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Summary of Experience:

Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha is a professor in the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. She did her bachelors as well as masters from the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and MSc. from the University of Bath, UK. She obtained PhD in Labour Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK. Her research interest lies on labour economics, development economics, population economics and microeconometrics. Her work involves both empirical analysis as well as policy focused research with emphasis on developing countries. In the context of Bangladesh, she worked on a number of research projects on labour market, gender and women empowerment, gender budgeting, migration and remittance earning, credit and food security, population and development, poverty and vulnerability, economic growth and exchange rate movements, skill and education, demographic dividend and youth population, child marriage, SDG financing etc. In addition, Dr. Bidisha has also worked closely with the Government of Bangladesh in preparing various policy documents and government flagship objects. In particular, she was actively engaged in drafting a number of chapters of the 6th Five Year Plan of Bangladesh (e.g. Education and Training, Agriculture, Health and Nutrition) and also Vision 2041 of the country. She has worked with several international as well as national organizations e.g. the World Bank, ILO, FAO, UNICEF, IDRC, UNU-WIDER, UN WOMEN, UNFPA etc. and has published a number of articles/book chapters in peer reviewed publications.

Education:

PhD in Economics

School of Economics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK (2009).

MSc., Economics

University of Bath, UK (2003).

MSS, Economics (1st class)

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (2000).

BSS, Economics (1st class with Honors),

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (1998).

Work Experience:

- Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 12/2018-till date.
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 12/2013-12/2018.
- Research Director (Hon), South Asian Network on Economic Modelling, Dhaka, Bangladesh: 12/2016-till date.
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada: 01/2014-05/2014.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 11/2009-11/2013.
- Part-time Lecturer of Economics, Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 01/2012-06/2012.
- Part-time Lecturer of Economics, Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 04/2010-09/2010.
- Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 10/2003-10/2009.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Economics, University of Nottingham: 10/2006-05/2009.
- Part-time Lecturer of Economics, Department of History, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 11/2000-08/2002.
- Research Analyst, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) unit, World Bank: 10/2000-06/2002.

Teaching Experience:

- As a Professor (University of Dhaka): Advanced Econometrics I (4th year undergrad): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022; Advanced Econometrics II (4th year undergrad): 2019, 2020, 2021; Labour Economics (3rd year undergrad): 2019, 2020, 2021; Intermediate Econometrics (3rd year undergrad): 2022.
- As an Associate Professor (University of Dhaka): Advanced Econometrics I (4th year undergrad): 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; Advanced Econometrics II (4th year undergrad): 2015, 2016, 2018; Labour Economics (3rd year undergrad): 2015, 2016, 2018. Also taught Applied Econometrics: MEC 507 (2006) as part of MEcon program for professionals.
- As a Visiting Scholar (Concordia University, Canada): Labour Economics (ECON 381); Income Distribution and Economic Inequality (ECON 497): Winter 2013-14.
- As an Assistant Professor (University of Dhaka): Applied Economics and Public Policy (2nd year undergrad): 2009, 2010; Economic Modeling and Forecasting (MSS): 2010; Applied Econometrics (3rd year undergrad): 2011, 2012; Time Series and Panel Data Econometrics (4th year undergrad): 2012; Development Economics (MSS): 2012, 2013.

- As a Short Term Lecturer (Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka): Advanced Training on Econometric Analysis for Bangladesh Bank Officials: April 2010, June 2010, February 2011, July 2012, January 2013.
- As a Graduate Teaching Assistant (University of Nottingham): Introduction to Microeconomics (1st year undergrad): 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009; Industrial Economics (1st year undergrad): 2009.
- As a Lecturer (University of Dhaka): Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (4th year undergrad), Public Economics (3rd year undergrad), Money and Banking (4th year undergrad): 2003, 2004, 2005.
- As a Part-time Teacher (University of Dhaka): Principles of Economics and Economic thoughts: 2001, 2002 (Department of History, University of Dhaka); Principles of Economics and Economic Institutions: 2010 (Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka); Principles of Economics: 2012 (Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka).

