

Project Grants at a Glance

(September 2023)

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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 in order 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 AMS).	US\$292,773	01/23-12/23
2.	Strengthening Transport and ICT Connectivity within Northeast Region and with Neighbouring Countries	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Identify key multimodal transport corridors of the Northeast Region which provide connectivity within NER and with the greater Eastern South Asia Region and beyond' analyse procedural, infrastructural and other barriers which prevent effective functioning of the identified corridors; policy reforms requirements and infrastructural investment needs of developing and operationalising the identified corridors; and supportive policies needed to maximise the impact of development on the identified corridors on the industrial development of NER.	Develop a policy research paper on strengthening transport connectivity within Northeast Region and with neighbouring countries of Eastern South Asia.	US\$14,000	12/22-03/23

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3.	Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in Support of Negotiations with India (EU-India FTA/IPA SIA)	Trade Impact B.V., The Netherlands	Provide an <i>ex-ante</i> analysis of the potential economic, social and environmental impacts as well as human rights impacts of a trade negotiation in India. CUTS' role will mainly be in the social analysis part. The SIA will facilitate a better policy mix and coherence between the objectives of trade liberalisation and the EU policy objective of sustainable development and respect for human rights.	Support the ongoing negotiations by assessing the changes that are likely to be caused by the trade and investment agreement, helping to identify possible trade-offs, and ensuring that the related policy choices are optimised.	€8000	01/23-12/23
4.	Transboundary Rivers of South Asia (T2:3R) Inception Phase	Oxfam Novib	Strengthen resilience to climate change and environmental and natural disasters of riparian communities in the transboundary Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna River basins	Finalisation of basin-wise activity plan, MEAL, communication and GESI strategies and policy influencing strategy for TROSA phase 2 (T2:3R)	€7000	02/23-04/23
5.	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.	INR1,650,000	03/23-03/24
6.	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\$141,795	01/22-02/23

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7.	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	02/22-03/23
8.	Assessment of Vessel Fleet between Bangladesh and India	World Bank	Assess the current market structure of inland 1 vessel in the region; analyse the potential winners and losers in the vessel market in the event of the expansion of regional waterborne trade; and make recommendations, especially drawing from international experience, in creating market structures to support equitable growth and opportunities in the regional vessel market to stimulate the growth of regional waterborne trade.	Provide a better understanding of the current market structure of inland vessels in both India and Bangladesh; identification of the potential winners and losers in the event of waterborne trade expansion; understanding the apprehensions of the stakeholders associated with inland vessels due to changing regulatory environment; and identification of measures regulatory/technical) to develop the regional inland vessel sector	INR3,200,000	10/22-02/23
REGULATION						
9.	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
10.	Ethical 6G – Identifying Elements of Ethical Framework for 6G and Creating Opportunities for India and	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	Strengthened India-Australia relationship strategic partnership and increased collaboration between Indian and Australian	AUS\$369,750	02/22-09/23

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	Australia https://cuts-ccier.org/ethical-6g-identifying-elements-of-ethical-framework-for-6g-and-creating-opportunities-for-india-and-australia/		propagate its ethical development and deployment in the Indo-Pacific region.	firms in 6G.		
11.	“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 (CEGA), 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
12.	Understanding Consumer Perspectives on 6GHz Band https://cuts-ccier.org/understanding-consumer-perspectives-on-6ghz-band/	ITU-APT Foundation of India	Understand and highlight consumer perspectives regarding challenges and concerns arising from broadband services operating in the existing bands; and build a nuanced understanding of consumers' perspectives, preferences, possible benefits and expectations from the 6 GHz band and Wi-Fi 6E.	Deliver evidence-based research complementing existing literature on spectrum availability and future connectivity needs in India, to help inform policy/regulatory discourse on the 6 GHz band and Wi-Fi 6E.	INR35,00,000	10/22-04/23
13.	Ev-olution: Aligning the Just Energy Transition (JET) Agenda in the Electric Mobility Ecosystem with the G20 Framework	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), India	Create a platform for engaging and relevant discussions on the Just Energy Transition (JET) towards Green Mobility with a focus on the G20. The idea is to observe closely the deliberations happening on the G20 platform, interact with the direct and indirect stakeholders on the same, and gradually prepare an action plan.	Create awareness, generate interest, and facilitate discussions on the potential of Just Energy Transition in the green mobility sector in India and its interaction with the G20. Podcasts as constructive dialogues based on ground realities will help generate practical solutions and facilitate wider electric vehicle adoption.	INR540,000	05/23-10-23
14.	Decarbonising Freight in India – Feasibility of Electrification	Anonymous	Understand the successful penetration of EVs in the Indian	Sensitising State/District level authorities about the need and	US\$159,387	07/22-09/23

