

Project Grants at a Glance

(March 2024)

No	Name	Funding Agency	Objective	Expected Outcome	Budget	Duration
TRADE						
1.	Assessment of New and Emerging Issues in ASEAN Plus One FTAs	ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme (AADCP) Phase II	An assessment of new and emerging issues (NEIs) in the realm of international trade and investment architecture to prepare a study which can serve as a guide for ASEAN trade negotiators	A more informed, evidence-backed understanding of the multi-dimensional aspects of NEIs, and their institutional, policy and possible economic impacts on ASEAN and ASEAN Member States	US\$292,773	03/23-06/24
2	Rivers Rights Resilience	Oxfam Novib	Strengthen resilience to climate change and environmental and natural disasters of riparian communities in the transboundary Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river basins	Enhanced climate resilience for GBM basin communities; improved transboundary river ecosystem management and biodiversity protection; empowered civil society, in water governance; and greater cooperation and accountability in GBM river basin management	€209,923	11/23-03/25
3.	Trans-Path-Plan: <i>Water Transformation Pathways Planning</i>	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	Foster learning about, and support further development of, policy analysis tools and plan approaches and concepts to support a proactive, adaptive, joint management of transformation pathways in river basins	Establish an international network of academics, postgraduate researchers, policymakers, activists, and water stewards from diverse countries, for participatory action research on each of the transformation sites, while fostering learning across disciplines and locations	₹1,650,000	03/23-03/25

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4.	Fostering Synergies between Gender Equality and Safe Trade in Spices: <i>A Case Study from India</i>	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)	Prepare geography and spice-wise gender outreach and gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) strategies to strengthen women's socio-economic position in spice value chains in India, while facilitating the safe trade of spices	Strategies for the promotion of sustainable, equitable and inclusive spice value chains in India	US\$23,709	01/24-06/24
5.	National Consultation for Logistics and Trade Facilitation Expert (Warehousing)-Support for Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Aims to delve into the gender gap within the warehousing sector, identify strategies to enhance access to logistics infrastructure and services for women entrepreneurs and explore avenues to augment women's employment in the logistics sector	A research report highlighting strategies to enhance female labour participation in the logistics sector	US\$32,000	04/24-06/24
6.	Drafting a National Policy on Packaging and Labelling for the Solomon Islands	The Commonwealth Secretariat	Draft a comprehensive National Policy for Packaging and Labelling by reviewing existing literature, policies and regulatory frameworks in Solomon Island and elsewhere	National Policy on Packaging and Labelling for the Solomon Islands	£18,000	12/23-06/24
7.	Women: Drivers of Sustainable Tea Industry: <i>The Case of East and Northeast India</i>	FAO	Undertake a gender analysis of the tea sector for a deeper understanding of gender dynamics in the tea value chain	Better understanding of the contribution of women towards environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the tea sector in East/Northeast India; and identification of pathways for women's empowerment in this sector	US\$20,690	01/24-08/24

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8.	Understanding Political Economy Challenges, Informal Trade Processes and Logistical Bottlenecks Along Priority Regional Corridors and Border Crossings [including two policy briefs – one on Inland Waterways Transport (ITW), and another on Political Economy (PE) Analysis]	World Bank	Assess the procedural and the logistical bottleneck in cross-border trade and evaluate the current landscape for the operationalisation of the Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA) in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal (BIN)	Collected perspective of relevant stakeholders across BIN on implementation of BBIN MVA and identified the political economy challenges in implementation of MVA; captured logistical bottlenecks, informal trade processes challenges along three trade corridors; and suggested action points to address logistical bottlenecks and political economy challenges for effective implementation of MVA	₹4,341,803	04/23-01/24
9.	Data Collection Survey for Cross Border Logistics Promotion in South Asia Region	PADECO Co. Ltd., Japan	Identify, analyse and organise issues based on an understanding of logistics and its policies, systems, and initiatives in India (especially in the North East Region) and Bangladesh, as well as in the landlocked countries of Nepal and Bhutan, and trends for support and cooperation from other development partners	Come out with a comprehensive analysis of the infrastructure and regulatory gaps that needs to be addressed for improving cross border trade and connectivity among countries in the BBIN region	US\$119,10	10/23-06/24
REGULATION						
10.	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

