

Mr. Anjan Chowdhury, the New Chairman of MIDAS Board of Directors



Mr. Anjan Chowdhury, a highly noted business person of the country, was elected as the new Chairman of Micro Industries Development Assistance and services (MIDAS) by MIDAS Board of Directors in the 338th Board Meeting of MIDAS held on Thursday, 20th December 2018. MIDAS Board also elected Mr. Ali Imam Majumder and Dr. S. M. Akbar as the new Directors from MIDAS General Body.

Later the outgoing Chairman Ms. Parveen Mahmud and MIDAS Board members present welcomed the new Chairman and the new Directors in a simple gathering at MIDAS Office.

26th Annual General Meeting of MIDAS



△ From left to right: Mr. Abdul Karim, Ms. Sabina Alam, Mr. Ghulam Rahman, Ms. Rokia A. Rahman, Mr. M. Hafizuddin Khan, Ms. Parveen Mahmud (Chairman), Dr. A.S.M. Mashi-ur-Rahman (Managing Director), Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Mr. S.M. Al-Husainy and Ms. Zahida Ispahani

The 26th Annual General Meeting of Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) was held on Thursday, 20th December 2018 at MIDAS Head Office in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Ms. Parveen Mahmud, FCA, Chairman, MIDAS Board was in the chair. Other Directors of MIDAS Board, namely, Ms. Rokia A. Rahman, Mr. S. M. Al-Husainy, 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, MIDAS were also present.

The Directors' Report and the Annual Audited Accounts of the Company for the year 2017-2018 were adopted, appointment of auditors for the FY 2018-19 and election of Members of the Board were held in the Meeting.

STUDY AND RESEARCH

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

Under a contract with Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IMED, Ministry of Planning, GOB, MIDAS is carrying out 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. A total of 12 such

documents is being translated by MIDAS in two phases.

In order to attain sustainability of momentous growth in the domain of Public Procurement management through the introduction of electronic Government Procurement (e-GP), the Bangladesh Government initiated DIMAPPP project with financial support of the World Bank.

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



△ A glimpses of Field Enumerators collecting data from respondents using Tabs

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 "Potential Evaluation on Behavior Change Communications Pilot Project" on 19th September 2018. The evaluation's primary goal was 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. Under the assignment, MIDAS conducted a digital endline survey using Tablets of 900 households

in Bhanga Upazila in Faridpur District, Rajoir Upazila in Madaripur District and Rajapur Upazila in Jhalokathi District during November-December 2018 period. With the help of internet, collected data was directly uploaded from the field by MIDAS to the cloud server which is managed by Barkeley Air for necessary analysis and reporting.

After successful completion of endline survey in December 2018, an In-depth Interview (IDI) of selected 75 households covered in the endline survey is planned for commencement in early January 2019.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project



MIDAS signed an agreement with Agricultural Support for Small holders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh (ASSSRB) Project, funded by Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 12th January 2016. 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 Upazilas of 9 Districts of South-Western regions. Involvement of MIDAS with the project will end on 30th June 2019.

During the period of October-December 2018, as a part of the

monitoring and evaluation, some of the actions carried out by MIDAS were:

Preparation of 2nd quarter progress report of ASSSRBP for the FY 2018-2019, assist in the preparation of project steering committee for the FY 2018-19 IDB meeting, organizing and preparing monthly PMU, PIU & PMSU meeting proceedings, discussion with LGED officials about progress of work in Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Madaripur Districts, visited ongoing village and union road improvement by bituminous carpeting at Rajapur Upazila of Jhalokhati District, Morrelganj Upazila of Bagerhat District, visited construction of Farmers Training Centre at Babuganj and Banaripara of Barishal District, Rajapur Upazila of Jhalokhati District, Bhola Sadar Upazila, Patuakhali Sadar Upazila and Gopalgonj Sadar Upazila.

Feasibility Study for Establishing 300 Bed Divine Marcy General Hospital

MIDAS signed an agreement with Christian Co-operative Credit Union Limited Dhaka on 8th December 2018 for conducting a Feasibility Study for Establishing 300 Bed Divine Marcy General Hospital at Mothbari, Kaligonj, Gazipur.

Analysing the Business Financial Viability of a Beauty Parlour

MIDAS signed an agreement with Christian Co-operative Credit Union Limited Dhaka on 27th November 2018 for analysing the business financial viability of an existing beauty parlour in Dhaka. MIDAS is carrying out viability of the parlour through inspection like daily activities, checking legal and administrative documents, VAT and TAX etc.

TRAINING

'Business Promotion/Entrepreneurship Development Training for Women Shop Owners of WMS under CCRIP, LGED'



△ A glimpse of the training sessions with the women shop owners of Women Market Sections (WMS)

MIDAS successfully conducted 4-day training courses on 'Business Promotion/Entrepreneurship Development Training for fifteen batches of Women Shop Owners of Women Market Sections (WMS) in 15 selected upazilas of three divisions (Dhaka, Khulna and Barishal) during 22 October to 13 November 2018. A total of 300 participants (207 female and 93 male) attended

these training courses, funded by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) under Coastal Climate Resilient Infrastructure Project (CCRIP) of LGED. The participants were drawn from the women shop owners of WMS, local women vendors and their literate family members.

PUM PUM-Netherlands Assistance for Private Sector Development

PUM-Netherlands Senior Experts is a government-supported organization based in the Netherlands, offering the services of volunteer experts to help industrial/commercial ventures and social organizations of developing countries. MIDAS is the institutional representative of PUM-Netherlands in Bangladesh. PUM projects completed by MIDAS during October-December 2018 period are given below:

Life Diagnostic Centre

This is a privately owned diagnostic centre established in 2012 in Khulna district. It provides OPT base health service and diagnostic pathology tests to the patients. Ms. Tjitske Bruinsma, Senior Expert (Hospital Management) of PUM-Netherlands (Project # 9298) imparted hands-on training to the officials from 7-20 November 2018 and provided a written guidelines for their future course of action.

