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Profile

I am a passionate economic research enthusiast who loves the challenge of delving deep into complex data sets to uncover actionable insights. My enthusiasm for economics derives from the belief that knowledge combined with creative thinking can lead to amazing advances in society as a whole, and I hope to use my skillset to help bring about positive change.

Research Interest

Experimental Economics, Applied Economics, Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Gender

Work Experience

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

December 2022- Present

Research Associate

- **Project Involvement:** To explore a sustainable pathway for Bangladesh's energy transformation towards green and clean energy
Funded by: Tara Climate Ltd
Responsibilities: preparing questionnaire for KII, writing research reports, organizing seminar and webinar on renewable energy
- **Project Involvement:** Study on Expanding Private Investment in the Context of LDC Graduation
Funded by: Economic Relations Department, Ministry of Finance
Responsibilities: Providing key policy suggestions for the government on expanding private investment, analyzing the data using STATA and Excel, writing research reports, conducting KIIs and FGDs, preparing questionnaire for the FGDs and KIIs, conducting desk review
- **Project Involvement:** Study on Matarbari Port - Bangladesh & Northeast India Connectivity
Collaboration with: Asian Confluence, India
Responsibilities: Analyzing data using SAM, field visit, writing research reports

Centre for Research and Development (CRD)

December 2021- Present

Research Assistant (Part-time)

- **Project:** Gender Gap in Financial Inclusion in Bangladesh
Funded by: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Key Responsibilities: Survey data analysis, writing research chapters, field research, research design, questionnaire design (including survey, KII, FGD, and IDI), literature review, monitoring field survey, field visit

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)

August 2022- December 2022

RESEARCH OFFICER

- **Key Responsibilities:** Analyzing survey data using STATA and Excel, preparing survey questionnaire, and field visit.

International Labor Organization (ILO)

December 2021- May 2022

Research assistant to Mahtab Uddin, post graduate researcher, University of Manchester and assistant professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

- **Project:** Diagnostic Brief on the Informal Sector in the Pacific Island Countries

Funded By: ILO

Key Responsibility: Data analysis, writing research reports

Biz Data Insights

August 2020-December2020

Economics and Business Data Analyst Intern

- Key Responsibilities: Analyzing economic data, and writing articles on the different economic activities

Bureau of Economic Research (BER)

August 2020- September 2020

Research Assistant

- Project: Public trust, public compliance with issued guidelines and the linkage in between Pandemic evidence from Bangladesh
Collaboration with: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
Key Responsibilities: Questionnaire preparation, tele survey, and interview

Educational Qualifications

Masters of Social Sciences (MSS) in Economics

Jan 2022- Dec 2022

University of Dhaka | CGPA: 3.91/ 4.00

Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) in Economics

Jan 2017 –Dec 2021

University of Dhaka | CGPA: 3.77/ 4.00

Higher Secondary

Jul 2014 –Apr 2016

Notre Dame College | GPA: 5.00 / 5.00

Secondary

Jan 2008 –Feb 2014

Ideal School and College | GPA: 5.00 / 5.00

Certified Courses

Economics of Clean Energy Transition

July 2023- Present

Stanford School of Engineering, Stanford University (Online)

Advance course of PowerPoint Presentation

August 2018- September 2018

Skill Hunt, University of Dhaka

Research Works

Assessment of Other Government Agencies (OGAs) and Infrastructure for Clearance of Perishable Cargo at the BCPs of Akhaura, Tamabil, and Sonamasjid *(April 2023- August 2023)*

- The research is funded by Asian development bank. I worked under the international consultant Dr Selim Raihan in the project.

Stimulating Growth and Employment Through the Matarbari Deep Sea Port *(January 2023- April 2023)*

- The paper is co-authored by Selim Raihan, Md. Abdul Aahad, and Omar Raad Chowdhury. The paper has been submitted to North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies and it is currently under review.

Understanding the Status and Challenges of Financial Inclusion in Bangladesh: Indexing Financial Inclusion *(July 2022- December 2022)*

- The paper was written for my Master's thesis under the supervision of Professor Farzana Laiju, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. I obtained seventy-five percent marks on my thesis.

Silver Lining Amid the Turmoil: Unlocking the potential of RMG RVCs in South Asia in the light of the COVID-19 Pandemic *(November 2020- July 2021)*

- The paper was written under South Asian Economics Students Meet Group Research Project. I collaborated with undergrad students from seven South Asian Countries where I lead the team. I also presented the paper at the 2nd SANEM International Development Conference (SIDC) 2021 "COVID-19 Recovery: Contexts and Priorities.

Assessing the Fault Lines Of Bangladesh's Healthcare Sector: Implications for Future Policy Response (July 2020- September 2021)

- The research report was written by the Economics study center's research team. I led the team and also was one of the executive editors of the report. We have done a few In-Depth interviews (IDI) and Key informant interviews(KII) for the project. The report was published in the ESC blog and a presentation was held in front of the honorable health minister.

Newspaper Article

- Ahmed, M. T., & Aahad, M. A. (2023). Potential risks and vulnerabilities associated with heavy reliance on LNG import and strategies to reduce them . *Thinking Aloud*, 10(3).
- Raihan, S., Aahad, M. A., & Chowdhury, O. R. (2023). Growth and Employment Potential of the Matarbari Deep Sea Port . *Thinking Aloud* , 9(12).

Editorial Positions

- Executive Editor, Bangladesh Students' Digest on Economics and Development, Vol 03, September 2020
- Associate Editor, Ceteris paribus, Vol 03, October 2019
- Associate Editor, Bangladesh Students' Digest on Economics and Development, Vol 02, August 2019

Volunteer Experiences Or Leadership

Economics Study Center

General Secretary

November 2019 –November 2020

Bangladesh Economics Students Network

Chairperson

October 2019 -October 2020

Technical Skills

- **STATA** (Advanced), **Excel** (Advanced), **MS Office** (Advanced), **R** (Good), **Kobo Toolbox** (Good), **NVivo** (Good), **GIS** (Good), **Tableau** (Good), **SAM** (Good)

Soft Skills

- **Leadership** (Excellent), **Management** (Excellent), **Communications** (Excellent)

Language Proficiency

- **English** (Writing- Advanced, Speaking- Advanced), **Bangla** (Writing- Excellent, Speaking- Excellent), **Spanish** (Speaking- Intermediate)

Awards & Honors

- Got Governor Scholarship for academic achievement from the Department of Economics and Standard Charter Bank in the years 2018,2019, and 2020.

- Ranked 35th in Sunrise Junior Star Exam where above 10000 students of Secondary level participated.
- Got SEL scholarship for Secondary level academic achievement from Structural Engineering Limited.
- Finalist at Banglalink IT Incubator 03.

References

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