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E-mail: [tiashaafia@gmail.com](mailto:tiashaafia@gmail.com)[Google Scholar](#) || [Linkedin](#) || [Research Gate](#) || [Skype](#) || [Website](#)**Career Objective:**

I want to pursue a challenging career where I aim to utilize my dedication and creativity to add value to the organization, with the end goal of making people better off. I aspire to work for an institution that offers career growth and chances to learn and improve my knowledge.

**Educational Qualification:**

- 2018 **Master of Social Science in Economics**, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
CGPA: 3.98 Out of 4.00 (Achieved 1<sup>st</sup> position)
- 2017 **Bachelor of Social Science in Economics**, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
CGPA: 3.82 Out of 4.00 (Achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position)
- 2012 **Higher Secondary Certificate in Science**, Cox's Bazar Government College  
GPA: 5.00 Out of 5.00
- 2010 **Secondary School Certificate in Science**, Cox's Bazar Government Girls' High School  
GPA: 5.00 Out of 5.00 (**Received Secondary School Certificates' Merit Scholarship by the government**)

**Work Experience:****1. Senior Research Associate at South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) [From October 1, 2023, to date]**

- Desk review of different scholarly articles, journals, and published papers
- Coordinating and Conducting KIIs and FGDs
- Conducting enumerators training
- Summary and draft report writing
- Analyzing Secondary data
- Drafting policy briefs
- Gathering secondary data for research work
- Writing Inception reports, technical proposals
- Survey manual preparation
- Preparing PPT for presentation Draft Report writing
- Arranging validation workshops, conference

**2. Research Associate at South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) [From May 9, 2022, to September 30, 2023]****Key Responsibilities:**

- Desk review of different scholarly articles, journals, and published papers
- Coordinating and Conducting KIIs and FGDs
- Gathering secondary data for research work
- Summary and draft report writing
- Preparing PPT for presentation Draft Report writing
- Analyzing Secondary data
- Drafting policy briefs
- Writing Inception reports, technical proposals
- Survey manual preparation
- Arranging validation workshops, conference

**3. Part-Time Teacher of Economics at Bangladesh University of Textiles (BUTEX) [From March 8, 2021, to June 2, 2022]**

Appointed to take Economics Course

- For level 3 term 1, the respective departments: Yarn Engineering(YE), Fabric Engineering (FE) and Textile Engineering Management(TEM) [Appointed on March 8, 2021]
- For level 3 term 2, the respective departments are: Industrial and Production and Engineering (IPE), Apparel Engineering (AE), Wet Process Engineering (WPE), Dyes and Chemical Engineering (DCE), Textile Fashion and Design (TFD) and Textile Machinery Design and Maintenance (TMDM) [ Appointed at May 31, 2021]

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Has taken the classes at the undergraduate level (Batch 43 & 44) [Has taken classes in the following departments so far: IPE, AE, TFD, TMDM, WPE, DCE (43) and YE, FE, TEM (44)]
- Assembled the class outline, the course plan, and lecture materials
- Has set up the questions for the class tests and semester finals
- Checked the exam scripts.
- Any other task assigned by the authority.

**4. Research Assistant at South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) [From June 2, 2021, to**

May 8, 2022]

### Key Responsibilities:

- Desk review of different scholarly articles, journals, and published papers
- Coordinating KIIs and FGDs
- Analyzing Secondary data
- Writing Inception reports, technical proposals
- Summary writings and draft Report writing

### Project Involvement:

#### 1. Title of the study: *Nutrition budget analysis of JANO project*

##### Project description:

The main objective of this study is to examine the government's investments in nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs within key ministries over the past three to four years in alignment with NPAN2 targets, MTBF projections, and three-year fiscal plans.

**Responsibilities:** Preparing the policy brief, draft report writing.

#### 2. Title of the study: *Has the COVID-19 pandemic worsened multi-dimensional poverty and vulnerability? Evidence from a Unique National Longitudinal Household Survey Dataset in Bangladesh.*

##### Project description:

The main objective of the proposed research is to inform policy by providing a comprehensive understanding of the short, medium and long-term secondary impacts of the pandemic and subsequent lockdown policies on multidimensional poverty and vulnerability. To achieve this objective, we propose carrying out a nationwide field survey over October 2023 – January 2024, using the SANEM 2018 nationally representative household survey as a baseline. This will allow us to construct a household panel from the new data, the 2018 data, and data from a 2020 nationwide phone survey on COVID-19 (collected by SR and MU). Our evidence will be based on analysis of this longitudinal dataset, and the dataset will be made publicly available at the end of the project. To our knowledge, there are no studies using nationwide panel data that cover the periods before and after the onset of the pandemic in Bangladesh. The proposed study will fill this gap and provide a body of evidence for effective policy design.

