

Projects at a Glance

(April 2017)

No	Name	Funding Agency	Objective	Expected Outcome	Budget	Duration
CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment (CUTS CITEE)						
1.	Institutional Cooperation on Trade in Agriculture and Allied Products www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/Institutional_Cooperation_on_Trade_in_Agriculture_and_Allied_Products-Project_Brief.pdf	Government of India Department of Agriculture & Cooperation Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries Ministry of Food Processing Industries	Prepare wish lists for tariff concessions from partner country/trading bloc and offer of concessions to them on their request under PTAs/FTAs; and conduct impact analysis/monitoring of trade agreements	Better understanding on wish lists; increased monitoring and objectivity about trade negotiations in relation to agriculture and allied products; and strengthened capacity of relevant departments to <i>inter-alia</i> deal with issues related to international trade in agriculture and allied products	INR15,873,260	10/14-09/19
2.	Linkages and Impact of Cross-Border Informal Trade in Agricultural Inputs in Eastern South Asia www.cuts-citee.org/LITA/	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	Understand factors behind informal cross-border trade and quantification of such trade; and estimate the impact of such trade on various socio-economic variables	Better understanding of key drivers of informal trade in Eastern South Asia and its socio-economic impact	A\$60,000	07/16-06/17
3.	Improving Institutions for Better Governance of Inland Waterways in the BBIN Region	The Asia Foundation	Create an alternative policy discourse between policymakers, civil society and communities; and share knowledge on domestic institutions, policies, laws, and regulations enabling or impeding governance of inland waterways along the Ganges and Brahmaputra	Contribute to improving institutions for the governance of inland waterway in the BBIN region from the point of view of livelihood and transport connectivity	INR 5,547,904	07/16-09/17
4.	Creating an Enabling and Inclusive Policy and Political Economy	US State Department and Department for	Facilitate trade and transit among the four countries, viz. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and	Encourage cooperation on trade and Connectivity among the selected	US\$494,010 for 32 months GBP 158,410 for 12 months	US State Department: 09/16-04/19 DFID:

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	Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement: <i>Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the BBIN sub-region</i> www.cuts-international.org/bbinmva/	International Development, UK	Nepal by enabling the implementation of the BBIN MVA through evidence-based advocacy, facilitative dialogues, and capacity building. Based on corridor-specific data to be collected by using a Business Process Analysis Plus (BPA+) approach, the project will estimate gains from acceding to international conventions on transit facilitation through appropriate econometric modelling, identify challenges and hence possible solutions towards implementing the BBIN MVA	countries by engaging and bringing stakeholders together	(This project is jointly undertaken by CITEE and CRC)	01/17-01/18

CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulation (CUTS CCIER)

5.	Establishment of Seed Communities on Green Growth and Energy Security (Grow-GET) www.cuts-ccier.org/Grow-GET/	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), New Delhi	Create a platform for interaction and engagement between various stakeholders and trust on policy issues concerning green growth and energy security; create a knowledge base on issues pertaining to energy security and green growth in the Indian context and build consensus for these recommendations amongst all policymakers	Policy solutions evolved in an inclusive manner; increased awareness about energy security and green growth amongst relevant stakeholders; and increased awareness and understanding about the inclusive policy making processes through SC model among policymakers, NGOs/think tanks, common people	INR3,534,000	02/16-10/17
6.	Regulatory Role and Engagement	Shakti Sustainable Energy	Prepare a comprehensive analysis of	Sensitised and well-informed regulatory community, and a	INR5,920,905	11/15-04/17

