

25th Annual General Meeting of MIDAS



△ From Left to Right: Mr. S. M. Al-Husainy, Ms. Sabina Alam, Major General (Retd.) Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury, Mr. Abdul Karim, Ms. Zahida Ispahani, Ms. Parveen Mahmud (Chairman), Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman (Managing Director), Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Mr. Shaikh A. Halim, Mr. M Hafizuddin Khan, Mr. Ghulam Rahman and Ms. Rokia A. Rahman

The 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at MIDAS Head Office in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Ms. Parveen Mahmud, FCA, was in the chair where the Members of the Company- Ms. Rokia A. Rahman, Mr. S. M. Al-Husainy, Mr. Shaikh A. Halim, Major General (Retd.) Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury, Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Ms. Sabina Alam, Mr. Abdul Karim, Mr. Ghulam Rahman, Mr. M Hafizuddin Khan, Ms. Zahida Ispahani and Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director were present. The Chairman thanked Board of Directors, Team MIDAS, Development Partners for helping and guiding MIDAS for the achievement of its brilliant 35th anniversary in consultancy and development arena.

The Directors' Report and the Annual Accounts of the Company for the year 2016-2017 were adopted in the Meeting. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2017-18 and Election of the Members of the Board were also held in the AGM.

Study and Research



Impact evaluation of electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System of Bangladesh (Central Procurement Technical Unit, IMED, Ministry of Planning)

The Central Procurement Technical Unit (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, the 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 conducted 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) were collected from RHD, LGED and BWDB in all the 64 districts of Bangladesh. After 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, Madaripur, 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 October-December 2017, as part of the monitoring and evaluation, some of the activities carried out by MIDAS were:

Prepared 2nd Quarter Progress Report of ASSSRBP for the year 2017-18; prepared Final Annual Progress Report of ASSSRBP for the year 2016-17; assisted Project Director in the preparation of Presentation Materials used in planning workshop; attended SAAOs training at Barisal; Supervised Audit activities of ASSSRBP in Patuakhali; discussed with officers and SAAOs with the project activities and progress of work; discussed with Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers of Barisal and Patuakhali for expediting works under ASSSRBP; organized monthly PMU, PIU and PMSU meeting and prepared proceedings of the meetings; prepared all correspondence letters to IDB for IDB familiarization and Review Supervision Mission visit; attended monthly progress meeting at the MoA on behalf of the Project Director; attended RADP meeting at ERD on behalf of the Project Director; prepared all draft letters required by the Project Director as and when required; discharged other services as required by the Project Director.

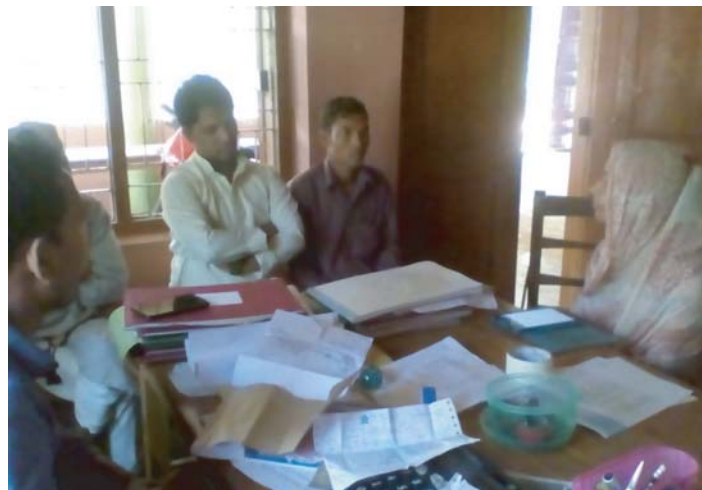
Moreover, during the period of October-December 2017, MIDAS consultant took part in the following assignments-meeting with LGED officials about progress of work in Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Madaripur Districts; visited landing stage at Bhandaria Upazilla, Pirojpur; visited ongoing village and union road improvement by Bituminous carpeting at Sadar Upazilla, Madaripur District; visited ongoing Culvert construction at Sadar Upazilla, Patuakhali and Madaripur Districts; visited ongoing construction of Farmers Training Center in Gopalganj; checked Design Drawing and cost estimate of Farmer Training Center at Babugonj and Banaripara Upazilla of Barisal District, Bhandaria Upazilla of Pirojpur District, Betagi Upazilla of Borguna District.



POWER CELL, POWER DIVISION
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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 in the central cloud server through internet from the field for further data cleaning, processing and analysis.



△ A Field Enumerator is collecting data from the concerned respondents of an organization

Training

Skill Development Training on Tailoring and Beef Fattening

"Women in Peace and Harmony Project" of BRAC aims to strengthen the capacity of women in Bangladesh to stand out and engage themselves in economy through providing them necessary skill development trainings and lessons. The project is financed by UN Women. Under a contract with BRAC, MIDAS conducted 22 batches of skill development training for the women beneficiaries of the project in Jessore, Satkhira, Moulvibazar and Cox's Bazar districts. Total of 12 batches of Tailoring and 10 batches of Beef fattening training were conducted by MIDAS in the four districts where total of 134 and 114 women attended respectively. These courses covered the basic concepts and applying mechanism of tailoring and beef fattening in real life businesses, ensuring increase of self-confidence and knowledge among the women with a sense of entrepreneurship. MIDAS Officials and Skill Trainers conducted these courses.



