



Project Grants at a Glance
(January 2021)

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TRADE						
1.	Gender Dimensions of Trade Facilitation Agreement in BBIN: Case of Women-led/Managed/Owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises www.cuts-citee.org/gdtfa/	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, 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 Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) and suggesting country-specific policy recommendations in favour of women responsive trade facilitation agreement (TFA) in particular, and trade policy, in general for enhanced participation of women in trade and trade-related activities.	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
2.	Trans-boundary Rivers of South Asia (Year 3)	Oxfam	Improved policies and practices of governments that protect the	Government policies and practices in water resources	€55,815	10/19-06/20

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	https://cuts-citee.org/trans-boundary-rivers-of-south-asia-trosa/		rights of river basin communities to water resources; improved policies and practices of the private sector and other actors that respect the rights of river basin communities to water resources; and river basin communities' increasingly influence in transboundary water governance policies and processes.	management are more inclusive of community concerns and meet national and international; practices of the private sector respect community access to water resources actively contributing to reduce conflict; and local communities have more secure access and control over their water resources.		
3.	Enabling a Political Economy Discourse for Multi-modal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region https://cuts-citee.org/enabling-a-political-economy-discourse-for-multi-modal-connectivity-in-the-bbin-bangladesh-bhutan-india-nepal-sub-region/	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK	Create an enabling environment for a political economy discourse on multi-modal connectivity in the BBIN sub-region.	Comprehensive understanding of political economy challenges of initiating multi-modal connectivity initiatives in the BBIN sub-region; better understanding of stakeholder concerns and costs from multi-modal connectivity initiatives, with particular reference to local economic development parameters; and identification of critical and prioritised infrastructure needs to enable multi-modal connectivity in the BBIN sub-region.	GBP560,510	01/20-12/21

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4.	Convergence between India’s Trade and Industrial Policies https://cuts-citee.org/convergence-between-trade-and-industrial-policies-in-india-contip/	Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Review important components of both trade and industrial policies, and other relevant policies, and evaluate their elements of convergence (and divergence); identify institutional requirements for successful design and implementation of trade and industrial policies and also to analyse the feasibility of India’s industrial policy elements under today’s international trade rules.	The study will result in a handbook, which will help relevant policymakers in taking specific measures for attaining the objectives of the trade and industrial policies of India.	INR1,904,600	08/20-01/21
5.	Strengthening the Role of Women in the Transboundary Landscapes of the Hindu Kush Himalayan Region: <i>Building resilience to shocks and vulnerabilities</i> https://cuts-citee.org/role-of-women-in-the-transboundary-landscapes-of-the-hindu-kush-himalayan-region/	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	Strengthen women’s roles in trade – both in terms of access and benefits – within ICIMOD’s transboundary landscapes (TLBs), with particular emphasis on building their resilience to shocks and vulnerabilities.	Understanding the formal and informal trade happening in the TBLs with special focus on the engagement of women; identifying shocks and vulnerabilities, including the impact of COVID-19; and proposing policy recommendations to enhance their resilience to shocks and vulnerabilities.	INR1,500,000	07/20-12/20

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6.	Border Haats between India and Bangladesh as a tool to reduce informal cross-border trade of agricultural commodities https://cuts-crc.org/border-haats-between-india-and-bangladesh-as-a-tool-to-reduce-informal-cross-border-trade-between-the-two-countries/	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK	Improve livelihood prospects of people, particularly women, living near the border areas of India and Bangladesh through the 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 TFA; and create a capacitated group of stakeholders who will be aware of 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	10/18-03/21
REGULATION						
7.	Highlighting the Economic Impact of Judicial Decisions – II https://cuts-ccier.org/highlighting-the-economic-impact-of-judicial-decisions/	NITI Aayog	Undertaking an objective assessment of unintended economic impact of relevant judicial decisions through rigorous evidence-based analysis	Improved recognising of the economic impact of select SC and NGT decisions; Enhanced understanding of the methodology to identify and highlight the economic impact of judicial decisions; Initiation of a building of a narrative supporting better sensitivity of economic impacts	INR2,480,000	02/20-05/21

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				of judgments by the judiciary; Will serve as useful training inputs for the training of judicial officers.		
8.	Highlighting the Economic impact of Judicial Decisions - III	Jindal Global University	Discuss and inform the interface between law and economics in judicial cases and propose approaches to court's decision making to ensure a balance between equity, environment and economy in orders and judgements.	Greater awareness of select judgements of the SC that have adversely impacted the economy, especially when better alternatives in decision making were possible.	INR1,200,000	06/20-01/21
9.	Cyber Safe East	United States Consulate, Kolkata	Conduct two-day workshops on cybersecurity awareness in Guwahati, Patna and Ranchi.	Increased cybersecurity risk awareness among Small and Medium Enterprises.	US\$45,000	09/19-03/21
10.	Strengthening the discourse on economic policy to generate good and better jobs in India www.cuts-ccier.org/growjobs/index.htm	Ford Foundation	Strengthen the discourse on economic policy that generates good and better jobs in India.	Knowledge generation through the formulation of alternative, non-budgetary and non-legislative economic strategies based on evidence from the field that would facilitate the growth of good and better jobs; better understanding for policy decisions amongst influencers on non-legislative and non-budgetary policy decisions leading to the 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	US\$350,000	10/18-09/21

