

Study and Research

Baseline Survey for Global Multi-Tier Measurement for Access to Energy



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MIDAS was assigned by Power Cell to 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. For the first time in Bangladesh a baseline survey is being carried out on access to electricity and improved cooking using the Global Tracking Framework (GTF). 6 sets of elaborate survey tools provided by World Bank are 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 adjusted and modified considering Bangladesh perspective. Elaborate briefing of the Survey Enumerators and Supervisors was carried out followed by field testing of the questionnaires before actual commencement of the survey. Different survey teams of MIDAS are conducting digital survey in 375 Enumeration Areas (Wards of City Corporations and Villages) of twelve selected Districts, namely - Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla, Sylhet, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Bogra, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Khulna, Jessore and Barisal. There are six groups of respondents of the survey consisting of i) Household ii) Place of Worship, iii) Community, iv) Health Facility, v) Education Institution and vi) Government Office / NGO. Collected data is being uploaded digitally in the central cloud server through internet from the field for further data cleaning, processing and analysis.



△ As part of Monthly Progress Meeting on the activities, presentation of study progress was held at the Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources. At the meeting, Dr. Ahmed Kaikaus, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Mr. Mohammad Hossain, DG, Power Cell, Mr. Hossain Samad, Consultant, World Bank, Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, MD, MIDAS and other officials from the various agencies of the Ministry and MIDAS were present.



Impact evaluation of electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System of Bangladesh

CPTU, IMED, Ministry of Planning

CPTU is responsible for setting procurement policies, and for overseeing their implementation across Government agencies. As a key innovation, CPTU has since 2012 overseen the role-out of

Bangladesh's electronic Government Procurement System (e-GP). Bangladesh's e-GP System currently digitize the entire contracting process, from the advertisement to final payment. It collects and publishes vast amount of detailed records placing it among the advanced procurement systems according to the emerging global standard: Open Contracting Data Standard. So far, e-GP system has primarily been rolled out in four major agencies-Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Roads and Highways Department (RHD), Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB).

In order to assess the impact of e-GP System of Bangladesh, CPTU has assigned MIDAS for a consulting services for collection of tender related data from the three Government agencies-RHD, LGED and BWDB. First time in Bangladesh, the data will be collected digitally under this assignment which is jointly financed by the World Bank and Government of Bangladesh. With the assistance of concerned three government agencies and CPTU, MIDAS is conducting Tender Listing Survey (TLS) in the first phase of the assignment, where basic information of all manual tenders executed during 5-year period (2011-12 to 2015-16) are being collected from RHD, LGED and BWDB in all the 64 districts of Bangladesh. After completion of TLS, a detailed sampling survey of manual tenders in all the 64 districts will be carried out in the second phase digitally using Tabs.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project



MIDAS is executing consultancy services in the field of Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of Agricultural Support for Smallholders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh (ASSSRB) Project. This is a project of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of Bangladesh. The objective of the project is to improve the livelihood of landless, marginal and small farmers through integrated and sustainable production. 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. Involvement of MIDAS with ASSSRB Project commenced in January 2016 and will continue till June 2018.

During the period of July-September 2017, as part of the monitoring and evaluation, some of the activities carried out by MIDAS were:

Preparations of 1st Quarter Progress Report of ASSSRBP for FY 2017-18; Final Annual Progress Report of ASSSRBP for FY 2015-16; Draft Annual Progress Report of ASSSRBP for FY 2016-17; Tender documents for procurement of Agricultural machineries; Presentation resources used in the project Steering Committee Meeting, etc.

