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35th Anniversary Celebration of MIDAS



△ Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Commerce Minister, Ms. Parveen Mahmud, Chairman, MIDAS Board, Ms. Rokia A Rahman, Director, MIDAS Board and Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, MD, MIDAS are seen with the award recipients in an event to Mark the 35th Anniversary of MIDAS at its Head Office in Dhaka

Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) celebrated its glorious 35th Anniversary on Saturday, 8th September 2018 at MIDAS Centre in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. On this occasion, MIDAS Management honoured eight entrepreneurs: Ms. Nayan Salina (Cox's Bazar), Ms. Afsana Asif Shoma (Dhaka), Ms. Wahida Khanam (Rajshahi), Ms. Sultana Zaman Lina (Rajshahi), Ms. Soniya Rahman (Jashore), Mr. Noor A Alam Chowdhury (Dhaka), Mr. M. A. Mannan (Dhaka) and Ms. Selina Akter (Dhaka), who have made brilliant achievement in different fields by availing MIDAS services. The Honourable Commerce Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Tofail Ahmed was present in the function as Chief Guest and handed over the MIDAS

Translating STDs and Amended PPA & PPR under Digitizing Implementation Monitoring and Public Procurement Project (DIMAPPP) of CPTU



△ Director General of CPTU Mr. Md Faruque Hossain and Managing Director of MIDAS Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman exchanged the contract paper at CPTU Office

The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IMED, Ministry of Planning, GoB signed a contract with MIDAS on 30th July 2018 for translation of a number of Standard Tender Documents (STDs) into Bangla from English and the Public Procurement Act 2006 and the Public Procurement Rules 2008 (with all amendments) into English from Bangla. In order to attain sustainability of momentous growth in the domain of Public Procurement

Entrepreneurship Award 2018 to the Awardees. H.E. Harry Verweij, Ambassador, Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Dhaka, Mr. Derrick S. Brown, Director, USAID Bangladesh Mission and Ms. Akkie Okma, Senior Expert of PUM Netherlands attended the program as Guests of Honour along with Ms. Corinne Petrisor, Senior Trade Commissioner, Canadian High Commission, Bangladesh and other invited guests and dignitaries.

USAID was instrumental in the birth of MIDAS in 1982 and it supported MIDAS for about 11 years (1982-1993). Since then, MIDAS has emerged as one of the leading promotional organizations in the MSME sector in Bangladesh.

We Mourn



We are deeply shocked and overwhelmed with grief at the expiry of our honourable two Board Directors. Professor Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi and Mr. Shaikh A. Halim expired on 22 May 2018 and 12 October 2018 respectively (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Elaihi Rajeun).

We sincerely extend our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families. May the Almighty Allah bless their departed souls and grant them the highest level of Jannah.

MIDAS Family

management through the introduction of electronic Government Procurement (e-GP), the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh has taken up DIMAPPP project with the support from the World Bank. Mr. Md. Faruque Hossain, Director General (Additional Secretary), CPTU and Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS signed the contract on behalf of their respective organizations. The officials of CPTU and MIDAS were present at the time of contract signing.

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



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

A Dissemination Workshop on the submitted Draft Final Report on 'Baseline Survey for Global Multi-Tier Measurement for Access to Energy' for Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project was held on 26th September 2018 at Bijoy Hall, Bidyut Bhaban, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus, Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, GoB presided the seminar. Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General of Power Cell, Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS, Mr. Hussain Samad, Consultant, The World Bank along with other High officials from both sides were present and expressed their valuable opinions on the Draft Final Report during the seminar. The report would be finalized on the basis of the feedback of the seminar.



△ A glimpse of the Dissemination Workshop where officials of Power Division, GoB, The World Bank and MIDAS were present

Evaluation of Behaviour Change Communications (BCC) Intervention: Endline Survey

On behalf of Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, Berkeley Air Monitoring Group, Inc. of USA assigned MIDAS to conduct an Endline Survey Data Collection for "Evaluation on Behavior Change Communications Pilot Project" on 19th September 2018. The evaluation's primary goal is to identify which Behavior Change Communications interventions support scale-up of clean and efficient cooking, to understand how and why they work, and ultimately to model their impact in the Alliance's key mission areas of health, environment, livelihood and gender. As part of the assignment MIDAS shall conduct a digital Endline Survey using Tablets in Faridpur, Madaripur and Jhalokathi districts, where data from 900 households are targeted to be collected and 100 In-depth Interviews (IDIs) will be conducted during October 2018.



△ Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS and Ms. Samantha Delapena, Project Manager, Berkeley Air Monitoring Group, USA exchanged the contract document

Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project



MIDAS signed an agreement with Agricultural Support for Smallholders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh (ASSSRB) Project, funded by Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 12th January 2016. Involvement of MIDAS with the project is extended for one year till June 2019 and an amended contract was signed on 28th June 2018 at the office of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of Bangladesh. The purpose of the project is to improve the livelihood of the 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 regions. Activities performed by MIDAS during the session of April - September 2018 were: preparation of 4th quarter final Progress Report of ASSSRBP for the year 2017-18; final Annual Progress Report of ASSSRBP for the year 2017-18, annual planning workshop, annual work plan of 2018-19 and other project assignments.



△ Project Director of ASSSRBP, Dr. Mohammad Shafiqul Islam and Managing Director of MIDAS, Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman along with other officials of their respective organizations were present on the occasion of the signing of documents.

In-depth Monitoring of "Support to Development of Kaliakoir (and others Hi-Tech Park) Project (3rd Revised)"



With firm objective of creating employment opportunities through the establishment of knowledge-based industries in general, and IT/ITES and advanced Hi-Tech industries, the Government of Bangladesh is implementing "Support to Development of Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park (and

Other Hi-Tech Park) Project" under the Private Sector Development Support Project (PSDSP) financed by IDA and DFID. Monitoring and Evaluation Sector-7, IMED, Ministry of Planning, assigned MIDAS for conducting In-depth Monitoring of the project. The main focus of the study was to assess the level of attainment of the project objectives. Duration of the assignment was about four months. As part of the study MIDAS collected sample data and information from the project trainees,

IT companies, project officials, key informants, stakeholders, etc. in 7 districts covered by the project. Study findings were presented by MIDAS in a National workshop at IMED on 21st April 2018 where officials from BHTPA, IMED, various government offices and MIDAS were present. After successfully completing the assignment, MIDAS submitted the final in-depth monitoring report to IMED in June 2018.



△ A glimpse of the National Workshop held at IMED where High Officials of BHTPA, IMED and MIDAS were present



Impact Assessment of electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) and Other Selected Interventions (Central Procurement Technical Unit, IMED, Ministry of Planning)

The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) assigned MIDAS for a consulting services for Impact Assessment of tender related data from the three Government agencies-RHD, LGED and BWDB. First time in Bangladesh, the data was collected digitally under this assignment which was jointly financed by the World Bank and Government of Bangladesh. With the support 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 more than 33 thousand tenders of RHD, LGED and BWDB in all the 64 districts of Bangladesh. After conclusion of TLS, a detailed sampling survey of more than 13 thousand manual tenders along with e-GP tenders in all the 64 districts was carried out by MIDAS digitally using Tabs in the second phase. MIDAS has successfully completed the various activities of the assignment.



△ A glimpse of Second Implementation Progress Review Mission of DIMAPPP at CPTU conference room. Mr. Shish Haider Chowdhury, Director, CPTU, presided the meeting



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. For availing PUM Senior Experts Services, please contact: Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, mashiur@midas.org.bd, Mobile: 01711842976, Tel: +88 02 9102698. Various activities related to PUM carried out by MIDAS during April-September 2018 period are given below:

Chairman of MIDAS Board Visits PUM Headquarters in the Netherlands

Ms. Parveen Mahmud, Chairman, MIDAS Board of Directors visited PUM Netherlands Head Office in The Hague, Netherlands on 20th June 2018. She had meeting with Ms. Andy Wehkamp, Director Advisory Services and CEO of PUM Netherlands senior experts; Ms. Murielle Klier-van der Pol, Senior Project Officer Bangladesh, PUM Netherlands senior experts and Mr. Wim Heijser, Country Coordinator Bangladesh, PUM Netherlands senior experts. She discussed with the PUM Officials to strengthen the technical assistance and services for entrepreneurs and emerging SMEs in Bangladesh through MIDAS.



