

Project Grants at a Glance

(July 2022)

No	Name	Funding Agency	Objective	Expected Outcome	Budget	Duration
TRADE						
1.	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 identifying critical and prioritised infrastructure to enable multi-modal connectivity in the BBIN sub-region.	£469,413	01/20-12/22
2.	Trade Facilitation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures: A Comparative Assessment of Policies and Practices Across Regional Trading Blocs	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation	Identify best practices at the regional and national levels in coordinating and coherently applying sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures and administrative procedures to facilitate trade in agri-food products.	Bringing out best practices for the integrated application of SPS and trade facilitation measures to enhance trade in agri-food products; and identifying practical measures to facilitate regional collaboration in the implementation of SPS measures.	INR 4,771,000	11/21-09/22
3.	Improving Ease of Trading across Border	Land Ports Authority of India	Understand how infrastructure and services offered at select Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) could be improved further to reduce the time and cost involved in doing cross-border trade between India and her neighbours.	Detailed analysis of infrastructure improvements required at the ICPs; consolidated infrastructure gap-analysis report; and an efficiency study on using security equipment fares <i>vis-à-vis</i> manual risking and verification.	INR 1,482,080	05/22-08/22

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4.	Undertaking a Pre-Feasibility study for the construction of a Freight Village at Balagarh, West Bengal	Private Sector Engagement, US Agency for International Development	Promote infrastructure investment, and assess the feasibility of creating a freight village (multi-modal hub) in Balagarh, West Bengal.	Creating a multi-modal terminal freight village, reducing costs and risks for prospective investors, and providing policymakers with key data and evidence-based recommendations.	US\$97,000	01/22-09/22
5.	Stakeholder Analysis for Regional Transport Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (BIN-MVA) https://cuts-crc.org/stakeholder-analysis-for-regional-transport-connectivity-in-eastern-south-asia/	World Bank	Evaluate the current landscape for MVA operationalisation and identify country by country, key obstacles and potential solutions needed to advance the MVA, including at the province (state) level.	Providing a better understanding of stakeholder perceptions about the MVA, its implementation and operationalisation; and the challenges women face in participating in cross-border international trade.	US\$35,000	02/22-06/22
REGULATION						
6.	Exploring Alternate Models of Economic Growth, Inclusive Finance and Worker Welfare https://cuts-ccier.org/exploring-alternate-models-of-economic-growth-inclusive-finance-and-worker-welfare-grow-jobs-ii/	Ford Foundation	Understand the thought process about considering workers as an investment for "human capital formation" and not just as a cost burden; and explore if workers' welfare could be seen as an important component of investment decisions.	Enabling a better-informed discourse on alternate models of investment flows and economic growth for better working conditions and Human Capital Formation.	US\$200,000	12/21-12/24
7.	Exploring the potential of E-mobility as a booster for the local economy and livelihoods in India https://cuts-ccier.org/exploring-the-potential-of-e-mobility-as-a-booster-for-local-economy-and-livelihoods-in-india/	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung India	Explore the qualitative attributes and employment potential of the localised jobs, which will be created due to the indigenisation of the EV manufacturing ecosystem.	Embracing the decarbonisation process of the transport sector in India and leveraging it to create relevant and inclusive livelihood opportunities will be the key to a socioeconomically just transition.	INR860,000	04/22-09/22
8.	Solarisation of Agriculture Feeders https://cuts-ccier.org/solarisation-of-agriculture-feeders/	International Institute for Sustainable Development	Develop a guidebook for state-level policymakers and agencies in the sustainable implementation of PM-KUSUM	State-specific recommendations for the KUSUM scheme based on case studies and agrivoltaics	EUR25,489	11/21-02/23