△ A view of the participants in the Skill development training of tailoring

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-Netherlands 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.

Matri Fish Hatchery

Matri Fish Hatchery is a pioneer enterprise in Jessore, doing research in aquaculture and selling products of the hatchery all over Bangladesh. Mr. Henk van den Berkmortel, Senior Expert (Fisheries) of PUM-Netherlands visited Matri Fish Hatchery in Jessore (Project no-6984) on 1-10 October 2017 for improving their spawn and fingerlings hatchery project. Besides delivering hands on technical training to the workers, he prepared a written guideline for the management of the project for improving production and business activities in the future.



△ Mr. Henk Van Den Berkmortel along with other staff of Matri Fish Hatchery



Foundation for Women and Child Assistance (FWCA)

Foundation for Women and Child Assistance (FWCA) is legally registered, non-profit, non-governmental humanitarian and development organization in Rajshahi. It was established in 2004 with some social workers led by parents of neurological special children. In order to improve quality of Bakery Unit and Physiotherapy Unit, FWCA contacted MIDAS for their Technology Transfer program support. Accordingly, Mr. Harry van de Kerkhof, Senior Expert (Bakery) of PUM-Netherlands worked in the Bakery Unit (Project no- 6314) of FWCA during 8-21 October, 2017 in Rajshahi for developing their Bakery items.

On the other hand, under a separate PUM assignment, Ms. Mary Lou Schroder, Senior Expert (Physiotherapist) of PUM-Netherlands assisted Physiotherapy Unit of FWCA (Project no-6332) during 13-28 October, 2017 in Rajshahi for developing their physiotherapy unit and existing services for special children. She also provided training to the special children for preparing them as self-dependent person.



△ Mr. Harry van de Kerkhof providing bakery training for socially challenged children at FWCA



△ Ms. Mary Lou Schroder with the special children at FWCA



DALIT

DALIT established in 1998, is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization working to promote fundamentals rights, socio-economic development and empowerment among Dalits and other vulnerable and socially excluded groups. DALIT contacted MIDAS for PUM service to strengthen management capability and capacity building of the staffs of the organization. Accordingly, Ms. Tjitske Bruinsma, Senior Expert (Health Management) of PUM-Netherlands worked from 6-19 November, 2017 for DALIT in Khulna (Project-7187) for upgrading their management capability.



△ Ms. Tjitske Bruinsma with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at Dalit



Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK)

Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK) is a community led development organization in Gaibandha working for the poor and extreme poor people in 10 districts of Bangladesh. Responding to GUK's interest to expand its social business unit through development of bakery items, Mr. Frans van Eijk, Senior Expert (Bakery Specialist) of PUM-Netherlands worked from 5-20 November, 2017 for GUK in Gaibandha (Project no-6786). On the basis of his assessment of the organizational requirement, he conducted training for the concerned workers of GUK and prepared a written guideline on different bakery items production and quality control system.



△ Mr. Frans Van Eijk is working at GUK



Herald Traders

Situated in Dhaka, Herald Traders is a Leather Goods Manufacturer in Bangladesh. With the objective of expanding leather goods production into international standards, Ms. Mirjam Zwolsman, Senior Expert (Leather Technology) of PUM-Netherlands assisted Herald Traders in Dhaka during 5-18 November, 2017 (Project no-6313). As part of her assignment, Ms. Zwolsman conducted training sessions for the organization and prepared a guideline for product development satisfying international standard.



△ Ms. Mirjam Zwolsman with Ms. Yasmeen Ahmed, Owner of Herald Leathers and Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman

Maria Mother General Hospital

Maria Mother General Hospital is located in Barisal and is operating as a not-for-profit organization. Mr. Jankees de Ridder, Senior Expert (Health Care) of PUM-Netherlands assisted the Hospital in Barisal (Project-6925) from 21 November to 9 December, 2017. Mr. Ridder advised on development of medical technology and facilities of the hospital, expanding skills and knowledge of staffs for providing improved services to the local poor patients.

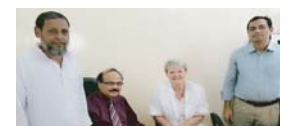


△ Mr. Jankees De Ridder with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman at Maria Mother General Hospital



Mawna Diabetic Association

Mawna Diabetic Association, is a not-for-profit social service organization in Gazipur. Ms. Helma Keijzers Hormann, Senior Expert (Health Management) of PUM-Netherlands worked from 7-20 November, 2017 for Mawna Diabetic Association, Gazipur (Project no-6787). Activities of her assignment included, organization assessment, providing hands on training for enhancing skills and treatment knowledge related to diabetics and proper management and preparing operational guideline to upgrade the clinic conforming to the global standard.



△ Ms. Helma Keijzers Hormann with Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman and Dr. Arun Basar at Mawna Diabetic Association



Rational Technologies Limited

Rational Technologies Limited was established in 2012 with the goal of developing customized software solutions for clients in Bangladesh and abroad. The organization approached MIDAS seeking PUM Expert Service for promoting their product Lokkhi Business Suite in the Global market. In this regard, Mr. Jan Willem Alfenaar, Senior Expert (IT) of PUM-Netherlands assisted Rational Technologies Limited in Dhaka (Project no-7039) during 7-20 November, 2017.



△ Mr. Jan Willem Alfenaar with Mr. Saquib Chowdhury, MD of Rational Technologies Ltd and Dr. A.S.M. Mashur-Rahman, Representative, Bangladesh, PUM

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