

## Counsellor (Political), High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh Visits MIDAS Office



△ Mr. Bradley Coates, Counsellor (Political), High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh with Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director, MIDAS along with MIDAS Officials

Dr. A.S.M Mashi-ur-Rahman, Managing Director along with MIDAS Professionals welcomed Mr. Bradley Coates, Counsellor (Political), High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh when he paid a visit to MIDAS Office in Dhanmondi on Thursday, April 25, 2019 with aim to provide fund of Canadian Government for the continuous development of women entrepreneurs of Bangladesh.

During the visit of Mr. Coates, Dr. A. S. M. Mashi-ur-Rahman described the mission and nature of MIDAS activities since its inception in 1982. Ideas and views were exchanged on the current state of SME sector development in Bangladesh in general and the role of MIDAS in particular. The distinguished visitor was quite appreciative of the services being rendered by MIDAS in the SME promotion and development in Bangladesh and assured MIDAS of Canadian Government's possible support and cooperation in the future.

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



△ Glimpses of the workshops held at CPTU conference room

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.

Public procurement is conducted under the Public Procurement Act and Public Procurement Rules of the country through Standard Tender Document (STD). Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IMED, Ministry of Planning, GOB developed 31 STDs out of which 12 are international. Under

DIMAPPP project, CPTU assigned MIDAS to translate a number of 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 was translated by MIDAS in two phases. Two validation workshops on the translated documents were held on June 10, 2019 at CPTU Conference Room in presence of Secretary, IMED; Director General, CPTU, invited Government Officials and MIDAS Team. Based on the feedback of these workshops the translated documents were finalized and submitted to CPTU.

## Analysing the Business Financial Viability of a Beauty Parlour

The Christian Co-operative Credit Union Limited (CCCUL) engaged MIDAS for analysing the business financial viability of an existing beauty parlour in Dhaka. The primary objective of the study was to investigate the volume of present daily business activities of the beauty parlour including its financial viability, authenticity of ownership, legal documents, payment of taxes, etc. The outcome of the study would facilitate CCCUL to determine whether procurement of the beauty parlour is justifiable from the marketing as well as financial point of view.

Accordingly, primary data relating to day to day activities were collected through physical visits to the parlour. A female investigator was assigned by MIDAS for this purpose and she recorded activities using a MIDAS developed checklist on daily basis for 30 days during January-February 2019.

In addition, MIDAS collected accounts and finance related information from the parlour with the help of another checklist developed by MIDAS. On the basis of analysis of the collected information, MIDAS prepared the report and submitted it to the client.

## Feasibility Study for Establishing 300 Bed Divine Marcy General Hospital



△ Data collection by MIDAS officials of potential users of hospital services in Gazipur

MIDAS was assigned by The Christian Co-operative Credit Union Limited (CCCUL) for conducting a Feasibility Study for establishing 300 Bed Divine Mercy General Hospital at Mothbari, Kaliganj, Gazipur, Bangladesh. In order to evaluate the market opportunity of the proposed Hospital, MIDAS carried out a field

survey of potential users of hospital services in Kaliganj. In addition, a survey of the hospitals situated in Dhaka and other areas was carried out. Field survey findings would be incorporated in the Feasibility Report for submission to CCCUL.

## Monitoring, Evaluation, Design and Supervision of ASSSRB Project



Agricultural Support for Smallholders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh (ASSSRB), is a Project of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) under the Ministry of Agriculture of Bangladesh Government. With funding from Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the project was implemented by DAE and Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in 58 Upazilas of 9 Districts of South-Western region. The objective of the project was to

improve the livelihood of landless, marginal and small farmers through integrated and sustainable productivity.

MIDAS independently carried out monitoring, evaluation, design and supervision of ASSSRBP project over a period of 3.5 years. Involvement of MIDAS with ASSSRB Project commenced in January 2016 and ended on June 30, 2019.

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