

Project Grants at a Glance

(January 2019)

No	Name	Funding Agency	Objective	Expected Outcome	Budget	Duration
CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment (CUTS CITEE)						
1.	Short term Contract between CUTS and Ministry of Food Processing Industries	Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India	Prepare wish lists for tariff concessions from partner country/trading bloc and offer of concessions to them on their request under PTAs/FTAs; Conduct impact analysis/monitoring of trade agreements, which are currently in force and also on-going bilaterally	Better understanding on wish lists; increased monitoring and objectivity about trade negotiations in relation to agriculture and allied products; and strengthened capacity of relevant departments to inter-alia deal with issues related to international trade in agriculture and allied products	INR634,444.50	08/18-01/19
2.	Gender Dimensions of Trade Facilitation Agreement in BBIN: Case of Women Led/Managed/Owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) www.cuts-citee.org/gdtfa/	Department for International Development (DFID), UK	Identifying existing barriers that limit women entrepreneurs to access opportunities to engage in economic activities, particularly in trade; and creating awareness on gender-inclusive trade facilitation among BBIN and suggesting country-specific policy recommendations in favour of women responsive TFA in particular and trade policy in general for	Awareness among women entrepreneurs (existing and potential) in BBIN on gender responsive TFA and its benefits to their economic empowerment in particular and of entire sub-region in general; and more participation of women in trade and trade related activities in BBIN	GBP568,984	10/18-09/20

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			enhanced participation of women in trade and trade related activities			
3.	Improving riverine livelihoods in Meghna basin by promoting eco-tourism and cross border navigation	Oxfam, Cambodia	Create evidences on the economic, social and environmental implications of cross border trade using mechanised boats in shorter transboundary stretches in Barak, Gomti and Haora rivers of Meghna basin; and understand the impact of river cruise tourism on political-economy factors at the local level with special emphasis on community-based tourism in Gomti and Umngot river	Generate evidences that would support policy advocacy on regulatory aspects of cross border inland navigation. The case studies would capture the livelihood issues of rural women and marginalised communities	US\$22,581.20	11/18-05/19
4.	South Asia Connectivity Conference www.cuts-citee.org/sarcc/	US State Department	Create a multi-discipline, multi-country platform for policy discussions and exchange and networking amongst key stakeholders invested in promoting greater connectivity in South Asia; and coming out with concrete policy suggestions	Bring together key interlocutors to discuss challenges and solutions to economic, environmental, and security issues relevant to South Asia and the US	US\$194,967	09/17-04/19

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5.	Women Traders in the Borders of North-East India www.cuts-citee.org/mgit/pdf/Project.Brief.pdf	Direct Aid Programme, Australian High Commission	Understand the participation and engagement of women with trade along North East India's borders with other countries; and recognise opportunities, prospects and capacity needs to enhance participation by women traders on trading opportunities	Women traders are more aware about issues viz. trade facilitation, cross-border trade opportunities and prospects that they can explore; and creating an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs in the region to participate more and more in cross-border formal trade	INR1,815,000	06/18-05/19
CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulation (CUTS CCIER)						
6.	Competition assessment in ride sharing industry (CARS) www.cuts-ccier.org/Cars	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas	Conduct a detailed determination of relevant product and relevant geographic market and subsequently aims at ascertaining the level of competition in the urban and semi-urban transport industry with special focus on new modes of travel, such as app-based ride sharing	In-depth understanding of changing dynamics of competition in the urban and semi-urban transport sector to help policymakers understand consumer's choice in a greater manner. It may also lead to formulation of better regulations for new and traditional modes of transport	INR4,700,000	07/17-04/19
7.	Future of Jobs in India (FOJI) www.cuts-ccier.org/foji/index.htm	Frierich Ebert Stiftung (FES), India	Facilitate and conduct a series of four 'conversations' across the country on 'Future of Jobs'	Greater awareness on challenges of job creation and future of jobs; identification of entry points for solutions and collaborations to address the challenge of job	INR300,000	11/17-12/18

