Consultancy – Assessment of the project for children with disabilities in special schools and special education centers in Thailand

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- survival – to basic healthcare, peace and security;
- development – to a good education, a loving home and adequate nutrition;
- protection – from abuse, neglect, trafficking, child labour and other forms of exploitation; and
- participation – to express opinions, be listened to and take part in making any decisions that affect them

How can you make a difference?
The Social Policy Section, UNICEF Thailand Country Office (TCO) is seeking an individual consultant to conduct an assessment of the project for children with disabilities in special schools and special education centres in Thailand, as follows: a) review the project “Healthy Communities” currently implemented by provincial special education centers nationwide, with a focus on achievements, challenges and lessons learned; b) analyze the project’s implication on national policy for the healthcare schemes for children divided in two groups of small children and adolescents depending on the needs of different group of children and the interventions provided; c) provide recommendations for the project’s scale-up and direction in next phase.
Purpose of Assignment:
The main objective of the present consultancy is to document and assess the “Healthy Communities” project for children with intellectual disabilities in special schools and special education centers in Thailand. In particular, the consultancy will answer the key questions:

1) What are the successes and lessons learned from project’s implementation since 2014 to present? (in terms of relevance, effectiveness and organization structure and process).

2) What are the recommendations to improve the project’s implementation in its next phase?

The results and final analysis from the assessment will be used by the 6 project’s implementing partners that signed the MOU and will serve as an input and basis for the project expansion and project’s direction in its next phase.

Work Assignment, Work Schedule, and Deliverable:
Under the supervision of the Chief Social Policy in close coordination with the Social Policy section team as well as the project partner organizations including the Special Olympics Thailand, Special Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Department of Health and Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health, and Department of Empowerment of People with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the individual consultant will perform the following tasks:

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<td>Research design and approval - Prepare and develop an inception report and a concept note to UNICEF and the project’s partners. Inception report will include the scope of the research, a risk management and working plan. Concept note will detail the research methodology including desk review plan, an analytical framework, research contents, research protocol with a sample proposal and data collection tools to UNICEF and the project’s partners for comments and agreement. (Task 1)</td>
<td>Approved inception report and concept note. (in Thai and English) (Deliverable 1)</td>
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<td>Perform pilot data collection to ensure the quality then followed by data collection and field work to assess the experience with project implementation achievements, challenges and lessons learned. (Task 2)</td>
<td>Finalised data collection implementation plan and completed field work in selected and agreed areas on assessment of the experience with project implementation. (Deliverable 2)</td>
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<td>Carry out data analysis according to the framework established in Task 1. Key points of the analysis will focus on a) project’s assessment on achievements, challenges and lesson learned b) an analysis of the project’s implication in relation to national policy on children with disabilities regarding healthcare scheme. (Task 3)</td>
<td>Completed data cleaning and data analysis with the presentation of preliminary findings in place (in Thai and English) (Deliverable 3)</td>
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<td>Report writing – preparation of key parts of the report according to agreed report outline and analysis framework established in Task 1, review and final editing and completion of the report.</td>
<td>Finalised 50-page report in place. (in Thai and English)</td>
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<td>Policy recommendations and discussions – present the key findings and recommendations of the study in a consultation workshop to stakeholders specified by UNICEF and project’s partners and obtain comments/feedbacks. Participate in validation/discussion workshops for endorsement of study’s findings and recommendations.</td>
<td>Discussion of key findings with key stakeholders and agreement on policy recommendation.</td>
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<td>Finalised policy recommendations and roadmap of implementation. (in Thai and English)</td>
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**Estimated Duration of Contract:** 60 working days over the period of September-December 2019

**Official Travel:** home-based assignment with possible in-country travel to collect more information as well as to meet with partners if needed.

**Qualifications or Specialized Knowledge/Experience Required:**
- Advanced university degree in Social Science, Public Policy, Economics or related field.
- Minimum 8 years of professional work experience in policy, technical assistance related to social policy and/or social protection and disability.
- Proven knowledge and experience of the social protection system in Thailand.
- Prior experience in social protection systems including programs related to disability.
- Proven ability to conceptualize, carry out assessment, plan and execute complex processes across a wide range of stakeholders, advance ability to work quickly and under pressure.
- Proven ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Experience working with the Royal Thai Government.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Thai language.
- Thai national required.

Interested candidates are requested to submit CV or P-11, full contact information of minimum 2 references, availability, and proposed daily professional fee in THB by **22 September 2019**.

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