation (Overall and specific timeline/strategy; HDRO trainings; NHDR2007 background papers)  Partnership, advocacy and awareness	X	X			UNDP	11888	UNDP	71300	Local consultants	\$40,000
							UNDP	11888	UNDP	71200	International consultants	\$10,000
							UNDP	11888	UNDP	71600	Travel	\$10,000
							UNDP	11888	UNDP	74200	Printing and Publications	\$20,000
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<b>Sub total</b>											\$130,000	
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