

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



△ In presence of concerned officials, Mr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Director General, Monitoring and Evaluation Sector-7, IMED, Ministry of Planning, exchanges documents of an agreement with Dr A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director of MIDAS after its signing.



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. Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park (KHTP), now known as Bangabandhu Hi-Tech City (BHTC), is the first ever Hi-Tech Park in Bangladesh which is located at Kaliakoirupazilla in Gazipur district covering 232 acres of land. With firm objective of creating employment opportunities through the establishment of knowledge-based industries in general, and IT/ITES and advanced Hi-Tech industries, this park will be a milestone for world class business environment/investment zone especially for the foreign investors where they can easily utilize the vast potential of young educated and technically skilled work force. In addition to KHTP, Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA) is responsible for the establishment and expansion along with management, operation and

development of Hi-Tech Parks like Jessore Software Technology (IT) Park, Sylhet Hi-Tech Park, Mohakhali IT Village, Janata Tower Software Technology Park and 12 other IT Parks. As a part of this development process, Monitoring and Evaluation Sector-7, IMED, Ministry of Planning, signed an agreement with MIDAS on February 8, 2018 for conducting In-depth Monitoring of the project.

As per the agreement, MIDAS prepared an inception report about the in-depth study methodology and implementation and submitted to concerned IMED authorities for approval. Through the Meeting of Steering Committee and then the Technical committee, the inception report was approved. Accordingly, MIDAS finalized the data collection tools and provided training to the field enumerators. As part of the study, field survey along with conducting Focus Group Discussion and Key Informants Interview, etc., are going on. After collecting necessary data and information, these will be analyzed to prepare in-depth monitoring report for submission to IMED.



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) is responsible for setting procurement policies, and for overseeing their implementation across Government agencies. As a key innovation, CPTU has since 2012 supervised the role-out of Bangladesh's electronic Government Procurement System (e-GP). Bangladesh's e-GP System presently digitize the whole contracting method, from the advertisement to concluding

payment. It assembles and publishes vast amount of comprehensive records placing it among the progressive 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 e-GP System of Bangladesh, CPTU assigned MIDAS for consulting services for collection of tender related data from the

three Government agencies-RHD, LGED and BWDB. First time in Bangladesh, the data is being collected digitally under this assignment which is 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 RHD, LGED and BWDB in all the 64 districts of Bangladesh. After conclusion of TLS, a detailed sampling survey of manual tenders in all the 64 districts is going on digitally using Tabs in the second phase. The digital survey is expected to be completed in May 2018.

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

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 the World Bank. For the first time in Bangladesh a baseline survey was carried out on access to electricity and better cooking using the Global Tracking Framework (GTF). 6 sets of elaborate survey tools provided by World Bank were used for collecting data through Tabs from the field. These tools were used in other countries of similar Baseline survey introduced by World Bank. However, these survey tools were further adjusted and improved considering Bangladesh perspective. Six Survey teams of MIDAS, each team composed of 6 enumerators, a supervisor, and a quality control person, carried out 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 were six groups of respondents of the survey comprising of i) household ii) Place of Worship, iii) Community, iv) Health Facility, v) Education Institution and vi) Government Office / NGO. Collected data was uploaded in the central cloud server through internet from the field. During the January-March period, several post survey activities, such as, data cleaning, data editing, data processing and statistical analysis were carried out. After completion of the detailed analysis of the survey data, a comprehensive report will be prepared for submission to Power Cell.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project



MIDAS is executing a 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 the 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 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 run on till June 2018.

During the period of January-March 2018, as part of the monitoring and evaluation, some of the actions carried out by MIDAS were:

Prepared 3rd Quarter Progress Report of ASSSRBP for the year 2017-18,
Prepared Draft Annual Progress Report of ASSSRBP for the year 2017-18,

Assisted Project Director in the preparation of tender documents for procurement of Agricultural Machineries, Assisted Project Director in preparation of disbursement proposal to IDB against expenditure incurred under the project. Monitored project activities undertaken by DAE, LGED, organized meeting with LGED officials about progress of work at Barisal, Gopalgong, Madaripur Districts, visited Irrigation Channel at Gopalgong District; ongoing Bridge/Culvert construction at Muksudpur, Kotalipara and Sadar Upazilla of Gopalgong District and Sadar Upazilla of Madaripur District. Moreover, implemented other assignments relating to the project administration for smooth functioning

Moreover, during the period of January-March 2018, MIDAS consultant took part in the following assignments-Meeting with LGED officials about progress of work at Barisal, Jhalokhati, Bagerhat, Gopalgong, Madaripur, Barguna and Patuakhali Districts. Also visited Irrigation Channel at Gopalgong, Barguna District; Excavation of Khals at Sadar Upazilla of Barguna District; ongoing Village, Union Road improvement by Bituminous carpeting at Muksudpur Sadar Upazilla of Gopalgong District, Sadar and Kalkini Upazilla, Madaripur District; ongoing Bridge/Culvert construction at Muksudpur, Kotalipara and Sadar Upazilla of Gopalgong District, Sadar Upazilla of Madaripur District; ongoing construction of Regional DAE office at Barisal and ongoing construction of Farmers Training center at Gopalgong.

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.