Research:

Research Fields:

Labour Economics, Development Economics, Applied Econometrics.

PhD Thesis:

Labour Market Experience of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK.

Published Journal Articles/Book Chapters:

Bidisha, S. H., Faruk, A. and Mahmud, T. (2020) “How Women are Faring in the Bangladeshi Labour Market: Evidences from Labour Force Survey Data”, *available online in South Asian Economic Journal*.

Bidisha, S. H., Hossain, B. and Mahmud, T. (2021) “Occupation based Poverty and Vulnerability in Bangladesh: Insights from COVID-19”, *available online in Journal of Poverty*.

Bidisha, S. H., Hossain, B. and Mahmud, T. (2021) “Assessing Food Poverty, Vulnerability and Inequality in the context of COVID-19 in Bangladesh”, *available online in Social Choice Indicator Research*.

Islam, M.M, **Bidisha, S. H,** Jahan,S. Biplob, M. B and ., Mahmood, T. (2021) Effects of Remittances on Health Expenditure and Treatment Cost of International Migrant Households in Bangladesh. *Journal of Governance Security & Development*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.52823/XFRY1732>

Islam, M, Alam, Z., **Bidisha, S. H.** and Abdullah, S. M. (2019) “Cesarean Section Delivery in Bangladesh: Trends, Determinants and Inequalities”, *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, accepted for publication in vol. 21, no. 2.

Bidisha, S. H., Abdullah, S. M. and Islam, M. (2019) “The Long-run Relationship between Dependency Ratio and Economic Growth in Bangladesh: Time Series Evidences.” In *Demography India* vol. 48, no. 2, pp. 105-120

Bidisha, S. H., Abdullah, S. M., Siddiqua, S. and Islam, M. M. (2019) “How Does Dependency Ratio affect Economic Growth in the Long Run? Evidence from Selected Asian Countries”, accepted in *The Journal of Developing Areas*, vol. 54, no. 2, spring 2020.

Bidisha, S.H. and Raihan, S. (2018) "Unpaid Family Labor: A Hidden Form of Labor Market Discrimination in Bangladesh", Chapter 5 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh*, Springer, DOI 10.1007/978-981-13-2071-2.

Mahmud, S. and **Bidisha, S.H.** (2018) "Female Labor Market Participation in Bangladesh: Structural Changes and Determinants of Labor Supply”, Chapter 4 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh: Studies on Labor and Employment*, Springer, DOI 10.1007/978-981-13-2071-2.

Abdullah, S. M. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2018). “The Long Run Relationship Between Youth Population and Economic Growth: Evidences from Time Series Data of Bangladesh”, *Research in Applied Economics*, vol. 10, no. 2.

Bidisha, S. H., Raihan, S. and Jahan, I. (2018). “Unpacking Unpaid Labour in Bangladesh”, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41027-018-0115-6>.

Bidisha, S.H., Hossain, A., Alam, R. and Hasan, M. (2018). “Credit, Tenancy Choice and Agricultural Efficiency: Evidences from the Northern Region of Bangladesh”, *Economic Analysis and Policy*, vol. 57, pp 22-32.

Razzaque, M.A., **Bidisha, S. H.** and Khondker, B.H. (2017) “The Exchange Rate and Economic Growth: An Empirical Assessment on Bangladesh”, *Journal of South Asian Development*, vol. 12, issue 1.

Bidisha S. H. and Khondker B. H. (2017) “Does Agricultural Credit Help in Raising Agricultural Production? Empirical Evidences from Bangladesh”, chapter 17 in Raihan, S.

(ed) *Let's Think Aloud, Shall We?*, SANEM Publication: Dhaka [ISBN: 978-984-34-2254-5].

Raihan, S., **Bidisha, S. H.** and Iftakhar, N. (2017) "Does Rise in Per Capita Income in South Asia Promote Female Labor Force Participation?" chapter 61 in Raihan, S. (ed) *Let's Think Aloud, Shall We?*, SANEM Publication: Dhaka [ISBN: 978-984-34-2254-5].