Furthermore, during July-September 2017 period MIDAS Consultant visited several project initiatives in different locations, such as, ongoing market improvement work at Muksudpur Upazilla, Gopalgong; landing stage at Amtali Upazilla, Borguna, ongoing village and union road

improvement by Bituminous carpeting at Muladi Upazilla, Barisal and Amtali Upazilla, Borguna; bridge construction at Nalcity, Jhalokhati, culvert construction at Muksudpur Upazilla and Sadar Upazilla of Gopalgong District. MIDAS Consultant reviewed the design for the proposed Farmers Training Center at Babugong, Banaripara Upazilla of

Barisal District, Bhandaria Upazilla of Pirojpur District and Betegi Upazilla of Borguna District. He also checked and finalized cost estimate of Farmers Training Centre at Galachipa Upazilla of Patuakhali District, Rajapur Upazilla of Jhalokhati District, Gopalgong Sadar Upazilla, Bhola Sadar Upazilla and Bagerhat Sadar Upazilla.

Training

Business Plan Preparation Training at Southeast University



△ Glimpses of Inauguration Ceremony of Entrepreneurship Week held at Southeast University (SEU), where Ms. Parveen Mahmud, FCA, Chairperson, MIDAS Board; Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS; Mr. M. Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Member, Board of Trustee, SEU Trust; Prof. Dr. ANM Meshquat Uddin, Vice Chancellor, SEU and other invitees were present. Also Mr. Md. Ebrahim Hossain, AGM, MIDAS is seen taking a session on Business Plan Preparation Training, which was organized during the Entrepreneurship Week.

Southeast University is one of the renowned private universities in Bangladesh aiming at providing higher education to students ensuring international standard. Under an agreement with University management, MIDAS conducted a 4-day training on "Business Plan Preparation" from 22 to 25 July 2017 at Southeast University in Dhaka where 49 students of the university participated. The training course was arranged as part of Entrepreneurship Week by Southeast University. The

objectives of the training course were to enable the participants to identify and select viable business project, prepare bankable business plans covering management, marketing and production aspects, analyze profit and loss to set up potential business ventures. As part of the training a business plan competition was organized to encourage the participants to cultivate and practice the knowledge gained during the training.

Entrepreneurship Development Training for DALIT



△ Mr. Md. Ebrahim Hossain, AGM, MIDAS is conducting a training session of Entrepreneurship Development at DALIT in Khulna

Dalit established in 1998, is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization working to promote fundamental rights, socio-economic development and empowerment among Dalits and other vulnerable and socially excluded groups. Under

an agreement with Dalit management, MIDAS conducted a five-day training on "Entrepreneurship Development" for DALIT in Daulatpur, Khulna from 19 to 23 August 2017. A total of 33 women beneficiaries of Dalit took part in the training course. The objectives of entrepreneurship development training for disadvantaged and marginalized women were developing entrepreneurial competency among the participants; helping them to identify the day to day affairs of the business; enabling them to calculate the cost of the products/services produced by them; enabling them to prepare business plan of their respective business by themselves; enabling the participants to formulate the marketing strategies to sustain and grow in a competitive business environment and building self-confidence and self-esteem among the participants.

Technology Transfer



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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

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YouthFireIT

YouthFireIT is a fast-growing digital IT solution providing company. With a pool of energetic, well-skilled youths, the company provides technological support in the arena of Graphics Design, Software Development, Web Development, Apps Development, Affiliate Marketing, Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Domain Hosting. Ms. Herma Volwater, Senior Expert (IT Development), PUM-Netherlands, worked for Youth Fire IT, Dhaka from 11 to 16 July 2017 (Project No-6682). She assessed organizational capability and trained the concern persons of the company on new software development and advised them on strategy for international market.



△ Ms. Herma Volwater, Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Representative, Bangladesh, PUM-Netherlands along with Mr. Manik Dhor, Proprietor, YouthFireIT



△ Ms. Bernadette Francisca Maria Damhuis with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at CDP in Meherpur



Center for Development and Peace (CDP)

The Center for Development and Peace (CDP) is a non-governmental organization, established in 1998, aimed at empowering the poor and vulnerable people in Meherpur region through education, health and community development. Ms. Bernadette Francisca Maria Damhuis, Senior Expert (Design and Development), PUM-Netherlands, visited CDP in Meherpur (Project No-3788) from 20 July to 3 August 2017 on a follow up mission. She provided a written guideline to the management for their future course of action in product development and dress designing.



