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## Obituary:

Mr. Feroz Tarafder, Junior Assistant of MIDAS died on October 24, 2016 (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Elaihi Raje'un). He was 50 and was suffering from lung cancer for last four months. He served MIDAS for about 28 years with honesty and dedication.

Mr. Tarafder left behind his wife, a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and well-wishers. The Board members and the employees of MIDAS are deeply shocked at his sudden demise and are seeking blessing, mercy and forgiveness of Almighty Allah for the departed soul.



## World Development Report 2016:

Digital technologies have spread rapidly in much of the world. Digital dividends-that is, the broader development benefits from using these technologies-have lagged behind. In many instances, digital technologies have boosted growth, expanded opportunities, and improved service delivery. Yet their aggregate impact has fallen short and is unevenly distributed. For digital technologies to benefit everyone everywhere requires closing the remaining digital divide, especially in internet access. But greater digital adoption will not be enough. To get the most out of the digital revolution, countries also need to work on the "analog complements" - by strengthening regulations that ensure competition among business, by adapting workers' skills to the demands of the new economy, and by ensuring that institutions are accountable.

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Digital Dividends

## Study and Research



### POWER CELL

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Engr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General, Power Cell, Power Division Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director of MIDAS, signed an agreement on behalf of their respective organisations on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Under the agreement, MIDAS will conduct a "Baseline Survey for Global Multi-tier Measurement for Access to energy" for Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project funded by World Bank. This Type of baseline survey would be carried out for the first time in Bangladesh on access to electricity and improved cooking using the Global Tracking Framework (GTF).



Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General, Power Cell, Power Division, exchanges documents of the Agreement with Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS

## 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".

As per the contract MIDAS has been doing independent monitoring, evaluation, design and supervision of ASSSRB project since January 2016 and would continue till June 2018 founded by Islamic Development Bank (IDB). 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 undertaken by ASSSRBP.



Dr. Abdul Maleque Taluqder, M & E Consultant discussing with IDB Representative Mr. Khalid about ASSSRB Project activities



Net Shed Constructed at Barguna Horticulture Centre under ASSSRBP with the supervision of Design & Supervision Consultant

### a) Mid-term Evaluation for Establishment of People's Sustainable platform for Poverty Reduction (EPSPPR) Project

### b) Study for Assessment and Developing a Business Plan for ICT Centers of EPSPPR Project



During the period, MIDAS completed two consultancy assignments, titled as above, for Caritas Bangladesh. As part of these assignments MIDAS Team reviewed the project proposal, progress report, customer register books, income/cash register books, operational manual/guideline for ICTs, etc., of all the seven Caritas ICT Centres located in four districts, namely, Dhaka, Munshigonj, Mymensingh and Tangail. For this MIDAS team visited all the seven ICT Centres and carried out interviews and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with ICT personnel, other key stakeholders and customers of ICT Centres. MIDAS Team also physically observed functions of ICTs and assessed the quality of services, ICT staffs' capacity, documentation system for transparency and accountability, etc. Separate findings of the two studies were shared by MIDAS Team with the field and regional level stakeholders of the project, Caritas Official and donor representatives through a workshop in Caritas Central Office in Dhaka.



FGD at CARITAS ICT Centre, Malkhanagar, Sirajdikhan, Munshigonj



MIDAS Study Team with Caritas officials at Mymensingh



Sharing of Study Finding by MIDAS at Caritas Central Office in Dhaka



Section of audience including donor representatives and Caritas Officials at the study presentation workshop



### Feasibility Study of Green Bricks and Block Industries Ltd

MIDAS carried out feasibility study for Green Bricks and Block Industries Ltd (GBBI) of BDG- Magura Group covering organization and management, marketing, technical and financial aspects of the proposed project.

Autoclave Aerated Concrete (AAC) or Autoclaved Lightweight Concrete (ALC) is the perfect construction material to replace and switch from the use of the traditional red clay bricks to environmentally safe bricks for the building and road-building sector in Bangladesh. The traditional way of manufacturing bricks is detrimental to arable land. Production of crops suffers a setback due to excavation of the surface of the earth. In this system, huge fuel is burnt. As such, food security and environment are damaged. The green bricks can be used for construction of high-rise buildings. It will reduce dependence on harmful red bricks for the construction of roof and wall.

Proposed GBBI, which would be the first of its kind in Bangladesh, is planning to manufacture AAC blocks as environment-friendly building materials. It is contemplating to gradually replace traditional red clay bricks, production of which is discouraged by the government because of harmful environmental impact of clay bricks.

### Technology Transfer



### 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.

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MIDAS is updating its Consultants and Trainers Roster and inviting interested Consultants/Trainers with expertise in the following fields to send their signed CV to [midas@midas.org.bd](mailto:midas@midas.org.bd)

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MIDAS book stall at BIBM

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