Bidisha S.H. et al. (2017) "Role of Credit in Food Security and Dietary Diversity in Bangladesh". *Economic Analysis and Policy*, vol. 53, pp. 33-45.

Bidisha, S. H. et al. (2016) "Returns to Agricultural Microcredit: Quasi Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh". *Bangladesh Development Studies*, vol. 38, no. 4.

Bidisha, S.H. et al. (2016) "Fostering Systems Thinking for Youth Leading Environmental Change: Multinational Exploration". *Ecopsychology*. vol 8, no. 3.

Bidisha, S.H. et al. (2016) "The Youth Leading Environmental Change Project: A Mixed Method Longitudinal Study across Six Countries". *Ecopsychology*. vol 8, no. 3.

Uddin, G.S., **Bidisha, S.H.** & Ozturk, I. (2016) "Carbon Emissions, Energy Consumption and Economic Growth Relationship in Sri Lanka", *Energy Resources, Part B: Economics, Planning and Policy*, vol 11, no. 3, pp. 282-287.

Bidisha, S. H. and Jahan, I. (2015). "Women's Unrecognized Work and the Impact of Awareness Raising Programme", Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha [ISBN: 978-984-91120-1-3].

Bidisha, S. H. and Jahan, I. (2015). "Orthonitite Narir Osikrito Obodan o Narir khamotayone Sochetonota Briddhi Karjokromer Probhab" in vol. 11, no. 21, *Naari O Progati*, Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha [ISSN: 2313-0040].

Robert, E., Hajizadeh, M., El-Bialy, R., and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2014) "Globalization and the Diffusion of Ideas: Why We Should Acknowledge the Roots of Mainstream Ideas in Global Health", *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 7-9.

Islam, M. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2013) "Population and Development Issues in Bangladesh", *Dhaka University Studies, University of Dhaka*, vol. 68, no. 1.

Bidisha, S. H. (2013) "Occupational Attainment of Male Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK", *International Journal of Applied Behavioral Economics*, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 64-77.

Bidisha, S. H., Das, A. and Mcfarlane, A. (2013) “Microeconometric Analysis of Earnings Mobility of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities: Evidence from the UK”, *Journal for Labor Market Research*, vol. 46, issue 1, pp 35-42.

Razzaque, M. A. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2012) “Microfinance and Women Empowerment: An Econometric Investigation”, *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, Special Issue on Microfinance, ISSN 1529-0905, pp. 11-29.

Bidisha, S. H. (2012) “Human Development Progress and Prospects”, chapter 9 in *Leading Issues in Bangladesh Development*, edited by Ahmed, S., University Press Limited.

জেন্ডার সংবেদনশীল বাজেট ও এর পরিবীক্ষন এবং মূল্যায়ন (২০১২) বিদিশা, এস, এইচ এবং সোহরওয়ার্দী, জি, এম, বাংলাদেশ মহিলা পরিষদ জার্নাল, ইস্যু ১, বছর ২। [Bidisha, S.H. and Suhrawardy, G. M. (2012) “Gender Sensitive Budget and its Monitoring and Evaluation” Bangladesh Mohila Porishod Journal, issue 1, year 2]

Razzaque, M. A. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2011). “Women’s Empowerment and Intra-household Gender Relations in Bangladesh”, Chapter 3 in Razzaque, M. A., Khondoker, B. H., and Raihan, S. (eds), *Poverty, Intra-household Distribution and Gender Relations in Bangladesh: Evidence and Policy Implications*, University Press Limited.

Razzaque, M. A. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2009). "Migration and Development: The Bangladesh Case", Chapter 13 in Razzaque, M. A. (ed). *Trade, Migration and Labour Mobility*, Cameron May, London.