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	in India's Clean Energy Transformation – <i>Balancing Political, Economic and Environmental Considerations</i> www.cuts-ccier.org/CET/	Foundation	regulatory engagement in clean energy transformations and its implications for the broad objectives set under the Electricity Act; and policy and practice reform strategy to ensure inclusive and proactive engagement, and meaningful contributions from the sector regulators; sensitise regulators and other relevant stakeholders on need and significance of such engagements; and create a bottom-up pressure and support for such engagement and required reforms	bottom-up pressure and support for proactive and constructive regulatory engagement in clean energy transformations in India		
7.	Promoting Innovation and Competition for Efficient use of Intellectual Property http://compip.circ.in/	Qualcomm through CIRC	Analyse and demonstrate benefits of mobile technology and sound Intellectual Property Right policy on country's economy and associated stakeholders	Impetus for adopting best practices for absorption of technology for the benefit of all stakeholders and society; and development of a framework that guides the process of competition and innovation in technology absorption	INR6,500,000	11/15-10/18
8.	Evaluation of Competitiveness among North Indian states: Lessons from the US www.cuts-ccier.org/STAT_E-	US Department of State	Provide a platform for relevant stakeholders to share ideas and learn from the US examples as well as each other about improving the business	Sensitised and informed relevant stakeholders for undertaking necessary reforms such as policy making, improvement in infrastructure,	US\$199,102	03/16-12/17

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	<u>COMP/index.htm</u>		environment	addressing the skill gap, strengthening the institutional framework, encouraging innovation and the use of technology, providing incentives among others		
9.	Competition and Regulatory Assessment in Digital Payments Infrastructure Sector www.cuts-ccier.org/Payments-Infrastructure/	Master Card	Understand and analyse the competition and regulation of infrastructure/technology providers in the digital payments space.	Understand the competition and regulation in the digital payments infrastructure sector; and identify bottlenecks to suggest policy changes to increase competition in the digital payments infrastructure market	INR36,13,875	05/16-05/17
10.	Consumer Broadband Labels for Greater Transparency & Informed Consumers	Ford Foundation	Prevent consumers from misleading advertisement, unfair contractual terms, and practices of non-disclosures by sensitising consumer organisations and other stakeholders to increase their capacity/awareness on broadband services and need for nutrition label in order to bring about certain policy and practice changes	Change in attitude of consumers and consumer groups with regards to broadband services and the importance of QoS labels for broadband services. Adequate information and awareness about the consumer rights and obligations while availing broadband services	US\$125,000	10/16-03/18
11.	Comparative Study for a socially equitable energy transformation /transition in Asia	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), New Delhi	Analyse how energy transformation can be socially and politically recognised and implemented in Asian countries.	Comparative study discussing how energy transformation can be implemented socially and politically in Asian countries	INR 12,00,000	12/16-11/17
12.	Engagement of Think Tanks for South Asia Energy Cooperation	Integrated Research for Action and Development (IRADe)	Impact assessment of livelihood generation and gender upliftment of cross-border	Creating a strong evidence for potential socio-economic benefits through CBET in Bangladesh-Bhutan-	INR800,000	03/17-08/17

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			electricity trading in the adjoining areas of Rahughat and Tala Hydroelectric power plants in Nepal and Bhutan respectively	India and Nepal (BBIN) region; Buy-in for political support to attract more investments in the region; spreading awareness among stakeholders about the benefits of regional energy cooperation; sensitise state and non-state actors (NSAs) in issues pertaining to political economy dimensions vis-à-vis cross border electricity trade		

CUTS Centre for Consumer Action, Research & Training (CUTS CART)

