

## Project Grants at a Glance

(February 2023)

No	Name	Funding Agency	Objective	Expected Outcome	Budget	Duration
<b>TRADE</b>						
1.	Enabling a Political Economy Discourse for Multi-modal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region <a href="https://cuts-citee.org/enabling-a-political-economy-discourse-for-multi-modal-connectivity-in-the-bbin-bangladesh-bhutan-india-nepal-sub-region/">https://cuts-citee.org/enabling-a-political-economy-discourse-for-multi-modal-connectivity-in-the-bbin-bangladesh-bhutan-india-nepal-sub-region/</a>	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	01/20-03/23
2.	Corridors for Economic Empowerment: A Case of Nepal Bhutan-Bangladesh North-South Corridor	South Asia Region Gender Innovation Lab (SARGIL) of the World Bank	Understand the impact of better transport connectivity on women traders/workers/ entrepreneurs living alongside and in the adjacent areas of the SASEC Corridor-4, also known as the 'Nepal-Bhutan-Bangladesh North South Corridor'. The final output will be an academic paper which will be co-authored by SARGIL.	Generate evidence on the impact of transport connectivity on women's lives and livelihoods. The study will also highlight the gaps, if any, that need to be addressed for the benefit of women and other marginalised communities.	INR1,041,050	12/22-04/23
3.	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

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4.	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
5.	Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in Support of Negotiations with India (EU-India FTA/IPA SIA)	Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission	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
6.	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

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7.	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
8.	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
9.	Stakeholder Analysis for Regional Transport Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (BIN-MVA) <a href="https://cuts-crc.org/stakeholder-analysis-for-regional-transport-connectivity-in-eastern-south-asia/">https://cuts-crc.org/stakeholder-analysis-for-regional-transport-connectivity-in-eastern-south-asia/</a>	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
10.	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	INR3,200,000	10/22-02/23

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				develop the regional inland vessel sector		
<b>REGULATION</b>						
11.	Exploring Alternate Models of Economic Growth, Inclusive Finance and Worker Welfare <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/exploring-alternate-models-of-economic-growth-inclusive-finance-and-worker-welfare-grow-jobs-ii/">https://cuts-ccier.org/exploring-alternate-models-of-economic-growth-inclusive-finance-and-worker-welfare-grow-jobs-ii/</a>	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
12.	Exploring the Potential of Last Mile Transportation as an Enabler for Green Jobs <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/greenjobs-iii">https://cuts-ccier.org/greenjobs-iii</a>	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
13.	Identify Emerging Green and Greening Jobs in Coal and Thermal Power Sectors in the Wake of Just Transition in the Eastern Part of India	German Development Cooperation (GIZ)	Analyse and identify what are the gap areas in terms of skill training and capacity building of the community living around the coal mines or nearby area (both local and the workforce) for enabling them to be active agents of the much-envisaged transition to a cleaner and greener future.	Develop an action plan that will serve as a blueprint or framework of actions to assist in designing industry-relevant skilling programmes and livelihood promotion interventions to facilitate the transition. This initiative will not only help address economic vulnerabilities rising from the gradual closure of the coal mines but will also enable the affected miners/local community people/workforce associated with the supply chain who will be out of the job market as a result of this transition, to gain relevant skills and resources to diversify	INR619,000	12/22-02/23

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				themselves out of the coal mining industry.		
14.	Solarisation of Agriculture Feeders <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/solarisation-of-agriculture-feeders/">https://cuts-ccier.org/solarisation-of-agriculture-feeders/</a>	International Institute for Sustainable Development	Develop a guidebook for state-level policymakers and agencies in the sustainable implementation of PM-KUSUM A and C (feeder-level solarisation).	State-specific recommendations for the KUSUM scheme based on case studies and agrivoltaics as a viable alternative to photovoltaics.	EUR25,489	11/21-03/23
15.	Ethical 6G – Identifying Elements of Ethical Framework for 6G and Creating Opportunities for India and Australia <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/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/</a>	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
16.	“My data or yours?” Unravelling multi-party privacy among consumers of digital credit in India <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/my-data-or-yours/">https://cuts-ccier.org/my-data-or-yours/</a>	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
17.	Understanding Consumer Perspectives on 6GHz Band <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/understanding-consumer-perspectives-on-6ghz-band/">https://cuts-ccier.org/understanding-consumer-perspectives-on-6ghz-band/</a>	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
18.	GAME's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Framework: Monitoring and Evaluation Exercise	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	An alliance consisting of GAME, Trayas, PwC, Avantis and CCS have implemented Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) reforms to reduce the time	The Project will undertake a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learnings (MEL) exercise to evaluate GAME's Alliance	INR1,900,000	10/22-01/23

