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**AT A GLANCE**

- **Partners**
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- **Donor**
  - RBTC & RBSA
- **Duration**
  - January 2016 - December 2017
- **Target beneficiaries**
  - Officials of MOHRSS, social security administration officers at local level, researchers of social security research institutes, rural migrant workers, women, workers and employers
- **Geographical focus**
  - China
Social Protection for All

MAIN ACTIVITIES

• Provide support to help the government prepare for the ratification of C102 - Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102).
• Provide technical service to the constituents on pension reform and the other main issues of the social security reform of the 13th 5-year plan period, with a focus on old-age pension and health care reform.
• Organize a high-level international conference on social protection to facilitate experience-sharing on promoting social protection floors between China and ASEAN countries and promote south-south technical cooperation.
• Conduct a research project on the role of social protection in promoting socio-economic development to provide evidence and advice to policy-makers on the role of social protection in sustaining socio-economic growth.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

• National laws are reviewed by the government in preparation for the ratification of C.102. The government takes action towards the ratification of C.102.
• The government officials and social partners are advised on key issues of social security reform, including gradually extending and equalizing retirement age, adopting mid-term budget cycle fund to enhance the budgeting and management of social insurance fund, improving provider payment mechanism to control medical cost, etc.
• The experiences and lessons of building universal social protection floors are shared between China and ASEAN countries. South-South & Triangular Cooperation is strengthened to achieve SDGs.
• Chinese and international evidence of the role of social protection in promoting socio-economic development is analysed and shared.
• Advice is provided to the policy-makers on the importance of strengthening social protection and expanding social security spending for transformation of growth model and achieving inclusive growth.

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