Bidisha, S. H., Alam, M. and Zaman, A. (2006). “How Volatile are the Stocks of the Pharmaceutical Companies of Bangladesh? Some Evidences from the Market Model” *Bank Parikrama, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management*, vol. 30, no.2.

Bidisha, S. H. (2005). “Types of Capital and Economic Growth: Some Cross-sectional Evidence from the 1990s,” *Social Science Review: Dhaka University Studies*, Part D, vol. 22, no. 1.

Published Chapters/Reports/Working Papers:

Bidisha, S. H., Mahmood, T. and Rahman, M. (2021) “Earnings Inequality and the Changing Nature of Work: Evidence from the Labour Force Survey Data of Bangladesh”, UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 7/2021.

Bidisha, S. H. and Sen, K. (2020) “Is there a Gender Bias in Deal Making? Evidence from Firm level cross Country Analysis”, ESID Working Paper No. 161, University of Manchester, UK.

Hasan, M. **Bidisha, S. H.**, Mahmood, T. and Raihan, S. (2020) “Political Economy of Private Bank Governance in Bangladesh”, chapter 6 in Raihan, S. and Bourguignon, F. (ed), Bangladesh Institutional Diagnostics, OPM.

Raihan, S. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2018) “Female Employment Stagnation in Bangladesh” A *Research Paper on Inclusive Growth in Bangladesh, EDIG Research Paper No. 5.*

Raihan, S., **Bidisha, S.H.** and Jahan, I. (2016) "Unpacking Unpaid Labor in Bangladesh", Chapter 5 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh: Studies on Labor and Employment*, SANEM.

Mahmud, S. and **Bidisha, S.H.** (2016) "Female Labor Market Participation in Bangladesh: Structural Changes and Determinants of Labor Supply”, Chapter 4 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh: Studies on Labor and Employment*, SANEM.

Bidisha, S.H. (2015) “Demand Assessment in the ICT Sector for Realizing Digital Bangladesh”, *Asia Foundation*.

Bidisha, S. H. (2009). “Labour Market Experience of Male Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK”, *University of Nottingham Discussion Paper No. 2009/08*

Bidisha, S. H. (2009). “Intergenerational Earnings Mobility of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK”, *GEP Research Paper No. 2009/10.*

Bidisha, S. H. (2008). “Saving Behaviour of the Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK: Evidence from Panel Data”, *University of Nottingham Discussion Paper No. 2008/08.*

“Poverty-Environment Nexus: People’s Perception” (with Razzaque M.A.), prepared as a background paper on *People’s Report 2005 on Environment*, UNDP, Dhaka.

Forthcoming/Work in Progress/Unpublished Chapters/Reports/Papers:

Bidisha, S. H., Hossain, B. and Mahmud, T. (2021) “Household Expenditure Behaviour in Bangladesh: Role of Gender and Remittances”, under review in *Journal of Poverty*,

Bidisha, S. H., Hossain, B. and Mahmud, T. (2021) “Household Expenditure Behaviour in Bangladesh: Role of Gender and Remittances”, *in the process of submitting to a journal*.

Sadat, W., **Bidisha, S. H.**, Raihan, A. et al. (2020) “ICT Roadmap in the Context of COVID-19 in Bangladesh: Employment and Skill”, draft report submitted to ICT Division, GoB.

Bidisha, S.H., Hossain, A. and Hasan, M. (2016) “Dynamic Impact of Remittances on Poverty: Evidences from PRIME Data”, *Institute of Microfinance Working Paper*, forthcoming.

Other Key Research Activities:

Working as the lead economist of a research project titled “Gender Based Financial Inclusion in Bangladesh” for **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** (November 2021-2023).

Working as a social safety net expert for a research project titled “Improving Allocation and Selection Efficiency of Social Protection Programs” for **the World Bank** (June 2022-October 2022).

Worked as a national consultant for “Analysis of Public Budget Allocation for the Effective Implementation of the National Action Plan to End Child Marriage” for **UNFPA** (September-November 2021).