13.	Promote Organic Consumption in the State of Rajasthan www.cuts-international.org/cart/ProOrganic/index.html	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Develop a culture of sustainable consumption and lifestyle through organic production and consumption in the state of Rajasthan	Create enabling environment for sustainable consumption, established patterns of organic consumption and reduced supply-demand gap in organic productivity	INR2,59,11,39	04/17-03/21
14.	Tobacco Control Advocacy Initiative	VOICE, New Delhi	Ensure that current taxation on tobacco products after Goods & Services Tax Bill is not adversely impacted	Expected to influence policymakers to maintain higher taxes on tobacco products in the interest of consumers	INR50,000	07/16-07/17
15.	Road Safety Advocacy Project www.cuts-international.org/cart/RoSA/	Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP)	Run a successful campaign for enhanced road safety in India through advocacy for enactment of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill 2016	Get the MVA (Amendment) bill in India passed through advocacy with policy makers and other relevant stakeholders	CHF96312	10/16-09/17
16.	Institutional and Legislative assessment for Road Safety in India	World Health Organisation (WHO), India	Conduct a comprehensive assessment of laws and regulations related to Road	Expected to identify Institutional and Legislative framework for Road Safety in four	INR16,51,440	03/17-08/17

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			Safety India and to give recommendations for improvement	states and two union territories in India		
17.	Enhancing Financial Protection of Consumers in Particular Women through Financial Literacy Initiatives	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India	Build the capacities of rural consumers, especially women in terms of financial literacy there-by enhancing their financial inclusion and overcome vulnerability and ensure the economic security	Rural financial consumers, especially women are trained and capable of making decisions on financial issues; and identified community based facilitators to groom for taking the inclusion agenda ahead	INR60,00,000	03/17-03/19
18.	Giving the poorest consumers greater voice in India, Bangladesh and Indonesia (ProVoice)	Consumers International (CI) IKEA Foundation	Promote use of safer and sustainable products among low income consumers and in turn improve their health and wellbeing	Contribute in behavioural change through activities to promote shift among targeted group consumers towards buying and using products that are safe for them and their environment	£40,000	04/17-03/18

CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD)

19.	Child Line 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 in need of care and protection by responding to emergencies on 1098 and advocate service for children those are inaccessible	Enhanced understanding, improved capacity and support duty bearers on issues pertaining to rights of children; strong local/district structures and mechanism established for protection of rights of children; and improved interface between children's forums/children and adults with the community/duty bearers leading to better understanding of issues of rights of children and	INR4,308,000	08/15-07/18
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				addressing/advocating for the same		
20.	Self Help Groups-Bank Linkages Programme www.cuts-international.org/chd/NABARD.htm	National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development	Ensure socio-economic development and enhance livelihood security in rural areas	A platform to women to discuss their problems; a mechanism for poverty alleviation; opportunity for employment; ensuring economic security; empowering women and weaker sections; checking migration; promoting water and environment conservation; and ensuring access to basic services	INR2,450,000	01/13-05/17
21.	Nayi Roshni Chittorgarh www.cuts-international.org/chd/Nai%20Roshni-Leadership%20Development%20of%20Minority%20Women%20Project.htm	Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India	Empower and instill confidence among minority women by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels; and embolden them to assume leadership roles and assert their rights, collectively or individually, in accessing services, facilities, skills, and opportunities besides claiming their due share of development benefits of the government for improving their lives and living conditions	Trained on various life development issues and leadership skills; increased leadership quality among minority women; increased living standards of women in targeted areas; aware of their rights and entitlements and accessibility of schemes running by governments for women, especially minority community; raised their voice for achieving and fight for their rights; women's participation at both home and community level in the decision making will increase	INR1,073,250 (II Phase)	11/16-10/17
22.	Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme (RSIP) www.cuts-international.org	Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind)	Improve participation of persons with disabilities (PwDs) in society towards	Improved opportunities for livelihood skill development among PwDs; increased	INR10,376,217	08/14-07/19

