

# **Evaluation Projects Implemented by CUTS International**



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## 1. Participatory Expenditure Tracking Survey on 'Mid-day Meal Scheme'

About the Project	Objectives	Activity Summary	Outputs
<p><b>Duration:</b> One Year (October 2005- May 2006)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supported by (Client):</b> The World Bank</p> <hr/> <p><b>Funding Amount:</b> USD \$20,000</p> <hr/> <p><b>Country:</b> India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Government of Rajasthan, and Government of India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/PETS.pdf">http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/PETS.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop and test a participatory process to track the expenditure and quality of implementation of the scheme</li> <li>• Enhancing the 'accountability' of the Service providers towards the customers/citizens.</li> </ul>	<p>The project included the activities of surveys and other tools of expenditure tracking in order to evaluate the performance of 'Mid-day Meal Scheme.'</p> <p>The findings of evaluation were disseminated among key stakeholders in order to bring change and improve service delivery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Project report <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/PETS.pdf">http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/PETS.pdf</a></li> </ul>

## 2. Assessing 2Qs (Quality & Quantity) Outputs of the ‘National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme’ (NREGS), As Per Provisions of the NREGA – 2005 in Sirohi District of Rajasthan, India

About the Project	Objectives	Activity Summary	Outputs
<p><b>Duration:</b> One Year (May 30, 2007 –May 15, 2008)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supported by (Client):</b> The World Bank</p> <hr/> <p><b>Funding Amount:</b> USD \$30,000</p> <hr/> <p><b>Country:</b> India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> The World Bank, Government of Rajasthan, and Government of India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/Assessing_2Qs.htm">http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/Assessing_2Qs.htm</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assess targeted beneficiaries’ perceptions towards desired socio-economic benefits and effects on their livelihood under the NREGS.</li>   <li>• To assess prioritisation criteria and usefulness of the work/tasks for which the budgetary allocation have been made and also effectiveness of various channels’ functioning for downward fund flow under the NREGS.</li>   <li>• To assess participation level and role of different stakeholders and formulate strategies to be adopted for the better implementation of NREGS in its following phases.</li> </ul>	<p>The project included various activities of research like interviews and focused group discussion and also utilized tools of social accountability for qualitative and quantitative assessment of performance of ‘National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.’ The findings of the evaluation were disseminated among key stakeholders in order to bring change and improve service delivery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Project report <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/Final_Report_NREGS.pdf">http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/Final_Report_NREGS.pdf</a></li> </ul>

### 3. Ensuring Service Delivery through Measuring Rate of Absenteeism in 30 Health Centres in Rajasthan

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<p><b>Duration:</b> One Year (August 2009 - October 2010)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supported by (Client):</b> Results for Development Institute</p> <hr/> <p><b>Funding Amount:</b> USD \$48,381</p> <hr/> <p><b>Country:</b> India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Government of Rajasthan and Government of India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/TAP.htm">http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/TAP.htm</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To evolve an innovative community-based model of monitoring absenteeism in public health centres that can induce demand accountability of service providers.</li> <li>To measure the rate of absenteeism in frontline service providers at government health centres.</li> <li>To strengthen the bond between service providers and service recipients for exacting enhanced accountability.</li> <li>To inform policy and practice and to suggest them a model of 'sustained accountability through civic engagement'.</li> </ul>	<p>National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was evaluated in a district of Rajasthan taking 30 Primary Health Centres (PHC) as sample for evaluation. The citizens and service providers were interviewed. The absence of health officials could also be monitored through community monitoring process. The findings were dissemination among key stakeholders to advocate and lobby for changes at various levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Project report <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/Final_Report-TAP.pdf">http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/pdf/Final_Report-TAP.pdf</a></li> </ul>

#### 4. Strategic Review of WTO-provided TRTA Activities

About the Project	Objectives	Activity Summary	Outputs
<p><b>Duration:</b> 6 months (January 2006 – June 2006)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supported by (Client):</b> World Trade Organisation</p> <hr/> <p><b>Funding Amount:</b> CHF 294,312</p> <hr/> <p><b>Countries:</b> Bangladesh, Barbados, Cambodia, Ecuador, Kenya, Kyrgyz, Republic, Moldova, Senegal, Yemen</p> <hr/> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Recipients of TRTA and the provider-WTO</p> <hr/> <p><b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.cuts-citee.org/trta.htm">http://www.cuts-citee.org/trta.htm</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing WTO's comparative advantage in offering TRTA vis-à-vis other agencies.</li> <li>The relevance of WTO TRTA to the Members and the Participants.</li> <li>Efficiency and management of WTO TRTA</li> </ul>	<p>The project activities included detailed interviews of recipients of WTO provided TRTA activities. Field research was undertaken in the selected countries. Followed by the report to assess effectiveness of the TRTA.</p>	<p>Final report available at: <a href="http://www.cuts-citee.org/PDF/WTO-FinalReport.pdf">http://www.cuts-citee.org/PDF/WTO-FinalReport.pdf</a></p>

