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# Profile

A highly motivated and analytically skilled economics graduate, I have recently completed my Master's degree in Economics at the University of Dhaka and currently working as a Research Associate at the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), having previously served as a Research Assistant within the same organization. My academic background is complemented by practical experience in research projects and leadership roles in university organizations, demonstrating strong organizational and collaborative abilities. Proficient in a range of technical skills and possessing excellent communication proficiencies, I aim to leverage my analytical and leadership capabilities to contribute to innovative solutions in both research and policy realms. As a versatile and driven enthusiast, with a firm grounding in economic theory and quantitative analysis, I am keen to make significant contributions to the field, and I am actively seeking opportunities to begin my professional journey in academia, with a view to further exploration and development of my academic interests.

## **Work Experience**

#### South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

#### Research Associate (RA)

- Assisting in Energy projects (TARA)
- Attended workshops (BIMSTEC, UNIDO, DHORA)
- Assisted in preparing Budget report 2025-26

#### Research Assistant

- Assisted in conference projects
- Prepared and assisted in writing technical proposals for ILO, UNDP, MJF, IDRC
- Assisted in preparing reports
- Assisted and coordinated in managing event activities of 8<sup>th</sup> SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (SAEC) 2025
- Reviewing literatures for projects and proposals focusing on health, energy, social security, climate change, RMG
- Worked on Energy outlook

#### Survey Enumerator

• Worked as an enumerator and interviewed for the 7th round of the Business Confidence Index Survey. My responsibilities included collecting data on the impact of COVID-19 on the business community and private sector in Bangladesh, focusing on employment, private investment, business conditions, and profit margins. The survey was conducted online, and information was gathered through direct phone calls.

July 2025- Present

February – June 2025

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# **Educational Oualifications**

Masters of Social Sciences (MSS) in Economics University of Dhaka   CGPA: 3.78/ 4.00 (97 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	2023-2024
<b>Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) in Economics</b> University of Dhaka   CGPA: 3.76/ 4.00 (97 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	2019-2023
Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) in Science Rajuk Uttara Model College   GPA: 5.00/ 5.00	2016-2018
Secondary School Certificate (SSC) in Science Rajuk Uttara Model College   GPA: 5.00/ 5.00 (Talent-pool Scholarship)	2014-2016

# **Research Works**

Assessing the Prevalence and Sociodemographic Determinants of Tobacco Consumption in Bangladesh (2024)

This paper was written for my Master's Thesis work under the supervision of Assistant Professor Md. Nazmul Hossain, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

#### Diabetes Dilemma in Bangladesh: Examining Factors and Determinants Influencing Diabetes Mellitus (2023)

The paper was written for my undergraduate monograph under the supervision of Professor Dr. Syed Naimul Wadood, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

#### How Involvement in Income-generating Activities Affect Students' Grade Point Average (CGPA): A **Case Study of Dhaka University (2022)**

The paper was written as part of my course 'Econometrics 1' under Professor Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

### **Leadership and Volunteer Experiences**

#### **Economics Study Centre (ESC), University of Dhaka**

Joint Secretary

- Coordinated webinars, public lectures, and workshops addressing crucial socio-economic issues.
- Supervised general members in routine activities such as the ESC monthly digest, blogs, and videos.
- Managed and upheld a compelling and interactive social media presence. •

#### Economics Study Centre (ESC), University of Dhaka

Associate Member

- Developed and authored content for social media platforms.
- Conceptualized and edited posters and cover designs.
- Helped in preparing questionnaires and transcription of interviews •
- Conducted proofreading of essays for publications, including Ceteris Paribus and BSDED.
- Facilitated logistical support during events.

#### Economics Cultural Club (ECC), University of Dhaka

Cultural Sessions Secretary

August 2021 - March 2022

April 2022-June 2023

November 2020-April 2022

Organized and coordinated in arranging cultural programmes and events within the department.

#### **Economics Career Alliance (ECA), University of Dhaka**

Coordinator (Management)

Coordinated events and offered logistical assistance in management.

# **Technical Skills**

STATA, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Canva, Kobo Toolbox

### Soft Skills

Leadership, Teamwork, Time Management, Adaptability

## Language Proficiency

Bangla (Native Language) English (Fluent Working Proficiency) Hindi (Fluent Working Proficiency) Spanish (Elementary Proficiency)

# **Awards & Certifications**

#### Fundamentals of Research Methodology

13 May 2024-08 June 2024 Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, in collaboration with Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh.

Completed month long training course entitled "Fundamentals of Research Methodology" on research basics.

**Research Course: Basic to Advance Research Help Bangladesh** 

> Completed the training course entitled "Research Course: Basic to Advance" 30 lectures with • research software (Zotero, Mendeley, SPSS, Nvivo, KoBo Toolbox, Latex)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Runners Up- Poster Competition - ECA Career Expo 2020

Stood as the 1st Runners-up with my team 'Absolute Warriors' in the Poster Competition at the ECA Career Expo 2020 organized by Economics Career Alliance, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

- Got Government Merit Scholarship from the Government of Bangladesh for Honor's result for the • 2022-2023 academic year.
- Got Talent pool scholarship for SSC result from the Government of Bangladesh in Dhaka Board for 2016 academic year.

5 February 2022-5 April 2022

January 2020-December 2020

# References

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#### Md. Nazmul Hossain

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**Dr. Syed Naimul Wadood** Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. Cell: +8801713031860 Email: <u>snwadood@econdu.ac.bd</u>