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NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR TECHNICAL AND COORDINATION SUPPORT TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE "DEVELOPMENT OF SEX EDUCATION IN CHINA" OF
CHILDREN

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Hiring Office:	The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) China Office
Purpose of consultancy:	The purpose of the consultancy is to provide technical and coordination support to the development of the Special Issue "Development of Sex Education in China" of <i>Children</i>
Scope of work: (Description of services, activities, or outputs)	<p><u>About UNFPA</u> UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.</p> <p>UNFPA in China has been working with the Government and other national counterparts for more than 40 years and implementing programmes for improving women's health, preventing maternal deaths, conducting research on health and population issues, promoting healthy and productive ageing, preventing women's cancers, and enhancing reproductive health, information, and education for young people.</p> <p>UNFPA works with governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), academia, the private sector, and young people to improve adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and health (SRHR), including life-skills-based sexuality education. UNFPA also promotes policies for, and investment in, sexuality education programmes that meet internationally agreed-upon standards.</p> <p><u>About MDPI</u> A pioneer in scholarly, open access publishing, MDPI has supported academic communities since 1996. Based in Basel, Switzerland, MDPI has the mission to foster open scientific exchange in all forms, across all disciplines.</p> <p>MDPI's 408 diverse and open access journals, including 399 peer-reviewed journals and 9 conference journals, are supported by more than 115,000 academic experts who share the same mission, values, and commitment to providing high-quality service for the authors. MDPI serves scholars from around the world to ensure the latest research is freely available and all content is distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution License (CC BY).</p> <p><u>About Children, and the Special Issue "Development of Sex Education in China"</u> <i>Children</i>¹ is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal of pediatrics, focusing on the dissemination of clinical, epidemiological and translational science relevant to children's health, published monthly online by MDPI.</p> <p><i>Children</i> runs special issues to create collections of papers on specific topics. In China, increasing social attention has been paid to adolescents and youth's SRHR. Sexuality education, as an important means to bridge the knowledge and attitude gaps of human sexuality among Chinese children and adolescents while protecting their rights, has increasingly become critical and urgent. Sexuality education can help adolescents and children to acquire knowledge, skills, and motivation to make healthy decisions and life choices. Over the past few decades, multiple efforts have been made by diverse stakeholders to deliver sexuality education, with varying degrees of success and challenges. However, bottlenecks remain in major policy, operational, and social-cultural issues that prevent children and adolescents from accessing high-quality sexuality education in China.</p> <p>To develop this evolving field of sexuality education, the primary focuses of this Special Issue are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The social background and current situation of sexuality education in

¹ <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/children>

	<p>China;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progress of sexuality education from theoretical perspectives; • The advancement of sexuality education practices in China; • The effectiveness of related sexuality education interventions; • The influential factors affecting the implementation of sexuality education; • The improvement of sexuality education policies; • The comparison of the different approaches of sexuality education; • Volunteer management of sex education (participation of voluntary organizations in sexuality education); • The transformative power of the notions of gender and rights as important components of CSE. <p>The Tsinghua University Vanke School of Public Health collaborates with UNFPA China to co-edit the Special Issue. This Special Issue aims to showcase and summarize the frontiers in the development of sexuality education in China. It cordially invites papers that address the relevant critical research topics regarding sexuality education in China from different professional fields, including but not limited to education, cultural and media studies, sociology, psychology, and public health. The Special Issue will help promote universal access to comprehensive sexuality education for Chinese children and young people.</p> <p>Scope of work: The national consultant is expected to provide the following support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide technical support to UNFPA for reviewing and selecting good quality papers for publishing on the Special Issue. 2. Provide support to the development of editorials for the Special Issue. 3. Coordinate with the authors on paper submission, editing and publishing; Support UNFPA to coordinate with MDPI on the publication payment modality. 4. Organize and coordinate a launching event of the Special Issue, including development of agenda, coordination with speakers, drafting speeches/presentations and a press release, etc <p>Expected deliverable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least 10 papers reviewed for potential publishing on the Special Issue 2. An editorial developed for the Special Issue 3. Coordination supported between the authors and MDPI with UNFPA 4. The launching event of the Special Issue conducted with evidence of support, such as an agenda, a list of speakers, speeches/presentations, and a press release, etc.
Duration and working schedule:	An estimated 10 working days during the period from the start of the contract to 15 th December 2022
Place where services are to be delivered:	Home-based
Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g. electronic, hard copy etc.):	Deliveries can be submitted electronically through emails; regular verbal and written updates and communication for working progress will be required
Monitoring and progress control, including reporting requirements, and deadline:	Daily work monitoring will be done by the Programme Analyst for the Adolescent and Youth programme of UNFPA China with an overall supervision of the Representative of UNFPA China
Supervisory arrangements:	The consultant will be directly supervised by Dr. Justine Coulson, Representative of UNFPA China
Expected travel:	No
Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements:	<p>Knowledge and Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 10 years of experience working in the field of sexuality education for children and youth; working experience with the UN, especially UNFPA or UNESCO on sexuality education programmes would be a plus. • Ability to work rapidly and effectively; ability to coordinate with UNFPA, MDPI, and the authors and be able to provide technical

	<p>inputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in copy editing, paper proofreading, or publication editing • Large network with sexuality education experts and resource persons in China for the development of the Special Issue • Familiarity with the social, cultural, and political context of China • Strong communication skills in Chinese and English <p>Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional writing and fluent speaking skills in Chinese and English <p>Competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving results • Being accountable • Developing and applying professional expertise/ business acumen
<p>Inputs / services to be provided by UN or implementing partner (e.g. support services, office space, equipment), if applicable:</p>	<p>UNFPA will ensure the consultant's access to relevant documents for reviewing or editing</p>
<p>How to submit:</p> <p>Please confirm your interest by providing a CV with proposed daily rate to Ms. Lin Xianxian, xlin@unfpa.org, and copy Ms. Haoran Zheng, haoran@unfpa.org by 15 September 2022 at 17:00 PM Beijing time.</p>	