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Annual General Meeting

The Twenty First Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) was held on December 20, 2013 at its head office at MIDAS Centre, Dhaka.

The Members of the Company, namely, Mr. S.M. Al-Husainy; Mr. Mohammed Ikramullah; Mr. Shaikh A. Halim, Professor Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi; Major General (Retd.) Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury; Ms. Parveen Mahmud; Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan; Ms. Sabina Alam and Ishtiaque A. Zaman, PhD, Managing Director, MIDAS attended. Mr. S.M. Al-Husainy, Chairman, MIDAS Board of Directors chaired the meeting where The Directors' Report and the Annual

Accounts of the Company 2012-2013 were adopted. Furthermore, auditor for the year 2013-2014 was appointed in the Meeting. Major General (Retd.) Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury and Ms. Parveen Mahmud were re-elected as Directors.

The members of the company also acknowledged with thanks the support and co-operation MIDAS received from various clients, well-wishers and development partners in the implementation of its various programs. They also appreciated the efforts made by MIDAS employees in improving the operational efficiency and financial standing.



The twenty-first AGM was chaired by Mr. S.M. Al-Husainy. Members present were (from Left to right) Mr. Shaikh A. Halim, Major General (Retd.) Mahabbat Jan Chowdhury, Mr. Bazlur Rahman Khan, Dr. Ishtiaque A. Zaman, Mr. S.M. Al-Husainy, Professor Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi, Mr. Mohammed Ikramullah, Ms. Parveen Mahmud and Ms. Sabina Alam.

Study and Research

Monitoring Structural and Non-Structural Interventions of UNDP's CDMP (Phase II)

For vulnerable communities in Bangladesh, the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) -Phase II is one of the main mediums for institutional reform, capacity building, and reducing impact of disaster and climate risks. Under the programme, small to medium scale structural and non-structural interventions at the local level were financed. CDMP will be reaching out with new risk reduction interventions/schemes in 500 unions of 40 districts by the end of the project in 2015. To ensure national level project intervention quality, CDMP has engaged MIDAS as a third party independent monitoring body. MIDAS is monitoring whether the project schemes are up to the acceptable standard in terms of results, process, effectiveness, quality, and accountability of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (LDRRF) -supported interventions.

In the First Phase of the assignment, during August-December 2013, MIDAS Monitoring Team physically verified 832 interventions that were funded by CDMP II of UNDP and

implemented by the Project Implementation Committee (PIC), Union Parishad. The interventions are situated in 196 Unions of 73 Upazilas of 33 Districts of Bangladesh. MIDAS Monitoring Team developed and used seven different monitoring tools to collect relevant information from the field for this assignment.

MIDAS also conducted 46 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) in 302 Unions of 33 Districts with key stakeholders and knowledgeable person with familiarity with the CDMP interventions of their respective localities. Moreover, 756 individual interviews of experienced persons of the intervention areas were documented. Based on the findings, MIDAS Study Team prepared and submitted the Independent Monitoring Report-1 to Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme II (CDMP II) of UNDP. The findings will facilitate CDMP II, UNDP in designing an action plan for strengthening the current disaster risk reduction program and future advocacy possibilities.



MIDAS meeting with CDMP Management Team about progress of the assignment

Training

During the last quarter of 2013, a number of training programs on Refresher's Training for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Members and Basic Training for English and Mathematics Resource Teachers (RT) for SEQAEP Project under the Ministry of Education of Bangladesh Government were scheduled. Due to ongoing political unrest in the country, these trainings were rescheduled for first quarter of 2014.

Technology Transfer



Mediscan Limited was established in 1996 to provide hospital, diagnostic and healthcare services. It is located in Feni, eastern part of Bangladesh, with 22 full time employees including doctors, nurses, medical and management staff. Mr. A.C. Kapteijns, a PUM Senior Expert on Hospital Management and Nurse Training, visited Mediscan twice in 2010 and 2011 to train doctors and nurses on hospital management and patient care. The management of Mediscan Limited was pleased with the services provided by Mr. Kapteijns. The PUM expert from the Netherlands visited Mediscan in November 2013 to conduct refresher's training and followed up on the advices of his earlier tours. To assist Mediscan to continue to provide better patient care, Mr. A.C.



