**Abstract**

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**Title: «Methodological recommendations for developing an efficient system of social support for the population at the expense of budgets of the budgetary system of the Russian Federation»**

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**Research object**. System of social support for population at the expense of budgets of budgetary system of the Russian Federation

**Research goal**. Comprehensive analysis of the system of social support for the population and provision of recommendations for developing an efficient system of social support for the population at the expense of budgets of all levels in the budget system of the Russian Federation.

**Empirical basis for the research**. Reports on the execution of the federal budget and consolidated budgets of the subjects of the Russian Federation; the normative legal acts of the Russian Federation and the subjects of the Russian Federation regulating the social support of the population; state programs for the social support for the population of the subjects of the Russian Federation and reports on their execution; statistical data on the number of social support beneficiaries and the amount of social support provided by the federal budget; budgets of the subjects of the Russian Federation and the local budgets; detailed data from the form No 1 – social contract statistics for 2013 and 2015; international data on provision of the conditional targeted social assistance; data on the international experience of the implementation of integrated information systems of social support; normative legal acts of the Russian Federation regulating the EGISSO; data from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation and The Pension Fund of Russia; data from the Federal State Statistics Service of Russia; micro-data from the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Survey – Higher School of Economics (RLMS-HSE).

**Research outcomes**. The study presented a comprehensive analysis of the system of social support for the Russian population. It evaluated the dynamics of the volume and structure of expenses of the federal budget and consolidated budgets of the subjects of the Russian Federation regarding social support for the population, estimated a level of diversity of these expenses across regions, revealed the main transformational trends of the system of social support for the population at the regional level over the recent years. The study presented a comparative analysis of state programs for social support on sub-federal level and produced a set of methodological recommendations for their developing and monitoring.

The research provided the analysis of the contemporary forms of targeted social assistance and evaluated the impact of the programs for the targeted social assistance based on social contract and active involvement of the social support recipients in Russian regions that already started to execute these programs; it also showed the limitations to the application of this system.

Drawing on the survey data, the research assessed a volume of social support for income groups and a contribution of various social payments to household budgets of the Russian population.

The study particularly focused on the international experience of creating the social security data management systems and the concept of the Integrated information systems of social support (EGISSO) in Russia.

Ultimately, the study offered recommendations for improving the efficiency of the system of social support for the Russian population, and for optimising the structure of budget expenditures in this area.

**Recommendations regarding implementation of the researchoutcomes**. If implemented, the given recommendations for developing an efficient system of social support for the population at the expense of budgets of the budgetary system of the Russian Federation will increase public expenditure efficiency in social support system at all levels: from federal to local.