**Responsibilities:** Conducting enumerators training, preparing survey manual, coordinating and conducting KIIs and FGDs, Data cleaning, secondary data analysis, qualitative data analysis, draft survey report writing.

#### 3. Title of the study: *Baseline survey and create evidence on perceptions, knowledge, and attitude towards MHPSS issues among adolescents and youth in Rohingya camps and host community* in collaboration with UNFPA, Bangladesh

##### Project description:

To conduct a baseline survey aiming to find evidence on the perception, knowledge, and attitude of the adolescents and youth including caregivers from the Rohingya and host communities in Cox's Bazar district towards mental health and psychological issues. The findings of the survey will be used to provide benchmark data for the project entitled "Community-based and Integrated Mental Health Psychological Support Services in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh" and to gather evidence on mental health and ways to increase access to quality MHPSS services among Rohingya and host communities' women, girls, men, and boys.

**Responsibilities:** Desk review of different scholarly articles, journals, and published papers, assisting in writing inception report, preparing checklist for FGD, preparing survey manual, assisting in conducting KIIs, FGDs and survey, secondary data analysis, draft report writing.

#### 4. Title of the study: *Ensuring proper care for the ageing population in Bangladesh* in collaboration with Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Planning Division, Ministry of Planning

##### Project description:

The overall idea is to provide requisite inputs for the policymakers to form a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by the ageing population in Bangladesh as well as to identify the sub-sectors in which ageing people are vulnerable; such as healthcare services, social protection facilities, and the care economy.

**Responsibilities:** Desk review of scholarly articles, journals, and published papers, Conducting KIIs and FGDs, secondary data analysis, Inception report writing, and draft report writing.

#### 5. Title of the study: *To conduct a costing exercise and feasibility study of a community-led child protection system in Bangladesh* in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

##### Project description:

The overall objective of this assignment is to conduct a costing exercise and fiscal space analysis to support the roll-out plan of a community-led child protection system through MoWCA for the prevention of violence against children and women (VACW).

**Responsibilities:** Desk review of scholarly articles, journals, and published papers, Conducting KIIs and FGDs, documentation,

secondary data analysis, Inception report writing, and draft report writing.

**6. Title of the study: Policy Review/Policy Paper Preparation (National): Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1 In collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh, (Trade and Regional Integration).**

**Project description:**

To review the existing trade-related policies to strengthen cooperation in trade, transport, and transit facilities. The policy reviews will also address the barriers faced by women traders in becoming more integrated into the global supply chains and trading opportunities. As part of the project, SANEM is reviewing 22 policy documents.

**Responsibilities:** Desk review of scholarly articles, journals, and published papers, Conducting KIIs and FGDs, secondary data analysis, Inception report writing, draft report writing.

**Submitted Policy review on the following policies and Acts**

- National Digital Commerce Policy, 2018
- Industrial Policy 2016
- Leather and Leather Goods Development Policy 2019
- The Patents and Designs Act, 1911
- Tariff Commission (Amendment) Act 2020
- Geographical Indication Act 2013
- The Import and Export (Control) Act, 1950
- National Integrated Multimodal Transport Policy, 2013
- Trading Corporation of Bangladesh Order, 1972
- The Essential Articles (Price Control and Anti-Hoarding) Act, 1953
- National API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) and Reagents Production and Export Policy 2018
- Antidumping Rules 1995. Countervailing Rules 1996 and Safeguard Rules 2010
- Export Policy 2018-21
- Import Policy Order 2015-18
- SME Policy 2019
- Competition Act, 2012
- Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act 1980
- Trademark Act 2009
- National Innovation and Intellectual Property Policy, 2018
- Export Promotion Bureau Act, 2015
- BSTI Act, 2018

**Published reports are available [here](#)**

**7. Title of the study: Bangladesh Mohila Parishad: An Analysis of Gender Sensitive Budgeting: Bangladesh Perspective.**

**Responsibilities:** Assisted in preparing a booklet, conducted extensive KIIs and FGDs for the three phases, prepared policy briefs, Written reports on “An Analysis of Gender Responsive Budgeting: Bangladesh Perspective”, Constructed report on “Analysis of gender sensitivity of government policies: Bangladesh Perspective”, Constructing report on “Assessing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on women in Bangladesh”.