Mawna Diabetic Association

Mawna Diabetic Association is a not-for-profit social service organization, established in 2006 at Sreepur in Gazipur District. Ms. Helma Keijzers-Hormann, Senior Expert (Hospital Management), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 6787) imparted hands-on training to the officials of the Association during 7-20 November 2018.

Baly Integrated Solution Limited

Established in 2013 in Dhaka, this is a plastic products manufacturing company. Mr. Jan Veldman, Senior Expert (Plastics), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 9755) worked for modernizing its factory during 11-25 November 2018

Unity Leather and Footwear Industries Limited



This organization was established in 2015 in Savar, Dhaka. Their main products include leather, artificial and synthetic footwears, belt, wallet, etc. Mr. Theo Verbunt, Senior Expert (Footwears designing, production and quality control), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 8833), offered consulting services to the organization from 23 October-10 November 2018 to upgrade its products and globalize its market.

Adorsho General Hospital

A not-for-profit organization, was established in 2002 at Poiserhat in Barisal District. The hospital basically provides services to poor patients and villagers. Ms. Tjitske Bruinsma, Senior Expert (Hospital Management), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 8647) provided training to the admin, staffs and nurses from 21-27 November 2018.

Music Cafe

This cafe was established in 2015 in Jashore. Mr. Marinus Kasteleijn, Senior Expert (Restaurant), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 9439) provided consulting services to the café to improve cooking, food quality and management from 4-18 November 2018.

Tripty Beauty Parlour

This beauty parlour was established in 2015 in Jashore. Ms. Janny Beeuwkes-Berends, Senior Expert (Beautician), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 10216) provided training during 22-30 November 2018 to the officials and staffs to enhance customer service.

S F Food Products

This food manufacturing company was established in 2015 in Jashore. Mr. Theo Sturkenboom, Senior Expert (Bakery), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 10068) trained concerned officials and staffs about upgrading quality control, packaging and bakery management from 28 November-10 December 2018.

Delta Health Care Chittagong Limited

It was established in 2012 in Chattogram to provide appropriate dental health services. Mr. Arie Berghout, Senior Expert (Hospital Management), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 9194) provided consulting services and training to the officials and staffs during 3-10 November 2018 for improving customer care system.

PMK Hospital and Diagnostic Centre

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. Dr. Maarten Stoffels, Senior Expert (Health), PUM-Netherlands, (Project # 8356) visited PMK on a follow up mission from 1-15 November 2018. Mr. Amar Goedan, Senior Experts (Finance), PUM-Netherlands also visited PMK Hospital from 8-22 November 2018 and assessed their financial management system.

aSix

aSix was established in 2012 in Dhaka. By maintaining environmental factors, this organization produces goods using bio-degradable raw materials like jute, cotton canvas and leather. Mr. Lucy Peters, Senior Expert (Leather), PUM Netherlands (Project # 3835) visited aSix during 17-30 November 2018 and exchanged technological management views.

CORR-The Jute Works (CJW)

Established in 1973 in Dhaka, this is a registered Fair-Trade Trust for producing and marketing handicrafts products like fashion bag, flower and fruit basket, gift box, night twilight candle, card, photo frame, kitchen accessories, etc. Ms. Gea Eleveld, Senior Expert (Textile), PUM Netherlands (Project # 1342) visited CJW from 29 November to 13 December 2018. In order to develop silk products of CJW, Ms. Eleveld provided training to the professionals, staffs and management.

Facts Finding Mission

Mr. Ad Bal, Senior Expert (Poultry) of PUM Netherlands visited four enterprises in Jashore and Dinajpur, namely, Tomas Poultry Firm, Archive Agro Farming, Faisal Poultry Farm and Eco Agro Farm during 16-21 November 2018. He carried out consultation, observation and discussions with the concerned officials of these enterprises to upgrade their products to International Standard. Based on his fact-finding report, PUM-Netherlands will select and send suitable Senior Experts (Poultry) to all the four enterprises in 2019.

Matri Fish Hatchery

This is a privately owned enterprise doing research in aquaculture and marketing their products all over Bangladesh. Mr. Henk van den Berkmortel, Senior Experts (Fisheries), PUM-Netherlands (Project # 6787) visited Matri Fish Hatchery in Jashore for the second time to offer consultation and training from 23 November - 6 December 2018 to improve product quality and technological applications.

Glorious

A privately-owned beauty parlour established in 2001 in Khulna. Ms. Janny Beeuwkes-Berends, Senior Expert (Beautician), PUM Netherlands (Project # 10331) visited Glorious Beauty Parlour from 30 November to 07 December 2018 to improve its customer and product services.

General Hospital Cox's Bazar (GHCB)

GHCB was established in 2012 in Cox's Bazar. Dr. Arie Berghout, Senior Expert (Hospital Management), PUM Netherlands (Project # 9724) visited GHCB to offer consulting services and training for management, officials and staffs during 11-20 November 2018.

World Bank Publications:

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2. **Shock Waves.** Year of Publication: 2016. Price with VAT US \$ 37.73
3. **Global Economic Prospects: June - 2015.** Year of Publication: 2016. Price with VAT US \$ 44.10
4. **The States of Social Safety Nets 2015.** Year of Publication: 2015. Price with VAT US \$ 37.73
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13. **Disease Control Priorities: Third Edition; Vol. 3: Cancer.** Year of Publication: 2015. Price with VAT US \$ 44.10
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