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MIDAS Board appoints New Managing Director

In the first meeting of 2016, MIDAS Board of Directors promoted Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director (acting) as the Managing Director of MIDAS effective from 24 January 2016. Dr. Rahman completed Ph.D. from American World University, USA and MBA (major in Management, Marketing, HR and NGO Management) from University of Honolulu, USA as well as M.Sc. in Applied Chemistry with Honours. He has more than 29 years of experience in country office management and operations, project preparation, project implementation, project management, technology transfer, human resource development, export marketing, market survey and research, impact study, baseline survey, end-line survey, material management, quality assurance, quality management system, environment management system, hazard analysis and critical control point, management analysis and critical control point, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs in reputed international organizations, multinational companies and not-for-profit organizations in home and abroad.



*Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman
Managing Director*

Study and Research

Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project

Agricultural Support for Smallholders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh (ASSSRB) Project of Department of Agriculture Extension, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh signed a three-year agreement with MIDAS to provide "Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision Service for ASSSRB Project". Under the contract MIDAS will independently carry out monitoring, evaluation, design and supervision of ASSSRBP project for the period of January 2016 to June 2018. MIDAS Experts are fully responsible for the actions, namely, (a) provide supports to PMU staffs for flawless operations, (b) assist to prepare training materials, consolidated manual work plans and budgets, (c) assist to prepare technical design with specification of infrastructure and equipment related to IDB funded project, (d) assist to prepare tender documents for goods and constructions materials, (e) provide overall specific monitoring and supervision services, (f) assist to prepare

regular progress report and submit the same to IDB, (g) help to contract various services and provide direction on baseline survey and studies under taken by ASSSRBP.



Dr. Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, Project Director of ASSSRBP project with Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.



Caritas Bangladesh signed two agreements with MIDAS for consultancy service for "Mid-term Evaluation for Establishment of People's Sustainable platform for Poverty Reduction (EPSPPR) Project and a Study for Assessment and Developing a Business Plan for ICT Centres of EPSPPR Project. Under these contracts MIDAS will review the project proposal of EPSPPR Project, progress report, customer register books, income/cash register books of ICTs, operational manual/guideline for ICTs and guideline for alliances available at Central/Regional Offices/ICTs,

conduct interviews with key project/ICT personnel and members of alliances, Managing Committee and Youth Club of ICTs, conduct Focus Group Discussion, observe through visiting ICTs to assess the quality of services, assess ICT staffs' capacity, documentation system of ICTs for transparency and accountability and recoding of achievements/impacts, share primary findings with field and regional level stakeholders to validate findings and gather insights after validation, share findings reports through workshop to stakeholders.



Mr. Francis Atul Sarker, Assistant Executive Director (Programme) of CARITAS Bangladesh handed over the contract Documents to Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS



**Centre for
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Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) signed an agreement with MIDAS for "Market Study with Market Analysis on the Training Infrastructure and Hospitality Services of CDDs Training and Learning Centre (TLC)". Under this agreement MIDAS will obtain credible information to take decisions and design marketing strategy with action plan. The findings will enable CDD to offer quality service to its clients, gain competitive edge over potential competitors offering similar services and generate maximum revenue. This study will provide clear and realistic information and guideline about TLC (the Product), market, opportunities and challenges so that a clear path can be devised from current to desired situation.



Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS and Mr. A.H.M. Noman Khan, Executive Director, CDD signed agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

Training

MIDAS conducted 10- day and 7- day long training courses on "Advance Improved Training on Jute products" and "Advance Improved Training on Bamboo products" respectively for total of 32 female and 8 male participants. These trainings were held in Hobiganj district, funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Spanish Trust Fund (STF) on Haor Infrastructure and Livelihood Improvement Project (HILIP) of LGED. This training assignment was awarded to MIDAS under Climate Adaptation and Livelihood Improvement Project (CALIP).



