

Projects at a Glance

(October 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, which are currently in force and also on-going bilaterally	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	07/16-10/17
3.	Expanding tradable benefits of trans-boundary water: <i>Promoting navigational usage of inland waterways in Ganga and Brahmaputra basins</i> www.cuts-citee.org/IW/	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	07/16-10/17
4.	Removing Non-Tariff Barriers on agricultural trade between India and	International Business Initiatives (IBI)	Identify NTBs faced by Indian exporters and importers while importing and	A consolidated document listing out major NTBs faced by Indian exporters and importers while	US\$149,175.50	11/17-08/18

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	Bangladesh		exporting agricultural commodities from Bangladesh through five select ports in Eastern India	importing and exporting agricultural commodities from Bangladesh through five select ports in Eastern India.		
5.	Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement: <i>Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the BBIN sub-region</i>	US State Department	Comprehensive study to look at various macro and micro enabling factors that will help enable a motor vehicle agreement within and amongst four countries: Bhutan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal (BBIN)	Estimate gains from acceding to international conventions on transit facilitation through appropriate econometric modelling, identify challenges and hence possible solutions towards implementing the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)	US\$494010 <i>(This project is jointly undertaken by CRC and CITEE)</i>	01/17-12/20
6.	Creating an Enabling and Inclusive policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among BBIN and Myanmar: <i>Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the BBIN+M sub-region (EPTAF)</i>	Department for International Development, UK	Understand the policy, procedural and political-economy hurdles to trade, transport and transit facilitation regime between Eastern South Asia comprising of the BBIN group of countries and Myanmar, hinging on how facilitating such connectivity will have a direct/indirect impact on development parameters such as livelihoods, poverty and gender	Facilitate trade and transit among BBIN and Myanmar by enabling the implementation of MVA and such other enabling framework agreements and policy initiatives through evidence-based advocacy, facilitative dialogues, and capacity building	GBP193,115 <i>(This project is jointly undertaken by CRC and CITEE)</i>	12/16-01/18
7.	South Asia Connectivity Conference	US State Department	Create a multi-discipline, multi-country platform for policy discussions and exchange and networking amongst key stakeholders invested in promoting greater connectivity in South Asia; and	Bring together key interlocutors to discuss challenges and solutions to economic, environmental, and security issues relevant to South Asia and the US	US\$194,967	09/17-10/18

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			coming out with concrete policy suggestions and directions			
CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulation (CUTS CCIER)						
8.	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
9.	Promoting Innovation and Competition for Efficient use of Intellectual Property (Phase 2)	Qualcomm	Examine various challenges <i>vis-à-vis</i> standardisation of crucial 5G technology, from the point of view of consumer and to compare different standardisation models and advocate for optimisation of the same	A framework for optimising 5G standardisation paradigms for enhanced competition, innovation and consumer welfare	INR6,500,000	11/15-10/18
10.	Evaluation of Competitiveness among North Indian states: Lessons from the US www.cuts-ccier.org/STATE-COMP/index.htm	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 environment	Sensitised and informed relevant stakeholders for undertaking necessary reforms such as policy making, improvement in infrastructure, addressing the skill gap, strengthening the institutional framework, encouraging	US\$199,102	03/16-12/17

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				innovation and the use of technology, providing incentives among others		
11.	Consumer Broadband Labels for Greater Transparency & Informed Consumers http://cuts-ccier.org/broadbandlabel/	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
12.	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	INR12,00,000	12/16-11/17
13.	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 electricity trading in the adjoining areas of Rahughat and Tala Hydroelectric power plants in Nepal and Bhutan respectively	Creating a strong evidence for potential socio-economic benefits through CBET in Bangladesh-Bhutan-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 <i>vis-à-vis</i>	INR800,000	03/17-08/17