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	<u>g/chd/Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme-RSIP.htm</u>		realisation of their rights; facilitate enhanced opportunity for economic security for PwDs; enable DPOs to advocate for the rights of disabled persons; sensitise stakeholders and decision makers; and improve utilisation of government funds for them	accessibility to public facilities; sensitised stakeholders and decision makers; and increased government spending for PwDs		
23.	Farmer Producer Organisations in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara	National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD)	Build, promote and nurture Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs); support FPOs in terms of awareness generation, capacity building, technical support, professional management, market access, regulatory requirements, etc.	Strengthened farmer capacity through agricultural best practices for enhanced productivity; access to and usage of quality inputs and services for intensive agriculture; cluster competitiveness; access to fair and remunerative markets	INR1,812,000	12/15-11/18
24.	Promote Organic Consumption in the State of Rajasthan <u>www.cuts-international.org/cart/ProOrganic/index.html</u>	SSNC, Sweden	Promote organic consumption in the state of Rajasthan (India) covering six major agriculture potential districts by awareness generation, sensitisation, and capacity building and advocacy activities	Increased awareness is expected to result in increased consumer demand which will further push demand for availability and affordability of organic products in selected district of Rajasthan	As indicated in serial no 13, CHD is project partner	04/17-03/21
25.	Health and Nutrition Initiative	Ashoka Bangalore and Chetna Ahmedabad	Initiate the nutrition level assessment for schools and factors causing under nutrition among school children in rural areas in Chittorgarh district	Conduct survey of schools in the target segment in order to serve as the linkage for them to access programmes to reduce under nutrition; and ensure accurate and reliable information of surveyed schools	INR66,230	12/16-04/17

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				to ensure the robust design of the project and validity of results obtained from the survey		
26.	Enhancing Financial Protection of Consumers in Particular Women through Financial Literacy Initiatives	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India	Build the capacities of rural consumers, especially women in terms of financial literacy there-by enhancing their financial inclusion and overcome vulnerability and ensure the economic security	Rural financial consumers, especially women are trained and capable of making decisions on financial issues; and identified community based facilitators to groom for taking the inclusion agenda ahead	As indicated in serial no 17, CHD is project partner	03/17-03/19
27.	Giving the poorest consumers greater voice in India, Bangladesh and Indonesia (ProVoice)	Consumers International (CI) IKEA Foundation	Promote use of safer and sustainable products among low income consumers and in turn improve their health and wellbeing	Contribute in behavioural change through activities to promote shift among targeted group consumers towards buying and using products that are safe for them and their environment	As indicated in serial no 18, CHD is project partner	04/17-03/18

CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre (CUTS CRC)

28.	Emerging Markets Summit to Promote Trade Connectivity	US Consulate, Kolkata	Create a multi-stakeholder, multi-country platform and network for exchange, discussions and deliberations amongst key stakeholders on Indo-Pacific trade, investment, knowledge-sharing and people-to-people connectivity which will culminate with a two-day conference in Kolkata	Bring together compelling evidence, rationale and expertise towards enhancing trade, investment, knowledge-sharing and people-to-people linkages between South and Southeast Asian countries of the Indo-Pacific region, come up with concrete policy recommendations to that end and foster organic networks to facilitate that. It aims to contribute positively towards political and commercial	US\$145,134	05/16-04/17
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				convergence on issues surrounding Indo-Pacific connectivity by creating a multi-stakeholder, multi-country platform for exchange, discussions and deliberations amongst key stakeholders		
29.	Bangladesh-India Border <i>Haats</i> and their Impacts on Poverty Reduction	The World Bank	Understand the impacts of existing Border <i>Haats</i> on poverty reduction; estimate the possible benefits from future Border <i>Haats</i> in other locations along the North East side of the India-Bangladesh border; and examine economic feasibility of these Border <i>Haats</i> in the presence of hypothetical free flows of goods along the border as well as by looking into their social and political dimensions at the local level	Comprehensive understanding of economic Benefits from the existing Border <i>Haats</i> ; better understanding of benefits that would accrue from replicating Border <i>Haats</i> at other locations and their viability; and better understanding of political economy dimensions of Border <i>Haats</i> towards improving trade and socio-economic relations between the North East region of India and Bangladesh	INR20,0000	09/15-04/17
30.	Establishment of Seed Communities on Green Growth and Energy Security (Grow-GET) www.cuts-ccier.org/Grow-GET/	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), New Delhi	Create a platform for interaction and engagement between various stakeholders and trust on policy issues concerning green growth and energy security; create a knowledge base on issues pertaining to energy security and green growth in the Indian context and build consensus for these recommendations	Policy solutions evolved in an inclusive manner; increased awareness about energy security and green growth amongst relevant stakeholders; and increased awareness and understanding about the inclusive policy making processes through SC model among policymakers, NGOs/think tanks, common people	As indicated in serial no 5, CRC is project partner	02/16-10/17