Worked as a national consultant for “Gender Responsive review of Development Finance Assessment (DFA) and SDGs Financing Strategy (FS) for Financing Gender Equality” for **UN-Women** (April-December 2021).

Led the research team and presented the Key Note Paper on “Impact of COVID-19 on Employment and Migration: Results from a Household Level Survey” for **SANEM**, Dhaka (March 2021).

Working as a research team member of Bangladesh for a global research of “Building Decent Work Index for the Gig Economy” for iSocial, Bangladesh, led by **Oxford Internet Institute** (September 2020 – August, 2021).

Led the research team of SANEM on “How Economic Empowerment of Women may Contribute to the Economy of Bangladesh?” for **World Vision**, Bangladesh (December 2020-June 2021).

Working on a research project of **Bureau of Economic Research**, University of Dhaka on “Household Expenditure Behaviour in Bangladesh: Role of Gender and Remittances” (January-March 2021).

Was leading a research project of the **World Bank** on “Bangladesh: Child Caregiver Survey” (February 2020-currently postponed for COVID-19).

Led the country project of a multi-country research of **UNU-WIDER** on “The Changing Nature of Jobs and Inequality” (March 2019- July 2020).

Prepared and presented the Key Note Paper on “COVID-19 and Challenges of Labour Market in the context of Bangladesh” for **SANEM**, Dhaka (July 2020).

Completed a research project on “Institutional Diagnostic Tools for Banking Sector in Bangladesh” with Hasan, M. and Mahmood, T. I. for **Oxford Policy Management** (September 2018-January 2020).

Completed a research project of the University of Manchester on “Deals and Development-A Gendered Perspective” with Sen, K. for **ESID** (April 2018-April 2020).

Worked in preparing the draft on “Child Sensitive Social Protection Strategy in Bangladesh” by **UNICEF** (2018-2019).

Prepared and presented the Key Note Paper on “Unaccounted Domestic Work in the Context of Bangladesh” for **Manusher Jonno Foundation & SANEM**, Dhaka (September 2019).

Worked as a team member of SANEM for the study “Study on Employment, Productivity and Sectoral Investment in Bangladesh” for **GED, Planning Commission, GoB** (2019).

Prepared and presented the Key Note Paper on “Gender Budget Analysis of Selected Ministries of Bangladesh” for **Manusher Jonno Foundation**, Dhaka (December 2018).

Prepared and presented the Key Note Paper on “Gender Budget Analysis-MOWCA of Bangladesh” for **Manusher Jonno Foundation**, Dhaka (September 2018).

Was a co-author/co-investigator of the research paper “Female Labour Stagnation in Bangladesh” for **ODA and DFID** (June 2018-August 2018).

Worked as a consultant for the Preparation of a background paper of Vision 2041 of the GoB “Empowerment of children, women and youth to strengthen social inclusion and support shared prosperity” for the **Planning Commission, GoB** (June 2017-July 2017).

Worked as a team member of SANEM for the study “SDG Need Assessment and Financing Strategy” for **UNDP, Bangladesh** (2016).

Worked as a team member and gender specialist of SANEM for the study “Improving Working Conditions in the RMG Sector in Bangladesh” for **ILO, Bangladesh** (2016-2017).

Worked as a consultant on Bangladesh Education and Technology Sector Review (as a consultant of the Policy Research Institute with the **Planning Commission, GoB**) (October 2015-October 2016).

Wrote and Presented the Key Note Paper of Dhaka Skill Summit, organized by the **World Bank** under STEP project, ILO and MCCI (December 2016).

As part of team of RMMRU, worked as a Labour Economist on ‘Fair Recruitment and Decent Work for Women Migrant Workers in South Asia and the Middle East’, a project of **ILO** (December 2016).

As part of SANEM, worked on a project titled “A Quantitative and Qualitative Research Study of the Bangladesh RMG Sector” under “Improving Working conditions in the Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh” -**ILO** Project (November 2016).

Wrote and Presented the Key Note Paper on Youth Population in Bangladesh, organized by the **Planning Commission, GoB** (October 2016).

