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Ms. Parveen Mahmud, the New Chairman of MIDAS Board of Directors



Ms. Parveen Mahmud, FCA was elected as the new Chairman of Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) by MIDAS Board of Directors in the MIDAS Board Meeting held on Monday, February 20, 2017. In the meeting Mr. Abdul Karim, Mr. Hafizuddin Khan and Mr. Ghulam Rahman were also included as new Directors of MIDAS Board from MIDAS General Body.

MIDAS Board members, Ms. Rokia A Rahman, Maj. Gen. Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury (Retd.), Mr. Shaikh A. Halim, Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Ms. Sabina Alam, and Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director welcomed them.

Currently, Ms. Mahmud is the Managing Director of

Grameen Telecom Trust. Ms. Parveen Mahmud, FCA in her diversified professional career, has wide experience in the social development sector and was a practicing Chartered Accountant. She is the Council Member and was the first female President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB). She is also the first female Board Member of the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), apex accounting professional body of the SAARC. Ms. Mahmud was the member, National Advisory Panel for SME Development of Bangladesh and founding board member of SME Foundation and Convener, SME Women's Forum. She is the Chairperson of Shasha Denims Ltd.

Study and Research

Integrated Agriculture Approach for Ensuring Nutrition and Food Security Project

MIDAS signed an agreement with IMED, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Government to conduct In-depth Monitoring Study on "Integrated Agriculture Approach for Ensuring Nutrition and Food Security Project" on 01 February 2017.

Mr. Md. Neazul Haque, Director General, Agriculture, Rural Development and Research Sector, IMED, Ministry of Planning and Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director of MIDAS signed the agreement in a program at IMED.



Emergency 2007 Cyclone and Restoration Project (ECRRP)

MIDAS signed an agreement with IMED, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Government to conduct In-depth Monitoring Study on "Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project (ECRRP)" on 02 February 2017.

Mr. Md. Siddiqur Rahman, Director General, Communication & Local Government Sector, IMED, Ministry of Planning, and Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director of MIDAS signed the agreement in a program at IMED.



Potential Evaluation of Behavior Change Communication Interventions

MIDAS signed an agreement with Berkeley Air Monitoring Group, Inc. of USA to conduct survey (digitally) on "Potential Evaluation of Behavior Change Communication Interventions" on March 22, 2017.

Dr. Michael Johnson, President Berkeley Air Monitoring Group, USA, and Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director of MIDAS signed the agreement on behalf of the respective organizations in a program at MIDAS Office. Dr. Karabi Dutta, Survey Consultant, was also present in the program.



MIDAS ANNUAL PICNIC 2017

Employees and families of MIDAS attended a day-long annual picnic on 17 February 2017 at Heritage Park, Ashulia, Savar. The event was organized for socializing of MIDAS employees and families. All members enjoyed the day which was full of fun and frolic.



POWER CELL
POWER DIVISION
Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Power Cell assigned MIDAS to conduct a "Baseline Survey for Global Multi-tier Measurement for Access to energy" (digitally) for Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project funded by World Bank. This 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). 6 sets of elaborate survey tools provided by World Bank will be used for collecting data through Tabs from the field. These tools were used in other countries of similar Baseline survey initiated by World Bank. However, these survey tools were further fine-tuned and adapted considering Bangladesh perspective through series of discussion in MIDAS Office in Dhaka with the visiting consultant from the World Bank Office in Washington DC, USA.

Detailed briefing, field testing of the questionnaires and commencement of survey will be done soon once the finalized tools are approved by Power Cell and other necessary administrative functions are completed.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project



Agricultural Support for Smallholders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh (ASSSRB) is a Project of Department of Agriculture Extension, (DAE) under Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of Bangladesh. The goal of the project is to improve livelihood of

landless, marginal and small farmers through integrated and sustainable productivity. The project is being implemented by DAE and LGED in 58 Upazillas of 9 Districts of South-Western region-Gopalganj, Madripur, Barisal, Patuakhali, Jhalakathi, Barguna, Bhola, Pirojpur and Bagerhat. MIDAS is rendering consultancy services in the field of Monitoring and Evaluating and Design and Supervision of the project. Involvement of MIDAS with ASSSRB Project commenced in January 2016 and will continue till June 2018.

During the period of January-March 2017, as part of the monitoring and evaluation, some of the activities carried out by MIDAS were-

Prepared 10 booklets of Projects activities, observed project activities in 3 Districts, prepared quarterly progress report of the Project activities, prepared day to day report of the Project as required by PD. visited demonstration and attended farmers group.

Some of the Design and Supervision activities carried out by MIDAS during the period were-

Visited ongoing Village and Union Road improvement by Bituminous carpeting at Tazumuddin Upazilla of Bhola District, Kathalia Upazilla of Jhalakathi District, Sadar Upazilla of Borguna District; visited ongoing Bridge construction at Tazumuddin Upazilla of Bhola District and culvert construction at sadar Upazilla of Gopalganj District; visited ongoing canal construction at Tazumuddin Upazilla of Bhola District, Rajapur and Kathalia Upazillas of Jhalokati District; visited ongoing landing stage construction at Kathalia Upazilla of Jhalokati District; etc.



Dr. Abdul Maleque Talukder M&E Consultant, attending a Farmers power tiller group under ASSSRBP

Training



Skill Development Training for LGED Project Beneficiaries

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) of Bangladesh Government has been implementing Haor Infrastructure and Livelihood Improvement Project (HILIP) in Sunamgonj, Kishoregonj, Netrokona, Habigonj and Brahmanbaria Districts. The objective of the project is to improve living standards and reduce vulnerability of the poor of the project areas.

As per understanding with the HILIP Project, during January- March 2017 quarter, MIDAS conducted two separate training courses of 10-day and 7-day durations titled "Advance Improved Training on Jute Products" and "Advance Improved Training on Bamboo Products" respectively in Habigonj. A total of 40 participants attended these courses, funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Spanish Trust Fund (STF).

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 Technology Transfer for Private Sector Development (TTPSD) Program of MIDAS in Bangladesh. For availing 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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