Dabi Moulik Unnayan Sangstha (DMUS)

Dabi Moulik Unnayan Sangstha (DMUS) is a non-governmental organization established with the objective of reducing poverty through production of textile and textile products. Mr. Arnold Toppen, Senior Expert (Textile), PUM-Netherlands visited DMUS in Naogaon from 19 July to 2 August 2017 (Project No-6680) for improving their power loom based textile products. He handed over a written guideline to the management for future course of action in this regard.



△ Mr. Arnold Toppen along with other officials of DMUS



Janata Hospital and Diagnostic Ltd

Janata Hospital and Diagnostic Ltd is one of the prominent health service providers in Jessore. Dr. Tony Lamping, Senior Expert (Health Care and Hospital Management), PUM-Netherlands visited the Hospital in Jessore from 19 to 26 August 2017 (Project No-6668). He advised the organization on hospital management, patient care and also rendered training to the concerned persons of the hospital. Mr. Lamping also provided a written guideline to the management for future actions.

△ Dr. Tony Lamping with staffs of Janata Hospital and Diagnostic



Dentist Point

Dentist Point is an oral health service provider in Jessore. Mr. Werner Krause, Senior Expert (Dental Technologist), PUM-Netherlands, visited Dentist Point in Jessore from 11 to 24 August 2017 (Project No-7032). He assessed dental technological expertise of the organization and provided training to the professionals working there. He also provided a written advice to the management for future activities needed.



△ Mr. Werner Krause with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at Dentist Point



Niribili Poultry and Livestock Ltd

Niribili Poultry and Livestock Ltd is a renowned and technologically advanced agricultural service provider in Cox's Bazar. Mr. Andries de Vries, Senior Expert (Hatchery and Marine Fisheries), PUM-Netherlands, visited Niribili Poultry and Livestock Ltd in Cox's Bazar from 24 August to 7 September 2017 (Project No- 6507). He carried out an organizational need assessment for comprehensive development to achieve international standard. Thereafter, he trained the workforce on feed formulation. He also prepared a written guideline for the management for future required actions.

△ Mr. Andries de Vries with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at Niribili Poultry



Nowabenki Gonomukhi Foundation (NGF)

Nowabenki Gonomukhi Foundation (NGF) was established in 1987 as a non-profit organization for ensuring sustainable development of rural community poor people in the southwest coastal part of Bangladesh. Mr. Henk van den Berkmortel, Senior Expert (Fisheries) of PUM-Netherlands visited NGF in Satkhira (Project No-6684) from 24 to 30 September 2017 for improving their crab hatchery project. In addition, he provided a written guideline to the management for their future course of actions.



△ Mr. Henk van den Berkmortel with NGF officials



Rural Development Sangstha (RDS)

Rural Development Sangstha (RDS), is a non-political, non-profit and non-governmental voluntary organization, established in 1993 with a purpose to alleviate poverty. Ms. Jenny Beeuwkes Berends, Senior Expert (Human Hair Processing) of PUM-Netherlands visited RDS in Sherpur from 9 to 24 September 2017 (Project No-6744). She advised on hair processing and provided training to the workers to improve their skill. She also handed over a written guideline to the management for their future course of action.



△ Ms. Jenny Beeuwkes Berends seen advising RDS staff on hair processing



Jielian Restaurant

Jielian Restaurant is located in Savar. Mr. Jan Dragt, Senior Expert (Hospitality Management) of PUM-Netherlands, visited Jielian Restaurant in Savar (Project No- 6683) from 22 September to 6 October 2017 for developing their hospitality management system, takeaway and catering services. He also provided a written guideline to them for their future course of action.



△ Mr. Jan Dragt with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at Jielian Restaurant

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