Worked as an economist on a research project of University of Manchester and **BRAC Institute of Governance** on “Gender Norms and Labour Market Participation-A Comparative Study of India and Bangladesh” (with Mahmood, S, Daniel N., Wendy, W.).

Worked as a co-investigator in a research project of **IDRC, Canada** on “Female Labour Market Responses in Changing Economic and Demographic Context of Bangladesh” (with Mahmood, S.).

For the **Institute of Microfinance** prepared a paper titled “Does Remittance Reduce Poverty: Evidences from PRIME Data” (with Hossain, A: October 2015-December 2015).

For the **Institute of Microfinance** prepared a paper titled “Access to Finance and Agricultural Efficiency” (with Hossain. A and Hasan, M.: December 2014-February 2015).

Completed a research project funded by **Bangladesh Nari Progati Songho** on “Women’s Unrecognized Contribution and the Impact of Awareness Raising Programme” (December 2014-March 2015).

Completed a research project funded by the **Asia Foundation** on “The Role of ICT in Economic Growth” (February 2015-May 2015).

Worked as a labour market expert in a research project of Bangladesh Institute for Labour Studies (**BILS**) and funded by **ILO** on “Study on Labour Demand and Supply of Returning Migrant Workers with Profiling Survey of Returning Migrant Workers”. Based on surveys and KII it involves assessing the demand for return migrants in suitable industries, combining both supply and demand scenario.

Worked as a consultant for the **Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh** (PRI) for the preparation of a background study for the 7th Five Year Plan of Bangladesh titled “Agricultural Sector Strategy: Raising Farm Productivity through Diversification and Modernization”, (with Sattar, Z.) as part of a SPEMP Project (March 2014).

Worked as a consultant for the **Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh** (PRI) as a National Consultant in the “Strengthening Strategic Planning and Monitoring for Result Program” (SPM) of the Planning Commission (November 2012- 2013). As part of the project, was involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the Sixth Five Year Plan of Bangladesh.

Worked as a consultant for **Clean Cloth Campaign** and **Asia Floor Wage** in collaboration with Bangladesh Nari Progati Songho, for conducting wage research for One Global Living Wage Campaign (April 2013-June 2013).

Worked as a research collaborator of Bangladesh in a research project of the **University of Wilfred Laurier, Waterloo, Canada** on “Youth Leading Environmental Change”.

Worked as a co-investigator in a research project of **FAO and Ministry of Agriculture, GoB** on “The Role of Credit in Food Production and Food Security in Bangladesh” (with Khondker, B.H.: November, 2011-November, 2012).

Worked as a consultant for the **Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh** (PRI) as a National Consultant in the “Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program”

(SPEMP Project Component 4) of the Ministry of Finance (November, 2010-June, 2012). As part of this project, was responsible for drafting chapters on Agriculture, Education, Health and Environment of the Sixth Five Year Plan of Bangladesh. The drafting involves analysis of existing strategies and policies, demand assessment, supply situation etc.

Worked as a consultant for the **Institute of Microfinance** on a research project titled “Access to Financial Services and Poverty” (with Khalily B.: 2011).

Worked as a consultant for the **Asia Foundation** in the task of “Economic Governance Index” (with Chowdhury, F.: March, 2010-July, 2010).
<http://www.asiafoundation.org/publications/pdf/746>.

Worked as a consultant for the **Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh** (PRI) for two research projects of the Bangladesh Bank on (i) Remittances and (ii) Terms of Trade (with Mansur A.: 2010).

Worked as a consultant for the **Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh** (PRI) in a project on “Public Financial Management” (with Mansur, A. and Khondker, B. H.: May, 2010).

Worked as a co-investigator of a research project of the **Microcredit Regulatory Authority of Bangladesh** on “Ownership and Governance of Microfinance Institutions in Bangladesh” (with Akash M. M. and Ahmed M.U.: 2010).