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				cross border electricity trade.		
14.	Independent Internationalisation of MSME's through eCommerce: <i>Assessment of De Minimis, Remote Taxation & Other Fiscal Incentives</i>	eBay	Assess the impact of <i>de minimis</i> , remote taxation and other fiscal incentives, on MSMEs	Policy reforms to address issues and enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs	US\$25,000	11/17-02/18
15.	Regulatory Impact Assessment for Taxi Aggregators in Maharashtra	Uber	Assess costs of Maharashtra city Taxi Rules, 2017 on cab owners, drivers and users	Highlight the impact of Maharashtra city Taxi Rules and reforms needed	INR2,202,950	09/17-01/18
16.	Regulatory Impact Assessment on Labour Laws in Rajasthan	IFC	Conduct a rapid cost-benefit analysis of proposed amendments to Rajasthan Shops and Commercial Establishment Act	Highlight the impact of proposed amendments and build a case for adoption of RIA in policy making	INR2,000,000	09/17-12/17
17.	JUDIMPACT- 1	NITI Aayog, Government of India	Assess the impact of decision of Supreme Court in the Highway Liquor Ban case on the economy, in general, and specific stakeholders, such as industrial units	Advocacy for need of economic impact assessment for judicial decisions	INR400,000	10/17-12/17
CUTS Centre for Consumer Action, Research & Training (CUTS CART)						
18.	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
19.	Campaign for enhanced Road Safety in India through advocacy for speedy rule	Global Road Safety Partnership	Support Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, state governments and	Effective Motor Vehicles Act in place	CHF100,334	10/17-10/19

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	making and effective implementation of Road Safety Law in India RoSA-02		other concerned agencies for effective rule making to ensure the smooth implementation of Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2017			
20.	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
21.	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
22.	Green Action Week Fund-India Campaign 2017	SSNC, Sweden	Strengthen consumers by vibrant role of CSOs for raising awareness on environmental and other impacts of consumption and promote and contribute to sustainable patterns of consumption amongst consumers, policymakers and other key stakeholders	Campaign at various states will increase awareness about sustainable consumption among common consumers of targeted places. It will also contribute to enhance demand of organic food	SEK100,000	06/17-02/18
23.	Civil Society	US Embassy,	Organising civil	Capacity building	US\$34,923	09/17-09/18

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	Organisations Capacity Building on Self-Governance (CiSCAG Project)	India	society capacity building workshops and bring together representatives from leading US and India think tanks, CSOs to share best practices for enhancing self-governance transparency	will enhance the internal governance and transparency of organisations to run non-profit activities smoothly in the country for development		
24.	Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund Scheme of RBI	RBI, Mumbai	Educate and generate awareness among depositors on financial schemes, such as <i>Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana</i> , importance of KYC, usage of various online safe and secure methods for financial transaction	Generate mass awareness with regard to safe and un-risky investments	INR1,860,000	11/17-10/18
25.	Study of Residential Rooftop Solar in Jaipur	World Resources Institute, India	Understand the consumer experience with rooftop solar, specifically, pain-points for consumers who have installed/ wish to install rooftop solar in Jaipur	Expected to increase prevalence of solar rooftops by working to reduce issues people face before, during and after its installation	INR133,333	11/17-01/18
26.	Documenting Practices of Sustainable Culture and Lifestyles in India	SSNC, Sweden	Regain and retain traditional and cultural practices in relation to sustainable culture practiced in India since ages and establish a clear context of their use in urban modern day setting	Document of the project will be shared on global platform for wider outreach and dissemination which will suggest the ways and ideas to the world to turn to a sustainable lifestyle	INR1,200,000	10/17-11/18

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CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD)						
27.	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 addressing/advocating for the same	INR4,308,000	08/15-07/18
28.	Nayi Roshni Chittorgarh www.cuts-international.org/chd/Nai%20Roshni-Leadership_Development_of_Minority_Women_Project.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)	11/16-12/17