△ Ms. Parveen Mahmud, Chairman, MIDAS Board along with Ms. Andy Wehkamp, Director Advisory Services and CEO, PUM, Ms. Murielle Klier-van der Pol, Senior Project Officer, PUM and Mr. Wim Heijser, Country Coordinator Bangladesh at PUM Netherlands HQ in the Hague, Netherlands



Rights Computer Training Centre (RCTC)

RCTC was established in Jashore on 1st January 2014. Mr. Gerard de Jonge, Senior Expert (ICT), PUM-Netherlands visited RCTC (Project # 8169) during 1-8 August 2018 for providing managerial and functional support.



Utshab Computer Training Institute (UCTI)

This institute was established in Jashore on 1st September 2002. Mr. Gerard de Jonge, Senior Expert (ICT), PUM-Netherlands visited UCTI (Project # 8169) during 9-15 August 2018 for providing managerial and functional assistance to the institute.



Mitali Food Industries Limited

This company is one of the rising food manufacturing industries in Khulna. Mr. Jan Barten, Senior Expert (Bakery), PUM-Netherlands visited the company in Khulna (Project # 9496) on 8-21 September 2018 for improving factory management



Palli Mongal Kamosuchi (PMK)

Registered in 1988 with the Directorate of Social Service and later in 1993 with NGO Affairs Bureau, PMK is a leading national level development organization with headquarter at Zirabo, Ashulia in Dhaka. PMK has a Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Zirabo. Mr. Titus Vissers, Senior Expert (Health) of PUM-Netherlands visited PMK Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Zirabo, Dhaka (Project # 8356) from 21-26 April 2018



Universal Medical College & Hospital Ltd

Universal Medical College & Hospital Ltd. (former Aysha Memorial Specialized Hospital) is serving the people with an intention of providing best health care services. The hospital management felt interested in technological assistance to develop hospitalization services, nursing and midwifery unit. In this regard, Mr. Titus Vissers, Senior Expert (Health) of PUM-Netherlands visited Universal Medical College & Hospital Ltd., Mohakhali, Dhaka (Project # 8408) from 28 April-03 May 2018 and trained concerned officials of the hospital.

Universal Nursing Institute which is creating new opportunities for nursing students in Bangladesh, belongs to the same management of the Universal Medical College & Hospital. Under a separate project, Ms. Anne van Montfoort, Senior Expert (Health) of PUM-Netherlands worked on specialized nursing care for the Institute in Dhaka (Project # 8419) during 22 April-03 May 2018.



Hotel Beach Way

It is one of the most renowned, modern and well-furnished 3-Star hotels near Kolatoli beach point in Cox's Bazar. Responding to Hotel Beach way's interest to train up workers, develop the knowledge and skill of management staff and improve sales and hospitality services, Ms. Trudy Larooij (Hotel Management Specialist) of PUM- Netherlands visited the hotel during 1-17 May 2018 (Project # 6724). She provided training to the hotel staff for implementing the overall management system, sales and hospitality services.



Shapla Gram Unnayan Sangstha (SGUS)

SGUS is working in the field of Bee Rearing, Honey Collection, Honey Processing and Marketing of the same in a befitting manner from Firozabad, Sopura, Rajshahi. The organization is interested to expand honey business all over the country and ultimately willing to enter into the world market. In order to implement the desired plan, SGUS wanted to develop the capacity of their existing management staff. Mr. Rene Elsendoorn, Senior Expert (Honey Processing), PUM-Netherlands imparted training on improving the overall honey management system at SGUS in Rajshahi (Project # 7537) during 19-29 June 2018.

Glimpses of 35th Anniversary Celebration of MIDAS.



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