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				job growth that can lead to good and better jobs.		
11.	Traffic Diversion from Roadways to Waterways: Understanding Technical, Economic and Political Economy Implications	The World Bank Group	Understand technical, economic, and political economy implications of traffic diversion from Petrapole-Benapole and Ghojadanga-Bhomra land route to Kolaghat and Tribeni (via Kolkata/Haldia ports) to the Mongla and Chittagong port in Bangladesh, and further to Ashuganj port, Agartala-Akhaura border, and Pangaon Port Terminal in Dhaka.	Identification of the factors that could enable or hinder the initiative of diverting the traffic from roadways to waterways.	INR3,600,000	08/20-01/21
12.	Understanding Commercial, Strategic and Political Economy Implications of Traffic Diversion from Roadways to Waterways: Sahibganj-Narayanganj (Bangladesh) and Sahibganj-Jogighopa (Assam)	The World Bank Group	Highlight factors that can facilitate traffic diversion from the nearby land routes of Mahadipur-Sona Masjid, Hilli-Bangla Hilli and the Siliguri corridor and explore how the proposed inland waterway route can facilitate the movement of freight among Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal.	Preparing an inventory of trade routes related information, including relevant regulatory and infrastructural matters; gathering perception of exporters/importers/ stakeholders on diversion of freight traffic from roadways to waterways in select routes; identifying factors that can facilitate/hinder traffic diversion in select routes; shortlisting commodities that have potential for traffic diversion from roadways to waterways; and identifying technical challenges and prescribing specific recommendations.	INR3,600,000	10/20-03/21
13.	Enabling Just Transition in India's Power Generation Sector https://cuts-ccier.org/enabling-just-transition-in-indias-power-generation-	Stichting SED Fund	Map and institutionalise the approach of 'just Transition' in clean energy transformation of the power generation sector in	Enhanced awareness amongst the State Government and in particular, the energy sector	US\$60,000	12/20-11/21

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	sector/		India to ensure social, economic and environmental dividends for relevant stakeholders.	officials, with respect to various aspects of just transition associated with a state-level clean energy transition; and increased societal readiness of adapting to clean energy transition by being active shareholders and not mere stakeholders of the process.		
14.	Developing White Paper on Regional Parliamentary Forum on Energy Cooperation and Energy Trade in South Asia https://cuts-ccier.org/developing-white-paper-on-rpf/	IRADe	Create a political economy discourse to build a positive narrative around CBET by identifying champions for the cause and bottom-up assimilation of concerns of stakeholders. The establishment of Parliamentary forums can be an effective instrument in addressing the bottlenecks related to greater energy cooperation in the region.	A feasible roadmap for developing a platform where policymakers can meet and interact with their counterparts from other South Asian countries, on the issues of energy cooperation and trade.	INR1,495,000	11/20-11/21
15.	Rajasthan Electricity Scenario Project https://cuts-ccier.org/res/	Stichting SED Fund	Develop medium- and long-term electricity demand for Rajasthan based on various scenarios for the integration of renewable energy, energy efficiency and other low carbon technologies, while also accounting for economic and social development policies to enable better planning for grid integration of low carbon technologies and reduction in carbon emissions.	Increased awareness amongst key power sector governing institutions and officials regarding the importance of medium- and long-term electricity demand forecasting; and improved understanding of challenges and importance of prudent planning to achieve clean energy transition.	US\$150,000	10/20-09/21
16.	Understanding Consumer Perspectives on Encryption https://cuts-ccier.org/understanding-consumers-perspective-on-encryption/	Self-funded	Bring forth a consumer perspective on secured communication services and encryption.	Better understanding among relevant stakeholders (industry, policy influencers, etc.) on consumers' perspectives on	-	08/20-02/21

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17.	India Competition and Regulation Report (ICRR), 2021	Self-funded	This is a flagship biennial publication of CUTS and CIRC. The ICRR 2021, 8 th in the series, will focus on the challenges on the digital economy posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the subsequent solutions.	The insights from the report can be helpful to propose the structural and evolving solutions to such challenges.	-	06/20-05/21
18.	Examining the Rationale, Assumptions and Approaches to Non-personal Data Sharing (ERAA-NDP) https://cuts-ccier.org/npd/	Self-funded	Examine the scope of data sharing by taking a comparative and multi-stakeholder perspective to review the rationale, premise, assumptions and targeted market, regulatory and government failures that the Report aims to address; and assess the approach and recommendations on NPD sharing as indicated in the Report.	The study will add value to the discourse on the need and scope of data sharing and governance by providing evidence-based inputs. Furthermore, the study will inform policymakers and other stakeholders on best practices and approaches on the subject of data sharing through objectively examining the developments in the Indian digital economy.	-	10/20-04/21
19.	E-Commerce in India: Tipping the Balance of Power	Self-funded	Quantify and evaluate the impact of e-commerce (confined to multi-brand retail trade) on consumers in India.	Enable better informed and capacitated consumers and enhance the use of digital platforms and marketplaces. Further the discourse on designing an optimal framework for regulating e-commerce, by informing a multi-stakeholder perspective on best practices and principles on the subject.	-	08/20-08/22
GOVERNANCE						
20.	Promote Organic Consumption in the	Swedish Society for	Develop a culture of sustainable	Create an enabling	INR 8,200,685	04/20-03/21