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				creation; identification of key inputs for policy making at state and central level; and creation of seed community on 'future of jobs' to further deepen a solution-oriented dialogue and practice		
8.	Strengthening the discourse on economic policy to generate good and better jobs in India (GrowJobs) www.cuts-ccier.org/growjobs/index.htm	Ford Foundation	Strengthen the discourse on economic policy that generates good and better jobs in India and make her growth job-intensive	Knowledge generation through formulation of alternative, non-budgetary and non-legislative economic strategies based on evidence from the field that would facilitate growth of good and better jobs; better understanding for policy decisions amongst influencers on non-legislative and non-budgetary policy decisions leading to rapid and sustainable growth of good and better jobs; and strengthening communication Strategies by enabling wider acceptance through a shared approach of communicating the need for and feasibility of strategies that facilitate jobful growth that can lead to good and better jobs	US\$350,000	10/18-09/21
9.	Power Sector Reforms in Rajasthan: Focus on Civil Society	Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), India	Enhance consumer awareness for improvement of overall Standard of Performance in the electricity distribution sector in	Development of mutually beneficial relationship between consumers, consumer organisations and electricity distribution companies; enhanced capacity	INR13,308,030	09/18-08/19

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			Rajasthan	of consumers on existing regulatory frameworks and procedure of grievance redress; and empowered consumers and consumer organisations with platforms to voice their issues, concerns and opinion		
10.	Accessibility and Experience with Digital Payments: Consumers' and Merchants' perspectives (DigiPay)	Self-supported	Understand the state of access and experience of merchants and consumers with respect to digital payments in rural and urban India	Better understanding of ground reality of challenges in uptake and sustainable usage of digital payments in urban and rural India based on primary research, and measures required to improve the same	NA	12/17-12/18
CUTS Centre for Consumer Action, Research & Training (CUTS CART)						
11.	Promote Organic Consumption in the State of Rajasthan www.cuts-international.org/cart/ProOrganic/index.html	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Sweden	Develop a culture of sustainable consumption and lifestyle through organic production and consumption in the state of Rajasthan	Create enabling environment for sustainable consumption, established patterns of organic consumption and reduced supply-demand gap in organic productivity	INR 2,591,139	04/17-03/21
12.	Campaign for enhanced Road Safety in India through advocacy for speedy rule making and effective implementation of Road Safety Law in India RoSA-02 www.cuts-international.org	Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP), Switzerland	Support Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, state governments and other concerned agencies for effective rule making to ensure	Effective Motor Vehicles Act in place	CHF100,334	10/17-10/19

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	g/cart/RoSA/		the smooth implementation of Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2017			
13.	Enhancing Financial Protection of Consumers in Particular Women through Financial Literacy Initiatives www.cuts-international.org/cart/FCP/index.htm	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India	Build the capacities of rural consumers, especially women in terms of financial literacy thereby enhancing their financial inclusion and overcome vulnerability and ensure the economic security	Rural financial consumers, especially women are trained and capable of making decisions on financial issues; and identified community based facilitators to groom for taking the inclusion agenda ahead	INR6,000,000	05/17-05/19
14.	Depositor Education And Awareness (DEA) Fund Scheme of RBI	Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Mumbai	Educate and generate awareness among depositors on financial schemes, such as <i>Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana</i> , importance of KYC, usage of various online safe and secure methods for financial transaction	Generate mass awareness with regard to safe and un-risky investments	INR1,490,000	08/18-04/19
15.	Green Action Week Fund-India Campaign 2018 www.cuts-international.org/cart/Green Action Week 2018 - Sharing Community.htm	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Sweden	Strengthen consumers with active role of CSOs for raising awareness on environmental and other impacts of consumption and promote sharing community and sustainable	Campaign at various states will increase the awareness about sharing community and sustainable pattern of consumption among common consumers of targeted places	SEK204,320	06/18-02/19

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			patterns of consumption amongst consumers, policymakers and other key stakeholders			
CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD)						
16.	Child Line Helpline 1098, Bhilwara www.cuts-international.org/chd/Child_Line_1098.htm	Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and Child India Foundation, Mumbai (nodal Agency)	Reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergencies on 1098 and advocate service for children those are inaccessible	Enhanced understanding, improved capacity and support duty bearers on issues pertaining to rights of children; strong local/district structures and mechanism established for protection of rights of children; and improved interface between children's forums/children and adults with the community/duty bearers leading to better understanding of issues of rights of children and addressing/advocating for the same	INR4,308,000	08/18-07/21
17.	Nayi Roshni Chittorgarh www.cuts-international.org/chd/Nai%20Roshni-Leadership_Development_of_Minority_Women_Project.htm	Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India	Empower and instill confidence among minority women by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels; and embolden them to assume leadership	Trained on various life development issues and leadership skills; increased leadership quality among minority women; increased living standards of women in targeted areas; aware of their rights and entitlements and accessibility of schemes running by governments for women, especially minority community; raised their voice for achieving and fight	INR1,258,200 (IV Phase)	04/18-03/19