Hans Blankert Fund grants 2,500 euros to Matri Fish Hatchery under the Technology Transfer for Private Sector Development Program of MIDAS



△ Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman, MD, MIDAS is handing over the check to Mr. Zahidul Rahman, Proprietor of Marti Fish Hatchery



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

Matri Fish Hatchery

Matri Fish Hatchery, is a pioneer enterprise in Jessore, conducting research in aquaculture and selling hatchery products all over Bangladesh. The organization received a grant from Hans Blankert Fund Department of PUM Netherlands under the Technology Transfer for Private Sector Development Program of MIDAS for the development of Fish Quality Control Lab. The grant cheque was handed over by Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, MD, MIDAS to Mr. Md.Zahidul Rahman, Proprietor of Marti Fish Hatchery on 21st March, 2018 in Dhaka. Earlier in October 2017, Mr. Henk van den Berkmortel, Senior Expert (Fisheries) of PUM- Netherlands visited the organization in Jessore (Project no-6984) and assisted and provided guidelines about spawn and fingerlings hatchery project.



△ Mr. Wim van Kesters, Mrs. N.N Nasrin, Proprietor along with other staffs of Utsab Seed Farm

Utsab Seed Farm

Utsab Seed Farm, started journey in 2006 from Jessore with a goal of building up the cultivation of flowers, flower seeds and flower market nationally. With the objective of development of modern flower cultivation system, improvement of the quality of seeds; preservation of seeds, marketing and breeding assistance to the farmers, etc., the farm contacted MIDAS for PUM assistance. In this regard, Mr. Wim van Kester, Senior Expert (Floriculturist) of PUM-Netherlands worked from 11-23 January, 2018 for Utsab Seed Farm in Jessore (Project no-7893) for improving their flower cultivation project. He trained their workers on modern farming method and provided an assessment report along with specific guideline to the management for their future course of action.



△ Mr. Jurriaan Tas, Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman and Mr. Ruhi Das along with other officials at Bastob Office



Bastob Initiative for People's Self Development

Bastob Initiative for People's Self Development was founded in 1997 in Dhaka with a vision of creating a society where poor and disadvantaged people get the maximum opportunity to be socially developed and economically self-reliant. In order to expand kitchen and textile ware market globally, Mr. Ruhi Das, Executive Director, BASTOB, contacted MIDAS for PUM technical assistance. Accordingly, Mr. Jurriaan Tas Senior Expert (Textile) of PUM- Netherlands worked from 20 January to 02 February, 2018 for Bastob, Dhaka (Project no-6678) for improving their textile project. He trained concern officials about the ins

and out of marketing and provided an assessment report along with specific guidelines to the management.

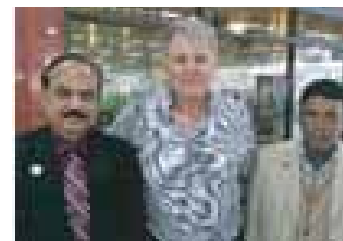


△ Mr. WF vanvanDoesburg, Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman and Mr. Sudhir Chandra Dey at Udooy Office



UDOY

UDOY, an NGO, founded in 1998 in Tangail with a vision to generate income for the unprivileged people of Tangail. Mr. Sudhir Chandra Dey, Executive Director of UDOY approached MIDAS for PUM technical assistance to develop their mini garments products, handicrafts items and to provide skill trainings for workers. Mr. WF van vanDoesburg, Senior Expert (Textile and Handicraft) of PUM- Netherlands worked from 04-18 January, 2018 for UDOY, Tangail (Project no-6664) for improving their garments and handicraft project. He trained officials and production workers about production and quality control system, aiming to improve the product acceptance. He offered an appraisal report along with specific guidelines to the management.



△ Mr. Rob De Haan with Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman and Mr. Ashok Kumar

GRAUK

Gram Unnayan Karjakram (GRAUK) was established in 1999 in Moulivibazar district with a vision of socio-economic development of Krishnanagar, Moulivibazar district. GRAUK was interested to develop the quality of traditional Monipuri Saree, bed sheet and other handmade garment items through PUM expertise. In this connection, Mr. Rob De Haan, Senior Expert (Textile and handicraft) of PUM- Netherlands worked from 06-19 January, 2018 under the Technology Transfer for Private Sector Development Program of MIDAS for GRAUK, Moulivibazar (Project no-6745). He advised production and quality control officials and workers of the organization and provided an assessment report and a managerial guidelines.



△ Mr. Ad. Balwith Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman in Dhaka



GGanoMillon Foundation

GGanoMillon Foundation is a not-for-profit enterprise, founded in 1981 in Bagerhat with the goal of developing income generating activities in Bagerhat district. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Biswas, Executive Director of GanoMillon Foundation was concerned about modernizing their poultry farm and improve the production of eggs and chicks. With this observation, they communicated MIDAS and applied for Technological assistance. In this regard, Mr. Ad. Bal, Senior Expert (Poultry) of PUM- Netherlands worked from 23 February to 7 March, 2018 for GanoMillon Foundation in Bagerhat (Project no-7999) for improving their poultry farm. He trained workers and concern professionals of the organization on modern poultry technology and provided an assessment report and guidelines.



△ Mr. Jan Dragt, Senior Expert (Hospitality Management) along with other staffs of Jielian Restaurant



Jelian Restaurant

Jelian Restaurant is one of the renowned restaurants in Savar, Dhaka. To enhance the management and quality of this restaurant, Mr. Jan Dragt, Senior Expert (Hospitality Management) of PUM- Netherlands worked in the restaurant in Savar from 24-28 March, 2018 (Project no- 6683 follow-up mission) as a follow up of his earlier mission. He trained officials and workers in developing their hospitality management, parcel and catering services.

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