PUM experts Mr. A.C. Kapteijns and Mr. M. Van Overeem beside the Digital X-Ray Machine gifted by Philips Healthcare, Germany

Kapteijns arranged for a modern Digital X-ray Machine (capacity 1000mA), a generous donation by Philips Healthcare, Germany. The present market price of 1000mA digital X-ray machine is BDT 1 crore 80 lac (estimated USD 231,000).

Mr. M. Van Overeem, PUM expert on engineering, came along to set-up the digital X-Ray machine. He also trained the Operators to run the machine which is capable of instantly producing high quality images. If monetized, this in-kind contribution of providing a state-of-the-art machine and training of machine operators is fairly substantial as well.

MIDAS is the resident representative of PUM-Netherlands since 1996, providing services of Dutch Volunteer Advisors to requesting local organizations. The experts do not charge fees for their services. The recipient organization has to bear the cost of expert's local expenses only.



Reception accorded to PUM experts Mr. A.C. Kapteijns and Mr. M. Van Overeem by Mediscan Limited

Visitors

Country Coordinator of PUM-Netherlands visited MIDAS

As part of regular activity Mr. Bertus Van Heugten, Country Coordinator of PUM-Netherlands, Bangladesh and Nepal visited MIDAS.



Mr. Bertus Van Heugten

He discussed with senior MIDAS officials about possible areas of mutual cooperation between PUM and MIDAS. During his stay in Bangladesh he also visited some of the organizations where PUM provided consultancies.

Chairman of PHP Group visited MIDAS

As a courtesy call, Alhaj Sufi Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of the PHP Group, visited MIDAS recently. He had a discussion meeting with MIDAS professionals and staff where he shared his life experience about how he started his business with some few hundred takas as capital. With hard work and sincerity, he was able to gradually build the PHP Group, a leading business conglomerate of the country consisting of about 14 enterprises.



Alhaj Sufi Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of PHP Group with MIDAS officials

Publications

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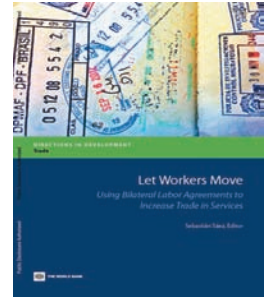
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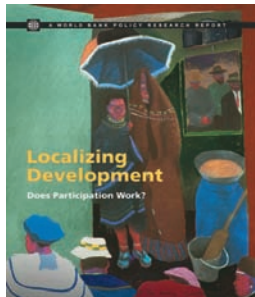
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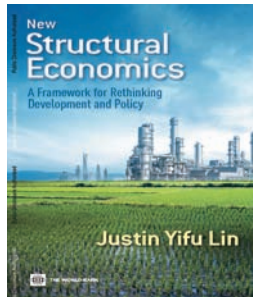
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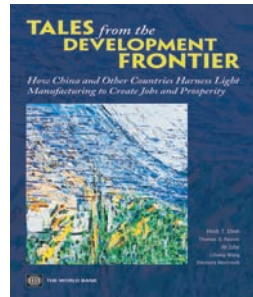
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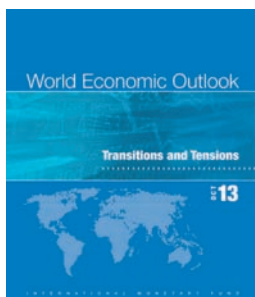
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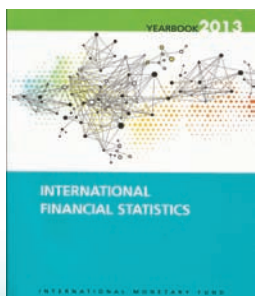
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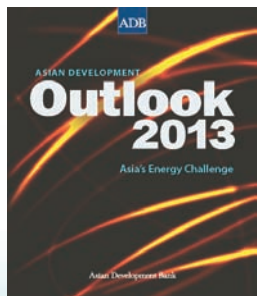
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