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Commissioned study by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Description of the study request

Support to Social Protection in Developing countries (low and lower middle-income countries)

1. Topic of the study

Support to Social Protection in Developing countries (low and lower middle-income countries). Best practices on mechanisms and system building, inclusion of the most vulnerable, mitigation and adaptation to external shocks (conflicts, natural disasters, pandemics etc.). Special interest in the links between social security systems and gender equality and school attendance.

2. How the study is going to be utilized

Learning purpose: Finland plans to start supporting social protection in Mozambique. The social protection system and support for it is rather young in Mozambique. Thus, insights into good practices in other developing country contexts are most valued: what works and what does not work in social protection system building and support. The study would help in the design of the longer-term support as well as advocacy work in Mozambique. There will be possibly also wider interest in other MFA country teams.

3. Expected outputs

Literature review of different research approaches addressing social protection in developing countries and its linkages to gender equality and school attendance. Ideally combination of quantitative, e.g regression analysis, and qualitative methods.

Report and discussions based on literature review, review of specific programme documents, and possible interviews with selected stakeholders.

4. Report specifics and publication

A concise, easy to read report for internal use, including recommendations for Finland, exact length to be specified (around 20 pages).

5. Deadline of the Study

January 2022. Researchers are asked to estimate and propose suitable timing and deadlines in their tender.

6. Steering group for the study

From the MFA: Mozambique team (including the Embassy), KEO-10 representative; UniPID representative.

7. Expected size of the work in terms of workdays

Approximately 21 days. Researchers are asked to estimate and propose the working time needed in their tender.

8. Background information. Relevant links

- [Finland's country strategy for Mozambique 2021-2024](#)
- [World bank documents](#)
- [Unicef office of research – Innocenti](#)
- [Swedish support for Social protection in Mozambique](#)
- [UNU-WIDER publications on social protection](#)
- [ESID publications](#), for instance:
 - [Alternative routes to the institutionalisation of social transfers in sub-Saharan Africa: Political survival strategies and transnational policy coalitions](#) (Lavers and Hickey, 2020)

9. Tender instructions for researchers

- **Deadline for tenders: 19th August 2021**
- [Tender notice for researchers – general guidelines](#)
- [Instructions for researchers: Commissioned studies on development policy for the MFA](#)
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