

Project Grants at a Glance

(September 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 that 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	03/23-09/24
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	€117,882	04/24-03/25
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	₹1,507,000	02/24-02/25

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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	01/24-10/24
5.	Study on Assessment of Export Potential of Seafood Products in Emerging Global Economy	Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India	Evaluate the export potential of marine/seafood products from India and other emerging economies in the emerging global economy and identify key factors influencing export potential, including market demand, taxation, regulatory environment, and competitive landscape to tap into the export opportunities in emerging markets	Come out with specific policy suggestions to address the gaps in the export-specific infrastructure & logistics facilities and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of existing facilities	INR993,855	07/24-09/24
6.	Land Customs Stations to Integrated Checkposts in the Siliguri Corridor - The Role of the LPAI in Improving Cross-Border Connectivity and Trade	Land Ports Authority of India	Assess how the upcoming ICPs in the Siliguri Corridor can decongest it using infrastructure development catering to multimodal connectivity and alternate routes for transit between northeast India and the rest of India. It will also look at whether some traffic coming from southern Bhutan and eastern Nepal to the rest of India can be diverted via Bangladesh or not	Improved traffic flow and decongestion of the Siliguri Corridor; identification and mitigation of infrastructural bottlenecks; informed infrastructure upgrades through gap analysis; long-term trade forecast and infrastructure planning; and enhanced rail connectivity for cross-border trade	INR1,090,320	04/24-09/24

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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
REGULATION						
8.	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 a critical 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
9.	"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
10.	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-	American Friends of Edelgive 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	Sensitise policymakers to electric mobility as a solution for developing efficient transport networks in peri-urban and rural areas. Along with this, other outcomes	US\$88,349	10/23-09/24

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	affordable-and-inclusive-transport-system-in-peri-urban-and-rural-districts-of-rajasthan/		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	include enhancing policy-level interventions and improving adoption rates of EVs for private commutes and public transport		
11.	Promoting e-Tractor for Developing Sustainable Agriculture Ecosystem in Rajasthan (PETR) https://cuts-ccier.org/promoting-e-tractor-for-developing-sustainable-agricultural-ecosystem-in-rajasthan/	International Sustainable Energy Foundation	Promote the adoption of e-tractors as a sustainable alternative to diesel-powered tractors. The study also aims to foster innovation, research, and development in the field of e-tractors and related technologies	Inclusion of e-tractors in different state policies related to agriculture machinery, deployment of e-tractors in agriculture custom hiring centres in Rajasthan, and increased awareness and understanding of e-tractors among farmers and policymakers of Rajasthan	US\$100,000	01/24-12/24
12.	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
13.	Studies on Biological Drugs and Global Food Value Chain	BRICS Competition Law & Policy Centre	The first study aims to promote competition in and enhance access to biologics/biosimilars in BRICS Countries by advocating the removal of regulatory and non-regulatory barriers and facilitating	Enhancing access to biological drugs and staple food in BRICS countries	₹600,000	03/24-12/24

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			industry tie-ups The second study on GFVC focuses on ways to deal with the very high concentration in global grain trade, mainly on M&A scrutiny by competition authorities			
14.	Electric Mobility: An Approach Towards Successful Energy Transition https://cuts-ccier.org/electric-mobility-an-approach-towards-successful-energy-transition/	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) India Office	Create and publish a data comic book on Electric Mobility for a successful energy transition. This comic will extract and present key research findings on electric mobility from FES and CUTS, weaving them into a cohesive narrative. It aims to illustrate the socio-economic and environmental impacts of a just energy transition in the automotive sector	Greater public understanding and engagement with the complexities of electric mobility and its role in a just energy transition. It aims to inspire informed discussions, influence policy, and encourage the adoption of sustainable practices within the automotive sector	US\$6,438	07/24-09/24
15.	Enhancing Governance in the Electric Rickshaw Market: A Case Study of Jaipur https://cuts-ccier.org/enhancing-governance-in-the-electric-rickshaw-market-a-case-study-ofjaipur/	BatterySmart	Bring forth regulations in the e-rickshaw market that ensure the growth of the stakeholders and the greening of last-mile connectivity without overburdening the city transport infrastructure. The focus is developing a case study for Jaipur City that recommends stakeholders and local authorities introduce effective regulations while keeping the interests of commuters and operators intact	Establishment of a well-regulated e-rickshaw market in Jaipur City that ensures that the interests of commuters and operators are safeguarded while contributing to the overall improvement of the city's transport infrastructure	US\$3,935	05/24-08/24

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16.	Economic Analysis of Verifiable Parental Consent Mechanisms: Evaluating Impact on Consumers and Data Fiduciaries https://cuts-ccier.org/economic-analysis-of-verifiable-parental-consent-mechanisms-evaluating-impact-onconsumers-and-data-fiduciaries/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Analysing different mechanisms of obtaining verifiable parental consent and the economic assessment of the compliance cost of these mechanisms through a literature view, stakeholder consultation and the use of economic tools	A deeper understanding of the economic costs and other financial and operational impacts associated with different parental consent mechanisms and informed policy and regulatory frameworks to enable operationalisation of efficient consent mechanisms in India	₹3,000,000	06/24-09/24
17.	Examining the Scope of Behaviour Tracking and Targeted Advertisement of Children and Suggesting an Optimum Regulatory Approach https://cuts-ccier.org/examining-the-scope-of-behaviour-tracking-and-targeted-advertisement-of-children-and-suggesting-an-optimum-regulatory-approach/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Examine how children's online behavioural monitoring and targeted advertisements are conducted, their role in essential internet services, the potential impacts of their absence, and the necessary safeguards to protect children's privacy, data security, and well-being.	Improved understanding and clarity on the scope of behavioural monitoring and targeted advertisement among stakeholders. Informed policy and regulatory frameworks for policymakers to refine regulations.	₹3,500,000	06/24-09/24
18.	Deepfake: Limitations of Current Regulatory Measures and the Need for Targeted Approaches https://cuts-ccier.org/analysing-the-impact-of-advisory-on-deepfakes-user-engagement-effectiveness-and-future-directions/	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	MeitY has issued advisories and proposed amendments to the Information Technology Rules, 2021 to combat misinformation and deepfakes on digital platforms. These measures require platforms to regularly notify users about prohibited content, legal consequences, and their obligations. This project will assess the impact of frequent reminders and consent pop-ups on user experience and engagement, including the risk	Provide insights into how frequent notifications and consent pop-ups affect user experience and engagement, highlighting the risk of user fatigue from information overload will identify the technical and operational challenges platforms face in detecting and managing deep fakes, contributing to more effective regulatory measures	₹1,500,000	06/24-09/24

