

Monthly Progress Report - November 2014

Project Title: ‘Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh’
(RISTE project)

Name of the Organisation: CUTS International, India

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Duration: 1st January, 2013- 31st March 2015

1. Activities carried out by CUTS in the month of November, 2014

1.1 A draft report under the second phase is under preparation. India component is ready and it has been reviewed by the project consultant. It will be finalized taking in to accounts the comments and suggestions of the project consultant. Bangladesh component is under progress and it will be shared with project consultants for review.

1.2 A draft media coverage booklet is ready and it will be finalized soon. This will represent the media coverage of the project and will be used by CUTS for widen dissemination and advocacy.

1.3 Several advocacy meetings with key stakeholders were conducted in New Delhi and Dhaka.

1.4 A draft version of briefing paper titled “India-Bangladesh Cooperation in Rice Seeds: need for Structural Changes” is ready and it is under editing and lay outting process.

2. Outline of the activities to be carried out in the month of December, 2014

2.1 Final project report will be finalized and published. It will be disseminate for wider advocacy.

2.2 Media coverage booklet will be finalized and published. It will be disseminate for wider advocacy.

2.3 Field work for case study will be done in West Bengal in selected areas.

2.4 RISTE team will also visit various places in India for documentary movie making.

2.5 Various other advocacy meetings with key stakeholders will be conducted in New Delhi and Dhaka.

2.6 Kisaan Goshthis will be organized in Indian states in rural areas.