## 5. Qualitative analysis of a potential Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and India

About the Project	Objectives	Activity Summary	Outputs
<p><b>Duration:</b> 8 months (October 2006 - May 2007)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supported by (Client):</b> European Commission</p> <hr/> <p><b>Funding Amount:</b> EUR 148,850</p> <hr/> <p><b>Countries:</b> UK and India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Producers and Consumers in EU and India</p> <hr/> <p><b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.cuts-citee.org/EUIndia-RTA.htm">http://www.cuts-citee.org/EUIndia-RTA.htm</a></p> <hr/>	<p>To assess the qualitative and sectorial aspects of the FTA between India and the EU, aiming at investigating more in depth non-tariff and regulatory issues regarding goods, services and investment.</p>	<p>Project activities comprised of Analysis of Agreement, and Stakeholders Meeting on Challenges and Opportunities from a Possible India–EU FTA</p>	<p>Qualitative analysis of a potential Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and India - Executive Summary available at: <a href="http://www.cuts-citee.org/PDF/EU-FTAExecutiveReport.pdf">http://www.cuts-citee.org/PDF/EU-FTAExecutiveReport.pdf</a></p> <p>Main report available at: <a href="http://www.cuts-citee.org/PDF/EU-FTAREport.pdf">http://www.cuts-citee.org/PDF/EU-FTAREport.pdf</a></p> <p>Report of Interactive meeting Challenges and Opportunities from a Possible India-EU FTA, at India on November 08, 2006 is available at: <a href="http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/Report-InteractiveMeeting-EUFTA.pdf">http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/Report-InteractiveMeeting-EUFTA.pdf</a></p>

## 6. Insight Into Indian States

About the Project	Objectives	Activity	Outputs
<p><b>Duration:</b> One Year (September 2013-October 2014)</p> <p><b>Supported by:</b> (Client): United Nations Development Fund</p> <p><b>Funding Amount:</b> US\$117,117</p> <p><b>Country: India</b> Assam, Odisha, Karnataka and Rajasthan</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State governments of Assam, Odisha, Karnataka and Rajasthan or Ministries/Departments implementing project or programmes related to Rural Non-Farm</li> <li>• People who are engaged in Rural Non-Farm Sector</li> <li>• Research Institutes or organisations working in Rural Non-Farm Sector</li> </ul> <p><b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.i3s.net.in/Home.aspx">www.i3s.net.in/Home.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.i3s.net.in/">www.i3s.net.in/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To generate an interactive, coherent and user-friendly online web portal at national level</li> <li>• To research, document and highlight the successful as well as not so successful practices</li> <li>• To ensure cross learnings from practices to enable policymakers to identify and acquire new skills, developmental activities and effective implementation of current programmes/schemes</li> <li>• To enable States to take inspirations and learn lessons from each other by way of intelligent discussions to enhance their growth rates</li> </ul>	<p><b>National Level</b></p> <p>Setting up of a centralised web portal</p> <p>Action research around the selected programmes and schemes of Rural Non-Farm Livelihoods</p> <p>Dissemination of successful and not so successful practices</p> <p>Networking of key stakeholders across the states.</p> <p><b>State Level</b></p> <p>Identification of the Practices from the ongoing or completed government projects</p> <p>Action research of the selected practices using methodology and research tools and techniques</p> <p>Validating the practices as successful or not so successful based on decided criteria. Web portal related activities</p>	<p>An interactive web portal, only of its kind in India</p> <p>having validated successful and not so successful practices with lessons learnt from the selected states is developed and running</p> <p>Around 70 successful and not so successful practices were researched, validated and documented for wider learning and replication.</p> <p>Most of them have been put in the dedicated portal</p> <p>A community of practice of around 300 practitioners across the states which are active on the web portal</p>



		<p>Developing Networking and for community of practice</p> <p>Advocacy and ensuring the intended outcomes</p>	<p>Publication of four newsletters having brief about the documented cases, approaches used, related experiences, news and views</p>
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