**Published reports are available [here](#)**

**8. Title of the study: Bangladesh Trade Facilitation: Time Release Study (TRS).**

**Research Assistant. Responsibilities:** Assisted in preparing the questionnaire.

**Publication in Journal:**

Karim, M.R., & Tiasha, A. M. (2020). Remittances and Economic Growth in Bangladesh: A Reassessment. Jagannath University Journal of Economics (ISSN:2707-0689). 2, available [here](#)

**Thinking Aloud:**

Tiasha, A. M. & Sharmin, E. (2023, September). Gender-responsive policies: Bangladesh perspective. *Thinking Aloud*, Volume 10, Issue 4, p (2-3), available [here](#)

Tiasha, A. M., (2023, January). Agricultural production potentials: Where are we heading to? *Thinking Aloud*, Volume 9, Issue 3, p (02), available [here](#)

**Published Booklet and Policy Brief:**

Nahar, M.A., Chowdhury, O.R., Tiasha, A.M. (2022). Gender Sensitive Budgeting: Bangladesh Perspective. available [here](#)

Tiasha, A. M., Zaman, J. B., Hasan, M., Sharmin, E., & Goswami, J. (2023). Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Women in Bangladesh. SANEM Publications, Dhaka, Bangladesh, available [here](#)

Tiasha, A. M., Hasan, M., Zaman, J. B., Sharmin, E., & Goswami, J. (2023). An Analysis of Gender-Responsive Budgeting: Bangladesh Perspective. SANEM Publications, Dhaka, Bangladesh, available [here](#)

Tiasha, A. M., Zaman, J. B., das, P., Sharmin, E., & Goswami, J. (2023). Analysis of Gender Sensitivity of Government Policies: Bangladesh Perspective SANEM Publications, Dhaka, Bangladesh, available [here](#)

**Conference Paper:**

Tiasha, A. M., & Das, P. (2023, September). The Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Economic Growth: Evidence from LDCs, *CEDECON's Annual International Conference in Economics (CAICE)*, Kathmandu, Nepal, available [here](#)

Karim, M. R., Kakoly, I. J., **Tiasha, A.M.**, Moyeth, A. M., Trisha, S. A., & Ali, M.A. (2023, September). Healthcare Utilization and mental health Outcome among humanitarian Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: A Quantitative Study. *International Health Economics Conference 2023*, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Islam, F., & **Tiasha, A. M.** (2022, September). Occupational Health in the Context of High Labour Market Informality in Bangladesh: Evidence from Nationwide Labour Force Survey. *CEDECOC's Annual International Conference in Economics (CAICE)*, Kathmandu, Nepal, available [here](#)

#### **Paper presentation at the conference:**

**Tiasha, A. M.**, & Das, P. (2023). The Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Economic Growth: Evidence from LDCs, *CEDECOC's Annual International Conference in Economics (CAICE)*, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Karim, M. R., Ali, M. A., Hoque, M. R., Alam, K., & **Tiasha, A. M.** (2023, February). Exploring the determinants of access to health and psychosocial support services among Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh: Does health expenditure matter?. *6<sup>th</sup> SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (SAEC)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, available [here](#)

Islam, F., & **Tiasha, A. M.** (2023, February). Occupational Health in the Context of High Labour Market Informality in Bangladesh: Evidence from Nationwide Labour Force Survey. *6<sup>th</sup> SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (SAEC)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, available [here](#)

#### **Book chapter:**

Kumar, B., **Tiasha, A. M.**, Shah, A., & Urbee, A. J. (2024). Green bonds in modern portfolios: Risk-return dynamics. In M. S. Meo & M. W. Staniewski (Eds.), *Green Bonds and Sustainable Finance: The Evolution of Portfolio Management in Conventional Markets* (1st ed.). Routledge, available [here](#)

#### **Under review/work in progress:**

Karim, M. R., Ahmed U., Ali, M. A., Taylor, B., **Tiasha, A. M.**, Haque, M., & Hashmi, R. (2023). Estimating the effectiveness of non-pharmaceutical public policy interventions in containing COVID-19 in OECD countries: A comparison between economic and health system surveillance measures, *Heliyon*.