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			A and C (feeder-level solarisation).	as a viable alternative to photovoltaics.		
9.	Economic Impact of Select Decisions of the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal of India https://cuts-ccier.org/highlighting-the-economic-impact-of-judicial-decisions/	NITI Aayog	Assess the economic impact of select decisions of the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal.	Enhanced understanding of the methodology to identify and highlight the economic impact of judicial decisions.	INR2,480,000	02/20-04/22
10.	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 decision-making to balance equity, environment and economy in orders and judgements.	Greater awareness of select judgements of the SC that adversely impacted the economy, especially when better decision-making alternatives were possible.	INR1,250,000	05/20-06/22
11.	Do Users in India, Kenya and Ghana React Differently to Problematic Content? https://cuts-ccier.org/do-users-in-india-kenya-and-ghana-react-differently-to-problematic-content/	CUTS Accra, Ghana	Understanding diverse perspectives of different users on problematic content; and checking if misuse of social media platforms for problematic content may cause various levels and kinds of harm to users.	Help in understanding the rationale behind different kinds of inadvertent user contributions to the spread of problematic content will help in recommending practices for users on how to consciously avoid the spread of problematic content on social media platforms in India, Kenya and Ghana.	US\$40,000	09/20-03/22
12.	Ethical 6G – Identifying Elements of Ethical Framework for 6G and Creating Opportunities for India and Australia https://cuts-ccier.org/ethical-6g-identifying-elements-of-ethical-framework-for-6g-and-creating-opportunities-for-india-and-australia/	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia	Create opportunities for Indian and Australian firms to invest in 6G standardisation, networks and related equipment making and propagate its ethical development and deployment in the Indo-Pacific region.	Strengthened India-Australia relationship strategic partnership and increased collaboration between Indian and Australian firms in 6G.	AUS\$369,750	02/22-06/23
13.	Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rajasthan https://cuts-ccier.org/ev-raj/	SED Grants Fund	Identify current supply and demand side gaps and various policy practices that could be	Inform and facilitate the rollout of an EV policy at the state level.	US\$112,680	03/21-06/22

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			undertaken by the state-level authorities to ease the transition to electric vehicles in Rajasthan.			
14.	Tariff Rationalisation in Rajasthan https://cuts-ccier.org/tariff-rationalisation-in-rajasthan	SED Grants Fund	Simplify, structure and rationalise power tariffs for delivering an efficient and inclusive electricity supply in Rajasthan.	Lessen cash flow uncertainties for distribution utilities, reduce transmission & distribution losses, improve willingness to pay amongst low-income categories, optimise capacity expansion, improve the sustainability of distribution utilities and enable low carbon markets category-wise through tariff tweaks and incentives.	US\$100,000	02/21-06/22
15.	TV Consumer Market Study https://cuts-ccier.org/tv-consumer-market-study/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Understand how consumer perspectives on television consumption have evolved in the past few years and capture trends based on set parameters, such as consumer choice, convenience in channel selection, consumer satisfaction with pricing, and quality of service.	Help promote consumer welfare by informing market and regulatory actions through survey results.	INR5,000,000	02/22-06/22
16.	Implementation of RBI's Tokenisation Directive in Consumer Interest https://cuts-ccier.org/implementation-of-rbis-tokenisation-directive-in-consumer-interest-coft-project/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Bring forth a consumer perspective on the likely adverse consequences of non-implementation of card-on-file tokenisation (CoFT) by the deadline.	Help in sensitising relevant stakeholders on the possible implementation challenges involved in operationalising CoFT by the deadline and the consequent adverse impact on consumers and merchants.	INR2,000,000	05/22-06/22
17.	Status of E-consumers in India https://cuts-ccier.org/seci/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Undertake an evidence-based study to analyse the impact of e-commerce (confined to multi-brand retail trade) on	Enable better informed and capacitated consumers and enhance the use of digital platforms and marketplaces.	INR6,800,000	09/20-08/22

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18.	Research-based Advocacy on Unintended Lacunae of including aspects of Non-Personal Data in Personal Data Protection Bill https://cuts-ccier.org/research-based-advocacy-on-unintended-lacunae-of-including-aspects-of-npd-in-pdpb/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	consumers in India.	Analyse the Joint Parliamentary Committee report on the Personal Data Protection Bill and the inclusion of Non-Personal Data under the bill's scope.	Sensitise stakeholders on the challenges prevalent in including aspects of Non-Personal Data governance in the Personal Data Protection Bill.	INR2,500,000	12/21-06/22
19.	Ease of Doing Digital Business in India https://cuts-ccier.org/eoddbj/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Examine the factors that facilitate the ease or unease of doing digital business in India in existing and proposed laws on digital companies and their impact on them, including the indicators of economic growth.	A better understanding of the state of Doing Digital Businesses in India and its interplay with Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living initiatives of the Government of India.	INR4,000,000	09/21-07/22	
20.	India Competition and Regulation Report (ICRR), 2023 https://cuts-ccier.org/india-competition-and-regulation-report-2023-icrr23/	Self-Funded	Analyse and bring out the regulatory and competition issues in the chosen theme of Equitable Healthcare.	A comprehensive report of regulatory and competitive issues in the health sector of India.	-	01/22-12/23	
GOVERNANCE							
21.	ProScop Project (2022-2026)	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Develop a culture of sustainable consumption and lifestyle through promoting organic consumption and production and adopting sustainable consumption practices by engaging consumers in Rajasthan.	Working in the selected gram panchayats to make at least one village a 'Model Organic Village' to ensure enabling environment for sustainable consumption and established patterns of an organic lifestyle.	SEK1,160,000	01/22-03/23	
22.	Campaign for enhanced Road Safety in India through advocacy for the speedy rulemaking and effective implementation of Road Safety Law in India -III (Extension)	Global Road Safety Partnership	Ensure the smooth implementation of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019.	Effective implementation of MVA, 2019, enforcement of laws, reduced accidents, injuries and deaths.	CHF9,112	06/22-08/22	