Completed a research project titled “Economic Consequences and Coping Strategies of Households in the face of River Bank Erosion” under **Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka** (July, 2010).

Academic Training:

- Completed a 2 weeks advanced certificate training program on *Population and Development-New Approaches to Enduring Problems* at the Brown Institute of Advanced Research Initiative (BIARI), Brown University, USA (June 2014, Rhode Island, USA).
- Attended a 1week certificate training program on Urban Health at University of Montreal, Canada by *Global Health Capacity Research Capacity Strengthening Program*, Montreal (August 2013, Montreal, Canada).
- Attended a short training course on *Computable General Equilibrium Modeling* (August 2010, Kathmandu, Nepal).
- Attended *12th IZA Summer School in Labour Economics* (April 2009, Munich, Germany).
- Attended a *short course on ‘Microsimulation’*: (January 2008, IFS, London, UK).

- Attended '*UNICREDIT Summer School in Growth, Development & Inequality*': (July 2007, Rome, Italy).
- Attended a *short course on 'Policy Evaluation Method'*: (February 2007, IFS, London, UK).
- Completed a *three week course on Environmental and Resource Economics organized by 'South Asian Network for Development & Environmental Economics'*: (June 2004, Colombo, Sri Lanka).

Selected Presentation/Publication of Papers in Seminars:

- Was a country coordinator from Bangladesh in South Asian Economic Students' Meet (www.saesm.org) in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2011, 2010, 2009.
- Paper presented in a Conference of ESID, University of Manchester (Manchester, 2019).
- Paper presented in a Symposium of University of Swansea (Swansea, UK, 2019).
- Attended workshop organized by UNU-WIDER (Cape Town, 2019).
- Presented Keynote Paper on "Youth Population in Bangladesh: Challenges and Prospects" as part of the National Policy Debate in Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Dhaka, 2016).
- Presented paper in Global Conference on Prosperity, Equality and Sustainability, New Delhi, India (June 2016, India).
- Presented paper in the 12th Annual Conference of Western Economic Association (January 2016, Singapore).
- Presented paper in the 57th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, Srinagar (October 2015, India).
- Provided a short training to the officers of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics on *Labour Market Analysis and its Projections* organized by IGC, BIGD and BBS (September 2014, Bangladesh).
- Was a discussant in a panel discussion organized by IDRC, Canada on *Dirty Garments: Bangladeshi Workers and Value Chains* (May 2014, Ottawa, Canada).
- Paper presented in the *47th Annual Conference of Canadian Economic Association*: (June 2013, Montreal, Canada).
- Presented research proposal on 'Generating Youth Employment in the RMG Industry in Bangladesh', at the *10th Annual Meeting of Partnership for Economic Policy* (May 2013, Cape Town, South Africa).
- Attended Collaborator meeting and presented paper in the *University of Wilfred Laurier*, Waterloo, Canada (January 2012, Waterloo, Canada).
- Presented paper in the Annual Conference of *Department of Work and Pension, UK*: (July 2009, Nottingham, UK).
- Presented paper in the 23rd Annual Conference of European Society of Population Economics: (June 2009, Seville, Spain).
- Presented paper in the *42nd Annual Conference of Canadian Economic Association*: (June 2008, Vancouver, Canada).
- Presented poster in the *22rd Annual Conference of European Society of Population Economics*: (June 2008, London, UK).
- Presented paper in the *Annual Conference of Scottish Economic Society*: (April 2008, Perth, Scotland).

- Presented paper in the 7th *Annual Post Graduate Conference of GEP, University of Nottingham*: (April 2008, Nottingham, UK).
- Presented paper in the 2nd *European Workshop on Labour Market & Demographic Change*: (May 2007, Rostock, Germany).

Key Awards/Achievements:

- **Commonwealth Scholarship**- awarded for 3 years doctoral training.
- **Commonwealth Scholarship** for MSc.-awarded for 1 year masters course.
- Secured 4th position in the **combined merit list** in the HSC Examination (equivalent to GCSE A level) in 1994.