Mr. SK. Md. Abu Zakir Sekender, Executive Engineer, LGED Habiganj, Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS and higher officials of LGED Habiganj and MIDAS were present in Inaugural Ceremony of Advance Improved Training on Jute and Bamboo Products



Glimpses of various training sessions on Jute and Bamboo Products

PUM-Netherlands Assistance for Private Sector Development

PUM-Netherlands Senior Experts is a government-supported organization based in the Netherlands. It offers services of volunteer experts, most of whom are former senior/top level professionals, to help industrial/commercial ventures and social organizations of developing countries. MIDAS is the institutional representative of PUM in Bangladesh. PUM-Netherlands is supporting its programme Technology Transfer for Private Sector Development (TTPSD) in Bangladesh. For availing the PUM Senior Experts Services please contact: Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, mashiur@midas.org.bd, Mobile: 01711 842976, Tel: +88 02 9102698.

MAKS Renewable Energy Company Limited:

MAKS Renewable Energy Company Limited (MRECL) is one of the growing players into the arena of Renewable Energy Service providers in Bangladesh. Keeping the concern of our planet's future in mind, the company offers the users with a clean and green energy solution. MRECL started its journey in 2006 which is now capable of offering commercial, residential and turn-key renewable energy systems for grid-tied and off-grid applications using one or combination of its wider product ranges-including Solar, Biogas and Wind Power. Within short span of time MRECL has been able to take leading position in the above fields and has installed many solar home and pump systems, and also put up bio-gas plants. MRECL is a partner organization of IDCOL for Solar and Bio-Gas Program. For achieving higher performance in renewable energy sector the company approached MIDAS for sourcing appropriate PUM expert. Accordingly, PUM Senior Expert Mr. Joham G Theodor Flint (case# b73a7b9) came to Dhaka and developed 4.4 MW diesel solar power plant for the company. He also trained the concerned personnel and organized a business link for the company.



PUM Senior Expert Mr. Joham G Theodor Flint with Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS and Mr. Nessar Maksud Khan, Managing Director of MAKS Renewable Energy Company Limited.

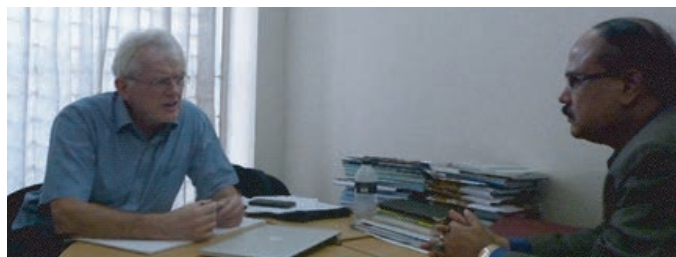
Max Foundation



In 2005, Max Foundation was established by Mrs. Joke and Mr. Steven Le Poole after the death of their son Max Le Poole. He was only eight months old and died of a rare viral infection. To spare other parents from such deep pain and to ensure healthy future of many children which Max Le Poole did not have, Max Foundation was established to solve this problem. In Bangladesh, Max Foundation is a fast growing

Dutch- based international NGO that works on reducing child mortality through Max-WASH project. This project is an adoption of UNICEF's WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) program. It is currently being implemented with other local partner organizations.

Mr. Jan Oomen, PUM Senior Expert on Organizational Development and Fund raising came for the second time as a follow up visit. He trained and advised Max team on organizational development and fund raising activities. He focused on strengthening team work, strategic planning for fund raising, internal fund raising, technical/ managerial capacity development as well as partner management.



PUM Senior Expert Mr. Jan Oomen with Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS

BD Venture Limited



BD Venture Limited, a Venture Capital Company, is an outcome of relentless effort from a group of leaders of the financial and entrepreneurial ecosystems of Bangladesh with a view to promoting innovative and potential seed, early and growth stage entrepreneurs and enterprises to pave their expansion through facilitating investment, consultancy and other relevant services.

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Mr. Rudolf van Herwaarden, Senior Expert of PUM (Case no# b664c58) came to Dhaka as a follow up visit to BD Venture Limited. He assisted to develop management and business of venture capital.



PUM Senior Expert Mr. Rudolf van Herwaarden with Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS and Mr. Shawkat Hossain, Managing Director, BD Venture

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