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			of user fatigue due to information overload and the technical and operational challenges for platforms in detecting and managing deepfakes			
19.	Examining the Implications of the Deletion of Personal Data without User Consent	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Explores the impact of data deletion on sectors that engage with consumers periodically rather than continuously. These sectors, such as wedding and event management, jewellery, real estate, travel, tourism, high-value asset purchases, and hospitality, often involve infrequent but high-value transactions	Provide a deeper understanding of how data deletion practices affect sectors that rely on periodic consumer engagement. It will highlight the challenges and opportunities these sectors face in managing consumer data while balancing privacy concerns with business needs, particularly in infrequent but high-value transactions	₹1,500,000	06/24-09/24
GOVERNANCE						
20.	Motivations & Impact of Grassroots Philanthropy in Rajasthan, India https://cuts-cart.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 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	Creation of a robust knowledge base on grassroots philanthropy in Rajasthan, the establishment of a network for 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	US\$400,000	01/24-12/26
21.	Advocating for Effective Implementation of the Motor-Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019	Global Road Safety Partnership	Ensure the smooth implementation of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act,	Effective implementation of MVA, 2019, enforcement of laws, reduced accidents,	CHF22,222	09/24-04/25

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	and Provisions related to Behavioural-Risk-Factors at the National and State levels in India (Phase IV) www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/		2019 & Central Motor Vehicle Rules at the national level; and support the Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways, National Road Safety Board and National Highways Authority of India for its effective functioning	injuries and deaths		
22.	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\$19,635	09/24-04/25
23.	Depositor Education Awareness Fund	Reserve Bank of India	Imparting education and awareness for the promotion of depositors' interest and providing safe and secured deposit lessons to various depositors in selected districts of Rajasthan	Expected to increase awareness of depositors in selected districts of Rajasthan with good knowledge on various aspects of safe and secure deposits and leading to a safe deposit practice	₹965,500	01/24-03/25
24.	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 mechanisms in the telecom sector	Better and hindrance-free services to consumers of telecom services and better redressal of grievances	₹150,000	04/24-03/25
25.	Improving access to quality health services through community engagement in Rajasthan https://cuts-cart.org/improving-access-to-quality-health-services-through-community-engagement-in-tribal-districts-of-rajasthan/	Commonwealth Foundation	Create a healthier and equitable health system in selected tribal districts of Banswara and Pratapgarh in Rajasthan, where every citizen has unimpeded access to quality healthcare services	Transformed the healthcare landscape and achieved a comprehensive implementation of the health schemes, leading to improved healthcare outcomes; reduced denial of treatment,	GBP50,100	08/24-07/26

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				and minimal instances of unethical practices in targeted districts of Rajasthan		
26.	Green Action Week 2024	Consumers International	Strengthen consumers by raising awareness of sustainable consumption and promoting community-sharing practices and sustainable patterns of consumption among consumers and other key stakeholders	The campaign will increase awareness about sustainable consumption among common consumers, reduce waste in Jaipur city, and enhance the demand for organic food	GBP2,407.88	08/24-12/24
27.	Stakeholder Mapping for Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals at the State level in India	GIZ	Provide a comprehensive understanding of the landscape and context related to the SDGs localisation in the states of HP, Meghalaya, and Madhya Pradesh	In-depth understanding of the stakeholder landscape in targeted states with detailed profiles and assessments. Identification of collaboration opportunities and potential issues	INR 1,316,880	05/24-10/24
28.	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)	02/21-03/27
29.	Improving Farm Incomes and Resilience of Farmers in Chittorgarh (Rajasthan) through Technology Dissemination and Value Addition	Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Maharana Pratap	Reducing the drudgery in farm operations by promoting the adoption of tools, implements and farm machinery and building the resilience of marginalised farmers through	Technology dissemination to 500 farmers in 08 blocks; reduced drudgery reduction, integrated farming through technology transfer with	₹5,800,000	01/24-12/26

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		University Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur (CITEE and CHD are implementing the project)	the adoption of integrated farming systems	training and exposure visits		
30.	APAC Cyber Security Fund Project	The Asia Foundation	Bolster cybersecurity within Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by enhancing awareness and providing practical skills to identify and mitigate cyber threats. Through targeted training, the initiative strives to foster a cyber-resilient environment, empowering MSMEs to navigate the digital landscape securely	Enhanced cyber resilience for MSMEs in India; strengthened government, industry, and civil society collaboration; economic empowerment of MSMEs; robust cybersecurity fabric of the country in the realm of digitalisation	INR18,135,089	01/24-06/26