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11.	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	02/22-01/24
12.	“My data or yours?” Unravelling multi-party privacy among consumers of digital credit in India https://cuts-ccier.org/my-data-or-yours/	Centre for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley	Provide insights on consumers' privacy expectations and practices, which will be crucial in understanding how the privacy boundaries of different actors in the ecosystem can be respected through technology redesign, regulation, or both	Widen the discourse around privacy and Digital Financial Services, and invite policymakers to consider mechanisms that will promote innovations and safeguard data-related risks for consumers	US\$40,689	12/22-08/24
13.	Supporting the Transition to a Low-carbon, Affordable, and Inclusive Transport System in Peri-urban and Rural Districts of Rajasthan https://cuts-ccier.org/supporting-the-transition-to-a-low-carbon-affordable-and-inclusive-transport-system-in-peri-urban-and-rural-districts-of-rajasthan/	American Friends of Edelve Foundation	Develop an affordable, inclusive, low-carbon transport system in target districts of Rajasthan's peri-urban regions. It will identify interventions needed for a robust EV ecosystem, such as skilling, and will propose recommendations for decision-makers at the sub-national level to ensure communities benefit from the EV transition	Sensitise policymakers to electric mobility as a solution for developing efficient transport networks in peri-urban and rural areas. Along with this, other outcomes include enhancing policy-level interventions and improving adoption rates of EVs for private commutes and public transport	US\$88,349	10/23-09/24
14.	Promoting e-Tractor for Developing Sustainable Agriculture Ecosystem in Rajasthan (PETR) https://cuts-	International Sustainable Energy Foundation	Promote the adoption of e-tractors as a sustainable alternative to diesel-powered tractors. Along with this, the study also aims to foster	Inclusion of e-tractors in different state policies related to agriculture machinery, deployment of e-tractors in agriculture custom hiring	US\$100,000	01/24-12/24

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	ccier.org/promoting-e-tractor-for-developing-sustainable-agricultural-ecosystem-in-rajasthan/		innovation, research, and development in the field of e-tractors and related technologies.	centres in Rajasthan, and increased awareness and understanding of e-tractors among farmers and policymakers of Rajasthan		
15.	Protecting Online Rights of Changemakers (PORCH) https://cuts-ccier.org/protecting-online-rights-of-changemakers-porch/	Internews, USA	Empower women and youth in South Asia by raising digital rights awareness, engaging youth and women-led organisations in internet governance, and strengthening their capacity for participating in the development of inclusive digital policies and frameworks	Improved understanding of digital rights and policies for women and youth, and youth and women-led organisations having the opportunity to advocate for inclusive digital policies and frameworks	US\$87,829	01/24-06/25
16.	Conducting a Study on Future (Green) Livelihood Opportunities and Required Skill Sets in Coal-Dependent Regions in the States of Odisha and West Bengal	German Development Cooperation (GIZ)	Guide the design and implementation of cooperative, industry-relevant and gender sensitive skill development programmes as well as livelihood promotion interventions to address economic vulnerabilities rising from the gradual closure of coal mines in Odisha and West Bengal, but will also enable the communities in the affected regions to gain relevant skills and resources that will enable them to actively contribute towards a socially just transition to a greener economy.	Facilitate the State government of West Bengal and Odisha to identify the gaps in terms of skill training and capacity building of the community to enable them to be an active agent of the much-enabled transition to a cleaner and greener future	₹1,970,600	12/22-04/24
GOVERNANCE						
17.	Motivations & Impact of Grassroots Philanthropy in Rajasthan, India https://cuts-ccier.org/motivations-and-impact-of-grassroots-philanthropy-in-rajasthan-india/	Ford Foundation	Enhance understanding of grassroots philanthropy in Rajasthan, India, by conducting a comprehensive landscape	Creation of a robust knowledge base on grassroots philanthropy in Rajasthan, establishment of a network for	US\$400,000	01/23- 09/26