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			roles and assert their rights, collectively or individually, in accessing services, facilities, skills, and opportunities besides claiming their due share of development benefits of the government for improving their lives and living conditions	for their rights; women's participation at both home and community level in the decision making will increase		
18.	Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme (RSIP) www.cuts-international.org/chd/Rajasthan_Social_Inclusion_Programme-RSIP.htm	Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind)	Improve participation of persons with disabilities (PwDs) in society towards realisation of their rights; facilitate enhanced opportunity for economic security for PwDs; enable DPOs to advocate for the rights of disabled persons; sensitise stakeholders and decision makers; and improve utilisation of government funds for them	Improved opportunities for livelihood skill development among PwDs; increased accessibility to public facilities; sensitised stakeholders and decision makers; and increased government spending for PwDs	INR10,376,217	08/14-07/19
19.	Promote Organic Consumption in the State of Rajasthan www.cuts-international.org/cart/ProOrganic/index.html	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Sweden	Promote organic consumption in the state of Rajasthan (India) covering six major agriculture	Increased awareness is expected to result in increased consumer demand which will further push demand for availability and affordability of	As indicated in serial no 14, CHD is project partner	04/17-03/21

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			potential districts by awareness generation, sensitisation, and capacity building and advocacy activities	organic products in selected district of Rajasthan		
20.	Enhancing Financial Protection of Consumers in Particular Women through Financial Literacy Initiatives www.cuts-international.org/CART/FCP/index.htm	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India	Build the capacities of rural consumers, especially women in terms of financial literacy thereby enhancing their financial inclusion and overcome vulnerability and ensure the economic security	Rural financial consumers, especially women are trained and capable of making decisions on financial issues; and identified community based facilitators to groom for taking the inclusion agenda ahead	As indicated in serial no 16, CHD is project partner	03/17-03/19
21.	Rural Eye Health Project	Sightsavers (Royal Commonwelath Society for Blind)	Awareness generation, facilitate patients to eye camps and hospitals, training to health workers, support to base hospital in planning or conducting camps, linkages with local stakeholders, networking, follow-ups of eye patients	Increased awareness on eye health	INR692,000	05/18-12/18
22.	Child Rights for Change	Save the Children, India	Strengthening Integrated Child Protection Committees and working consistently for child protection at various levels	Curbing child labour and sending children back to schools; accessing social protection entitlements; training on life skills	INR5,093, 400	10/18-08/19

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CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre (CUTS CRC)						
23.	Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement: <i>Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the BBIN sub-region</i> www.cuts-international.org/bbinmva/	US State Department	Comprehensive study to look at various macro and micro enabling factors that will help enable a motor vehicle agreement within and amongst four countries: Bhutan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal (BBIN)	Estimate gains from acceding to international conventions on transit facilitation through appropriate econometric modelling, identify challenges and hence possible solutions towards implementing the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)	US\$494,010	01/17-12/20
24.	South Asia Connectivity Conference www.cuts-citee.org/sarcc/	US State Department	Create a multi-discipline, multi-country platform for policy discussions and exchange and networking amongst key stakeholders invested in promoting greater connectivity in South Asia; and coming out with concrete policy suggestions and directions	Bring together key interlocutors to discuss challenges and solutions to economic, environmental, and security issues relevant to South Asia and the US	As indicated in serial number 4, CRC is the project partner	09/17-04/19
25.	Women Traders in the Borders of North East India www.cuts-citee.org/mgit/pdf/Project.Brief.pdf	Direct Aid Programme, Australian High Commission	Understand the participation and engagement of women with trade along North East India's borders with other countries; and recognise opportunities, prospects and capacity needs to enhance participation	Women traders are more aware about issues viz. trade facilitation, cross-border trade opportunities and prospects that they can explore; and creating an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs in the region to participate more and more in cross-border formal trade	As indicated in serial number 5, CRC is the project partner	06/18-05/19

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			by women traders on trading opportunities			
26.	Border Haats between India and Bangladesh as a tool to reduce informal cross-border trade of agricultural commodities	Department for International Development (DFID), UK	Improve livelihoods prospects of people, particularly women, living near the border areas of India and Bangladesh through establishment of border haats as tools to reduce informal cross-border trade of agricultural commodities	Provide country-specific and gender-inclusive evidence on the prospects of establishing border haats as a tool to reduce informal cross-border trade of agricultural commodities to support the work of BBIN governments to contribute to the Agreement on Trade Facilitation; and creating a capacitated group of stakeholders who will be aware on the prospects of establishing border haats as a tool to reduce informal cross-border trade of agricultural commodities among BBIN among a diverse set of stakeholders including women traders	GBP328,639	10/18-09/20