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	State of Rajasthan (Phase II) www.cuts-international.org/cart/ProOrganic/index.html	Nature Conservation	consumption and lifestyle through organic production and consumption in the state of Rajasthan.	environment for sustainable consumption, established patterns of organic consumption and a reduced supply-demand gap in organic productivity.		
21.	Campaign for enhanced Road Safety in India through advocacy for the speedy rulemaking and effective implementation of Road Safety Law in India -III www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/	Global Road Safety Partnership	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, state governments and other concerned agencies for effective rule making to ensure the smooth implementation of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019.	Effective implementation of MVA, 2019, enforcement of laws and reduced motor vehicle accidents, injuries and deaths.	CHF80,000	03/20-02/21
22.	Green Action Week Fund-India Campaign 2020 https://cuts-cart.org/green-action-week-fund-india-2/	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Strengthen consumers with an active role of CSOs for raising awareness on environmental and other impacts of consumption and promote sharing community and sustainable patterns of consumption amongst consumers, policymakers and other key stakeholders.	Campaign at various states will increase the awareness about sharing community and sustainable patterns of consumption among common consumers of targeted places.	INR1,608,000	07/20-02/21
23.	Sustainable Consumption and Production in India (SDG 12)- A Consumer Perspective	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Frame the understanding of the concept of sustainable consumption and production patterns (SCP) beyond the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 and expand its current environment dimension through conducting a study and advocacy from a consumer perspective.	SCP will receive its due attention and importance amongst other SDGs through continuous advocacy efforts, especially after the proposed National Consultation.	INR2,502,500	04/19-12/20
24.	Capacity Building Programme on Planning Monitoring and Evaluation	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Conduct capacity building programme on Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) for CUTS team and other selected CSOs with follow up activities.	The enhanced capacity of selected CSOs on PME will create a better impact and effect on project outcomes.	SEK75,000	04/20-03/21

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25.	ChildLine 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 in 1098 and advocate service for inaccessible children.	Enhanced understanding, improved capacity and support duty bearers on issues on rights of children; strong local/district structures and mechanism established for the protection of rights of children; and an improved interface between children's forums/children and adults with the community/duty bearers leading to a better understanding of issues of rights of children and addressing/advocating for the same.	INR4,308,000	08/18-07/21
26.	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 encourage them to assume leadership roles and assert their rights in accessing services, facilities, skills, and opportunities.	Women's participation, at both home and community level, in the decision making will increase.	INR1,258,200 (IV Phase)	04/18-03/21
27.	Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme 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 an 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	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	08/14-12/20

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28.	Rural Eye Health Project https://cuts-chd.org/netra-vasant-rural-eye-health-project/	Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for Blind)	Awareness generation, facilitate patients to eye camps and hospitals, training to health workers, support to the base hospital in planning or conducting camps, linkages with local stakeholders, networking, and follow-ups of eye patients.	Increased awareness of eye health	INR 2,748,000	05/18-12/20
29.	Farmer Producer Organisations in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara https://cuts-chd.org/farmers-producers-organisation/	National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development	Build, promote and nurture farmer producer organisations; support them in terms of awareness generation, capacity building, technical support, professional management, market access, regulatory requirements, etc.	Strengthened farmer capacity through agricultural best practices for enhanced productivity; access to and usage of quality inputs and services for intensive agriculture and access to fair and remunerative markets.	INR1,812,000	12/15-06/20
30.	Role of journalists to curb misinformation in times of COVID-19 focusing on women journalists	US Consulate, Kolkata	Develop strategies, through a workshop with female journalists, to counter the spread of misinformation in the region during the COVID 19 pandemic and facilitate long term peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.	Build a cohort of journalists who will train youth and community leaders, journalists, students to counter the spread of disinformation, and create a cross border collaboration of women journalists in the Indo-Pacific region.	US\$9,907	08/20-09/21
31.	Support for women journalists in countering mis/disinformation in the Indo-Pacific region	US Consulate, Kolkata (Partners: East-West Centre, Washington DC, & South Asian Women in Media)	CUTS will engage 50-60 prominent women journalists from India, US and South Asia to counter mis and disinformation for a stable Indo-Pacific.	A group of 50-60 women journalists from India, its immediate neighbours and few South Asian countries will share best practices and discuss countering disinformation strategies.	US\$118,694.28	09/20-02/22