#### **Publication in the newspaper:**

**Tiasha, A. M.**, & Sharmin, E. (2023, October 13). Gender-responsive policies: Bangladesh perspective. *The Financial Express*, available [here](#)

Tiasha, A. M. (2023, January 30). What's in store for our agricultural production potentials? *The Daily Star*, available at [here](#)

#### **MSS-Thesis:**

Thesis topic: **Evaluation of the Ultra-Poor Graduate Program of BRAC**: A thesis paper submitted to Jagannath University for the Award of Degree of Masters' of Social Science (Post Graduation) in Economics under the supervision of Professor Dr Priya Brata Paul, Former Professor, Department of Economics, Jagannath University, Dhaka.

#### **BSS-Term Paper:**

Term Paper on **"Promotion of Education and Awareness on Climate Change and Sustainable Development among University Students of Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh."** (2018) under the supervision of Ms Soma Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Jagannath University, Dhaka.

#### **Areas of Interest:**

Environmental Economics, International Trade, Health Economics, Labor market, Macroeconomics, Development Economics, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

#### **Computer skills:**

- Desktop Applications: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Google Forms/Sheets
- Heat map using ArcGIS
- Kobo toolbox
- Endnote
- Knowledge of operating Stata, Eviews

#### **Communication skills:**

- Languages: Bengali (Native), English (Good), Hindi (intermediate)
- Efficient in presentation
  - Public speaking
  - Time management
  - Leadership capability

#### **Training & Workshops:**

**May 2022** Participated in the **Workshop on Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)** organized by **SANEM Impact Assessment Centre**

<b>September 2021</b>	Participated in <b>IZA/FCDO Online Short Course on Research Skills for South Asia</b>
<b>July 2021</b>	Participated in SANEM-Bournemouth University Capacity-Building Workshop on <b>Application of Economic Modeling in Trade Policy Analysis: An Introduction</b>
<b>August 2020</b>	Online Training on “ <b>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)</b> ” arranged by <b>EQMS Online Platform</b>
<b>2018</b>	Participated in <b>Learn Research with Fun</b> organized by <b>Open Access Bangladesh &amp; Dhaka University Research Society</b>
<b>October 2017</b>	Workshop on “ <b>Microsoft Excel</b> ”, organized by <b>Department of Economics, Jagannath University, Dhaka.</b>
<b>November 2015</b>	Training on “ <b>Active Citizens Youth Leadership Training</b> ”, arranged by <b>The Hunger Project and Active Citizens British Council</b>
<b>2014</b>	Participated in the <b>11<sup>th</sup> Debate Workshop 2014</b> organized by <b>Jagannath University Debating Society (JnUDS)</b>

#### Conference and Policy Café:

- Attended and was part of the **organizing team** at the **7<sup>th</sup> SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference 2023: “Building Resilience to Shocks: Priorities, Challenges and Prospects”**- organized by SANEM and World Bank, held on 23-25 February 2023, BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Spoke as a **Youth Panelist** at the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS)’s Policy Café on “[Bangladesh @100: Through the Eyes of the Youth](#)” on 13 June 2023
- Attended as an invited delegate at the “**Global SDG Youth Summit 2023**” on 17-18 November 2023, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Attended and was part of the **organizing team** at the **6<sup>th</sup> SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference 2023: “Building Resilience to Shocks: Priorities, Challenges and Prospects”**- organized by SANEM and World Bank, held on 4- 5 February 2023, BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Attended and performed as a volunteer at the **5<sup>th</sup> SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference 2020: “Institutions for Development”**- organized by SANEM and World Bank, held on 2-3 February 2020, BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

#### Extracurricular Activities:

- Worked as an **Online Volunteer** at **UNICEF Bangladesh** from November 2019 to September 2022
- Have worked as the **Vice President** of the **Economics Study Club, JnU** from January 2018 to March 2019
- Have worked as a student volunteer at Youth Ending Hunger (The Hunger Project and Active Citizens British Council) from 2015 to 2016
- Have an interest in **singing** (Won several awards the competitions in academic life)

#### References:

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