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29.	Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme (RSIP) www.cuts-international.org/chd/Rajasthan_Social_Inclusion_Programme_RSIP.htm	Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind)	Improve participation of persons with disabilities (PwDs) in society towards 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	Improved opportunities for livelihood skill development among PwDs; increased accessibility to public facilities; sensitised stakeholders and decision makers; and increased government spending for PwDs	INR10,376,217	08/14-07/19
30.	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
31.	Promote Organic Consumption in the State of Rajasthan www.cuts-international.org/cart/ProOrganic/index.html	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 18, CHD is project partner	04/17-03/21
32.	Enhancing Financial Protection of Consumers in Particular	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer	Build the capacities of rural consumers, especially women in terms of	Rural financial consumers, especially women are trained and capable of making	As indicated in serial no 21, CHD is project partner	03/17-03/19

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	Women through Financial Literacy Initiatives	Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India	financial literacy there-by enhancing their financial inclusion and overcome vulnerability and ensure the economic security	decisions on financial issues; and identified community based facilitators to groom for taking the inclusion agenda ahead		
33.	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 21, CHD is project partner	04/17-03/18
CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre (CUTS CRC)						
34.	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	As indicated in serial no 8, CRC is project partner	02/16-10/17
35.	Expanding tradable benefits of trans-boundary water: <i>Promoting navigational usage of inland waterways in Ganga and Brahmaputra</i>	The Asia Foundation	Create an alternative policy discourse between policymakers, civil society and communities; and share knowledge on domestic institutions, policies, laws, and regulations	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	07/16-09/17

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	basins www.cuts-citee.org/IW/		enabling or impeding governance of inland waterways along the Ganges and Brahmaputra			
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37.	Creating an Enabling and Inclusive policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among BBIN and Myanmar: <i>Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the BBIN+M sub-region (EPTAF)</i>	Department for International Development, UK	Understand the policy, procedural and political-economy hurdles to trade, transport and transit facilitation regime between Eastern South Asia comprising of the BBIN group of countries and Myanmar, hinging on how facilitating such connectivity will have a direct/indirect impact on development parameters such as livelihoods, poverty and gender	Facilitate trade and transit among BBIN and Myanmar by enabling the implementation of MVA and such other enabling framework agreements and policy initiatives through evidence-based advocacy, facilitative dialogues, and capacity building	GBP193,115 <i>(This project is jointly undertaken by CRC and CITEE)</i>	12/16-01/18
38.	South Asia Connectivity Conference	US State Department	Create a multi-discipline, multi-country platform for policy discussions and exchange and networking amongst key stakeholders invested in promoting greater connectivity in South Asia; and coming out with	Bring together key interlocutors to discuss challenges and solutions to economic, environmental, and security issues relevant to South Asia and the US	As indicated in serial no 7, CRC is project partner	09/17-10/18

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			concrete policy suggestions and directions			
39.	Removing Non-Tariff Barriers on agricultural trade between India and Bangladesh	International Business Initiatives (IBI)	Identify NTBs faced by Indian exporters and importers while importing and exporting agricultural commodities from Bangladesh through five select ports in Eastern India	A consolidated document listing out major NTBs faced by Indian exporters and importers while importing and exporting agricultural commodities from Bangladesh through five select ports in Eastern India.	As indicated in serial number 4, CRC is the project partner	11/17-08/18
40.	Consumer Broadband Labels for Greater Transparency & Informed Consumers http://cuts-ccier.org/broadbandlabel/	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 11, CRC is the project partner	10/16-03/18
41.	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	As indicated in serial number 2, CRC is the project partner	07/16-10/17
42.	Consumer Awareness Programme for Improvement of Overall Standard of Performance in the Distribution	West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission	Build the capacity of grassroot consumers and increase their awareness about the existing regulations of the state electricity regulatory	Building the consumer capacity on their rights and responsibilities, educate the consumers about the frequently applicable and used parameters of the	INR32,00,000	04/17-10/17

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	sector in two Districts of West Bengal		commission in the districts of Jalpaiguri and South 24 Parganas	Standard of performance (SOP) regulations of the commission, including the complaint mechanism, new connections, metering and other relevant issues Focus will also be on building capacity of the common consumers on Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Systems, especially rooftop solar systems		