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	of MDVs and HDVs https://cuts-ccier.org/decarbonisation-of-freight-sector-in-india/		market and encourage its growth. It will also understand how Medium and Heavy-duty vehicles (MDVs and HDVs) primarily operated as internal combustion engines can be effectively transitioned to EVs and further for the successful induction of the EVs in the newly proposed electric highways in the country.	strategies for decarbonising e-HDVs/MDVs and their roles and responsibilities in facilitating this transition. Also enhancing awareness and capacities for different e-MDVs/HDVs for enhanced adoption and effective policy utilisation for their benefit.		
15.	White Paper on Consumer Grievance Redressal 2.0	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Examine the current consumer grievance redressal mechanism in India, and advocate for improving the same to suit the new-age consumers.	Better understanding among stakeholders on the current consumer grievance redressal mechanism, gaps in the system, and the contours of Consumer Grievance Redressal 2.0.	INR15,00,000	02/23-05/23
16.	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 consumers in India.	Enable better informed and capacitated consumers and enhance the use of digital platforms and marketplaces.	INR6,800,000	09/20-02/23
17.	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.	-	01/22-10/23
GOVERNANCE						
18.	ProScop Project (2022-2023)	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.	SEK500,000 April-September 2023	04/23-09/23
19.	Advocating for effective implementation of the Motor-	Global Road Safety Partnership	Ensure the smooth implementation of the Motor Vehicles Amendment	Effective implementation of MVA, 2019, enforcement of	CHF80,000	09/22-02/24

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	Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019 and provisions related to behavioural-risk-factors at the national and state levels in India RoSA-4 www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/		Act, 2019.	laws, reduced accidents, injuries and deaths.		
20.	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	10/22-09/23
21.	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, financial instruments to effectively use such tools for meeting infrastructure financing needs.	INR1,303,500	04/22-07/23
22.	A holistic representation of frauds and grievance redress in digital payments and digital 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	INR1,644,500	11/22-08/23
23.	Perception Study of Public Procurement in Rajasthan	Department of Finance, Govt. of Rajasthan	Measuring effectiveness of public procurement subsequent to the enactment of the RTPP Act and Rules and various initiatives and reforms undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan.	Helping compare findings from baseline study conducted in 2021 and to identify key areas of improvement in the perception of public procurement amongst stakeholders.	INR7,965,000	08/23-01/24
24.	Green Action Week 2023	Consumer International	Campaign in Jaipur for increasing awareness about sustainable	Strengthening consumers by the vibrant role of CSOs for raising	INR287,000	08/23-11/23

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			consumption, minimizing waste and uses of plastic and promoting kitchen gardens among common consumers of targeted places with an emphasis on “Sharing Community”	awareness on environmental and other impacts of consumption and promoting and contributing to sustainable patterns of consumption amongst consumers, policymakers and other key stakeholders.		
25.	The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, New Delhi	Consumer Awareness Programmes.	Networking with stakeholders, while identifying targeted groups	The activities planned like trainings etc. would help in capacity building of stakeholders	INR120,000	08/23-03/24
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	08/21-08/23
27.	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 and self-sustaining.	Strengthen farmer capacity through agricultural best practices for enhanced productivity; access to and usage of quality inputs and fair and remunerative markets.	INR85,000,000 (34 FPOs)	02/21-01/26
28.	Asha Kiran ‘A Ray of Hope’	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.	INR720,000	06/22-08/23
29.	Support for women journalists in countering mis/disinformation in the	U.S. Consulate, Kolkata	CUTS will engage 50-60 prominent women journalists from India, the U.S. and South Asia to counter mis	A group of 50-60 women journalists from India, its immediate neighbours and a few	US\$148,723	09/20-12/23

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	Indo-Pacific region		and disinformation for a stable Indo-Pacific.	South Asian countries will share best practices and discuss countering disinformation strategies.		
30.	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\$207,540	09/21-04/24
31.	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 cyber threats and crimes.	Capacity building of MSMEs and women entrepreneurs to counter cyber-attacks; encouraging and informing about new cyber security warfare strategies for MSMEs and women entrepreneurs in cyber security practices; and contributing to Digital India initiatives by creating awareness about cyberspace challenges.	US\$24,588	09/22-04/23