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			amongst all policymakers			
31.	Improving Institutions for Better Governance of Inland Waterways in the BBIN Region	The Asia Foundation	Create an alternative policy discourse between policymakers, civil society and communities; and share knowledge on domestic institutions, policies, laws, and regulations enabling or impeding governance of inland waterways along the Ganges and Brahmaputra	Contribute to improving institutions for the governance of inland waterway in the BBIN region from the point of view of livelihood and transport connectivity	As indicated in serial no 3, CRC is project partner	<u>Inception Period</u> 07/16-08/16 <u>Implementation Phase</u> 09/16-09/17
32.	Creating an Enabling and Inclusive Policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement: <i>Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the BBIN sub-region</i> www.cuts-international.org/bbinmva/	US State Department and Department for International Development, UK	Facilitate trade and transit among the four countries, viz. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal by enabling the implementation of the BBIN MVA through evidence-based advocacy, facilitative dialogues, and capacity building. Based on corridor-specific data to be collected by using a Business Process Analysis Plus (BPA+) approach, the project will estimate gains from acceding to international conventions on transit facilitation through appropriate econometric modelling, identify challenges and hence possible solutions towards implementing the BBIN MVA	Encourage cooperation on trade and Connectivity among the selected countries by engaging and bringing stakeholders together	US\$494,010 for 32 months GBP 158,410 for 12 months <i>(This project is jointly undertaken by CRC and CITEE)</i>	US State Department: 09/16-04/19 DFID: 01/17-01/18

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33.	Linkages and Impacts of Cross-Border Informal Trade in Agricultural Inputs in Eastern South Asia www.cuts-citee.org/LITA/	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	Understand the dynamics of informal trade in agricultural inputs across the border of India-Bangladesh and India-Nepal, and its impact on livelihoods of farmers, including the gender dimension of those impacts	Draft report including an analysis of the drivers and estimation of the quantum of informal trade in agricultural inputs in selected locations in the India-Bangladesh and the India-Nepal border areas and its impacts on livelihoods of farmers including gender dimensions of such impacts	As indicated in serial no. 2, CRC is the project partner	07/16-06/17
34.	Consumer Broadband Labels for Greater Transparency & Informed Consumers	Ford Foundation	Prevent consumers from misleading advertisement, unfair contractual terms, and practices of non-disclosures by sensitising consumer organisations and other stakeholders to increase their capacity/awareness on broadband services and need for nutrition label in order to bring about certain policy and practice changes	Change in attitude of consumers and consumer groups with regards to broadband services and the importance of QoS labels for broadband services. Adequate information and awareness about the consumer rights and obligations while availing broadband services	As indicated in serial number 10, CRC is the project partner	10/16-03/18
35.	Consumer Awareness Programme for Improvement of Overall Standard of Performance in the Distribution sector in two Districts of West Bengal	West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission	Build the capacity of grassroots consumers and increase their awareness about the existing regulations of the state electricity regulatory commission in the districts of Jalpaiguri and South 24 Parganas	Building the consumer capacity on their rights and responsibilities, educate the consumers about the frequently applicable and used parameters of the Standard of performance (SOP) regulations of the commission, including the complaint mechanism, new connections, metering and other relevant issues	INR32,00,000	04/17-10/17

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				Focus will also be on building capacity of the common consumers on Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Systems, especially rooftop solar systems		