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	www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/					
23.	Green Action Week Fund-India Campaign 2022 https://cuts-cart.org/green-action-week-fund-india-2/	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Strengthen consumers for raising awareness on environmental and other consumption impacts and promote sharing community and sustainable consumption patterns amongst consumers, policymakers and other key stakeholders.	Campaigns in various states to raise awareness about sharing community and sustainable consumption patterns among consumers of targeted places.	INR240,000	01/22-03/23
24.	Advocacy for Scientific and Consumer Friendly FoPL for HFSS in All Foods in India https://cuts-cart.org/contributing-towards-scientific-and-consumer-friendly-front-of-pack-labels-fopl-for-hfss-in-all-foods-in-india/	Global Health Advocacy Incubator/ Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, New Delhi	Advocating for scientific and consumer-friendly FoPLs in all packaged foods.	Sensitise government officials on the seriousness of the FoPLs from the consumers' perspective.	US\$\$13,069	06/22-09/22
25.	Improving City Governance Through Enhancing Knowledge of Urban Local Bodies in Rajasthan	Australian High Commission under Direct Aid Programme	Foster knowledge, information and capacity building about issues like solid waste management, public transportation system, water supply and financial instruments within ULBs in Rajasthan.	Enhanced communication, awareness and understanding among ULBs of Rajasthan on the importance of close coordination among departments, financials instruments to effectively use such tools for meeting infrastructure financing needs.	INR 1,303,500	04/22-03/23
26.	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 needing care and protection by responding to emergencies in 1098 and advocating service for inaccessible children.	Enhanced understanding, improved capacity and support duty bearers on issues on rights of children; and an improved interface between children's forums/children and adults with the community/duty bearers.	INR4,308,000	08/21-07/24
27.	Farmer Producer Organisations in	Small Farmers	Facilitate the development of	Strengthen farmer capacity	INR75,000,000	02/21-01/26

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	Rajasthan (Bharatpur, Chittorgarh, Banswara) and West Bengal (Alipur and Cooch Behar) https://cuts-chd.org/farmersproducers-organisation/	Agri-Business Consortium; National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development; and National Cooperative Development Corporation	sustainable income-oriented farming and overall socio-economic development and wellbeing of agrarian communities; enhance productivity, realise a higher return, market linkage, and develop agriculture-entrepreneurship skills and self-sustaining.	through agricultural best practices for enhanced productivity; access to and usage of quality inputs and fair and remunerative markets.	(30 FPOs)	
28.	Strengthening formal and informal systems and structures as well as the capacities of vulnerable children and households to reduce child labour in Pratapgarh, district	World Vision Deutschland e.V. Germany and World Vision of India	Reduce incidences of harmful child labour by 50 percent by 2025 in the Suhagpura block of Pratapgarh district in Rajasthan.	Formal and informal child protection mechanisms collaborate effectively to protect children from child labour; and children not attending school get access to education and training on life skills in a protected environment.	€224,644	10/21- 12/24
29.	Asha Kiran- A Ray of Hope	Rotary India Literacy Mission	A programme for sending children back to school through Asha Kiran Centre	Training to 10 teachers, sending back 400 children to schools from socially and economically disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.	INR720,000	06/22-05/23
30.	Support for women journalists in countering mis/disinformation in the Indo-Pacific region	U.S. Consulate, Kolkata	CUTS will engage 50-60 prominent women journalists from India, the U.S. 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 a few South Asian countries will share best practices and discuss countering disinformation strategies.	US\$118,694.28	09/20-02/22
31.	Role of journalists to curb misinformation in times of COVID-19 https://cuts-crc.org/role-of-journalists-to-curb-misinformation-in-times-of-covid-19/	U.S. Consulate, Kolkata	Building a close network of women journalists and training them on the necessary skills required for curbing mis/disinformation and strategies as they fight the COVID-19 pandemic in India and neighbouring countries.	Enhance the level of media literacy to counter mis/disinformation amongst the participants.	US\$9,907.87	08/20-03/22

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32.	Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership	U.S. Consulate	Create a group of informed stakeholders who would strengthen the information sharing circuit related to the importance of a robust U.S.-India Defense partnership, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region.	Information generation and dissemination- on U.S.-India Defense partnership.	US\$92,608	09/21-09/22