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	cart.org/motivations-and-impact-of-grassroots-philanthropy-in-rajasthan-india/		analysis elucidating the motivations, mechanisms, and impact of community giving, thereby providing insights into its role in fostering inclusive development and addressing socio-economic disparities	knowledge exchange and the formulation of a credible and replicable research model to foster a more informed and impactful approach to community-driven development initiatives in the country		
18.	Advocating for Effective Implementation of the Motor-Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019 and Provisions related to Behavioural-Risk-Factors at the National and State levels in India www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/	Global Road Safety Partnership	Ensure the smooth implementation of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019 & Central Motor Vehicle Rules at the national level; and support Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways, National Road Safety Board and National Highways Authority of India for its effective functioning	Effective implementation of MVA, 2019, enforcement of laws, reduced accidents, injuries and deaths	CHF80,000	09/22-02/24
19.	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\$35,134	11/23-06/24
20.	A Holistic Representation of Frauds and Grievance Redress in Digital Payments and Credit Services in Rajasthan	DVARA Research	Understand lived experiences of diverse consumer groups with respect to fraud in digital financial services.	The documented case studies will be used as an advocacy tool for digital financial services	₹1,644,500	11/22-02/24
21.	Depositor Education Awareness Fund	Reserve Bank of India	Imparting education and awareness for the promotion of depositor's interest and to provide safe and secured deposit	Expected to increase awareness of depositors in selected districts of Rajasthan with good knowledge on	₹965,500	04/24-03/25

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			lessons to various depositors in selected districts of Rajasthan	various aspects of safe and secure deposits and leading to a safe deposit practice.		
22.	The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, New Delhi	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India	Build awareness among local telecom consumers regarding emerging consumer issues and grievance redressal mechanism in the telecom sector	Better and hindrance free services to consumers of telecom services and better redressal of grievances	₹150,000	08/23-03/24
23.	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	₹5,026,000	08/21-10/23
24.	Farmer Producer Organisations in Rajasthan (Bharatpur, Chittorgarh, Banswara) and West Bengal (Alipur and Cooch Behar) https://cuts-chd.org/farmersproducers-organisation/	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium; National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development; and National Cooperative Development Corporation	Facilitate the development of sustainable income-oriented farming and overall socio-economic development and well-being of agrarian communities; enhance productivity, realise a higher return, market linkage, and develop agriculture-entrepreneurship skills	Strengthen farmer capacity through agricultural best practices for enhanced productivity; access to and usage of quality inputs and fair and remunerative markets	₹85,000,000 (34 FPOs)	02/21-02/26
25.	Asha Kiran 'A Ray of Hope' https://cuts-chd.org/asha-kiran-a-ray-of-hope-children-send-back-to-school-programme/	Rotary India Literacy Mission	A programme for sending children back to school through Asha Kiran Centre	Training 10 teachers, sending back 400 children to schools from socially and economically disadvantaged and vulnerable communities	₹720,000	06/22-12/23
26.	Improving Farm Incomes and Resilience of Farmers in Chittorgarh (Rajasthan)	Department of Science and Technology,	Reducing the drudgery in farm operations by promoting the adoption of tools, implements	Technology dissemination to 500 farmers in 08 blocks; reduced drudgery reduction,	₹58,00,000	01/24-12/26

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	through Technology Dissemination and Value Addition	Government of India and Maharana Pratap University Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur (CITEE and CHD are implementing the project)	and farm machinery; and building the resilience of marginalised farmers through the adoption of integrated farming systems	integrated farming through technology transfer with training and exposure visits		
27.	Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership http://www.cuts-wdc.org/defense-news-conclave.htm	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\$207,540	09/21-04/24
28.	Cyber Safe East India – Workshops on Cyber Security for E-Businesses (Phase II) https://cuts-crc.org/cyber-safe-east-india-workshops-on-cyber-security-for-msmes-and-women-entrepreneurs-phase-ii/	US Consulate, Kolkata [Public Affairs Section (PAS), Kolkata]	Focus on educating and raising awareness among MSMEs and women entrepreneurs about various kinds of cyber security threats and ways to protect against such crimes	Supporting MSMEs and women entrepreneurs in building cyber resilience against attacks, promoting awareness of new cybersecurity tactics, and fostering understanding of cyberspace challenges to advance Digital India goals	US\$20,005.56	08/23-07/24