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			and cost for entrepreneurs to comply with regulations by applying a ‘decriminalise, digitise, and rationalise’ framework. The objective of this project is to evaluate the approach and outputs of the framework and identify learnings that can be used by the ecosystem, and GAME to chart the way forward for EoDB.	work over the past 2 years in Punjab. The learnings from the MEL exercise will be communicated to the larger ecosystem to enable institutionalisation and framing of an EoDB framework.		
19.	Decarbonising Freight in India – Feasibility of Electrification of MDVs and HDVs <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/decarbonisation-of-freight-sector-in-india/">https://cuts-ccier.org/decarbonisation-of-freight-sector-in-india/</a>	Anonymous	Understand the successful penetration of EVs in the Indian 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.	Sensitising State/District level authorities about the need and 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.	US\$159,387	07/22-06/23
20.	Active Inclusion of Consumer Protection Measures in the draft amendments to IT Rules 2021 regarding Online Gaming	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	The project aims to create positive collaboration between consumer groups and bring to light the collective consumer perspectives in the context of the draft amendments regarding online gaming.	Collaboration between consumer groups and comments on the IT rules amendments 2021 for providing consumer perspective in the regulation of online gaming.	INR1,500,000	01/23 (one month)
21.	Ease of Doing Digital Business in India <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/eoddbj/">https://cuts-ccier.org/eoddbj/</a>	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 EoDB and EoL initiatives of the GoI; improved understanding of the coherent approach towards regulation of digital businesses; and informed narrative for an empirical, inclusive and participative approach towards EoDDB in India.	INR3,000,000	10/21-10/22

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22.	Caller Name Presentation - Phase I & II	Consumer Unity Advisory LLP	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) invited comments and counter comments on the Consultation Paper on Caller Name Presentation (CNAP) in Telecommunication Services. The objective was to prepare and submit detailed comments based on secondary research and interaction with consumer representatives and experts. An op-ed was also to be released, highlighting the consumer's perspectives. The comments, counter comments and the Op-ed were to be disseminated across wide networks including email groups, forums and social media platforms.	The comments and counter comments were submitted to TRAI. CUTS Reached out to 120+ consumer groups for their awareness and input on the issues for Consumers. Many of these consumer groups endorsed CUTS views, with some using the extract of CUTS comments for their own submissions. The op-ed titled "Should Trai mandate caller ID?" authored by Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General of CUTS, was published by Financial Express, in print and online versions. The comments, counter comments and op-ed were disseminated across wide networks of CUTS and saw significant engagement. An open letter endorsed by 5 consumer groups, including CUTS, was also sent to the TRAI Chairman.	INR3,500,000	01/23-02/23
23.	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	02/23-04/23
24.	Status of E-consumers in India <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/seci/">https://cuts-ccier.org/seci/</a>	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
25.	India Competition and Regulation Report (ICRR), 2023 <a href="https://cuts-ccier.org/india-">https://cuts-ccier.org/india-</a>	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	-	01/22-12/23

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	<a href="#">competition-and-regulation-report-2023-icrr23/</a>			India.		
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>						
26.	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	01/22-09/23
27.	Advocating for effective implementation of the Motor-Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019 and provisions related to behavioural-risk-factors at the national & state levels in India RoSA-4 <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/">www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/</a>	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.	CHF80,000	09/22-02/24
28.	Advocacy for Scientific and Consumer Friendly FoPL for HFSS in All Foods in India <a href="https://cuts-cart.org/contributing-towards-scientific-and-consumer-friendly-front-of-pack-labels-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/</a>	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
29.	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	04/22-04/23



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30.	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	11/22-06/23
31.	Knowledge Paper on Fire Safety	APCO World Wide	Prepare a knowledge Paper to understand the gaps in the current fire safety scenario in India, recommend solutions and interventions to improve the situation	A Knowledge Paper on Fire Safety Scenario in India	INR700,000	06/22-03/23
32.	SANS Study on SDG -11	UNESCAP	Conduct a study on the progress of SDG11 with SSWA countries focusing on the challenges and possible solutions.	The report will make specific recommendations relating to short-term effective measures to be taken at the national as well as subregional levels.	US\$4,000	09/22-02/23
33.	ChildLine Helpline 1098, Bhilwara <a href="http://www.cuts-international.org/chd/Child_Line_1098.htm">www.cuts-international.org/chd/Child_Line_1098.htm</a>	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
34.	Farmer Producer Organisations in Rajasthan (Bharatpur, Chittorgarh, Banswara) and West Bengal (Alipur and Cooch Behar) <a href="https://cuts-chd.org/farmersproducers-organisation/">https://cuts-chd.org/farmersproducers-organisation/</a>	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 (30 FPOs)	02/21-01/26
35.	Strengthening formal and informal systems and structures as well as the capacities of vulnerable children and	World Vision Deutschland e.V. Germany and World Vision of	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	€224,644	10/21- 12/24

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	households to reduce child labour in Pratapgarh, district	India		labour; and children not attending school get access to education and training on life skills in a protected environment.		
36.	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
37.	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\$148,723	09/20-08/23
38.	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	09/21-08/23
39.	Cyber Safe East India – Workshops on Cyber Security for E-Businesses (Phase II) <a href="https://cuts-crc.org/cyber-safe-east-india-workshops-on-cyber-security-for-msmes-and-women-entrepreneurs-phase-ii/">https://cuts-crc.org/cyber-safe-east-india-workshops-on-cyber-security-for-msmes-and-women-entrepreneurs-phase-ii/</a>	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	09/22-03/23