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Educational Qualifications

Masters of Social Science (MSS) in Economics <i>University of Dhaka CGPA: 3.63/4.00</i>	<i>Jan 2023 – Dec 2023</i>
Bachelors of Social Science (BSS) in Economics <i>University of Dhaka CGPA: 3.32/4.00</i>	<i>Jan 2018 – Dec 2022</i>
Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) <i>Ideal School and College GPA: 5.00/5.00 (Obtained General Board Scholarship)</i>	<i>2017</i>
Secondary School Certificate (SSC) <i>Ideal School and College GPA: 5.00/5.00</i>	<i>2015</i>

Experience

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) <i>Research Associate</i>	<i>Jan 2024 – Present</i> <i>Dhaka, Bangladesh</i>
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Overall Responsibilities

Survey Design, Survey Management, Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Conducting KII and FGD, Report Writing, Proposal Writing, Writing Policy Brief, Conducting Enumerator Training, Organizing Webinars and Seminars and International Conferences

Specific Responsibilities

Project Involvement

- Title of the study: ***Bangladesh's Path to COP30 (Feb '25 – Present)***
Collaboration with: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
Project Description: The study focuses on integrating agri-food systems into climate and development policies ahead of COP30 in Brazil (2025). Furthermore, the study aims to provide model-based analysis to support Bangladesh's government in areas such as low-carbon agricultural technologies, sustainable energy transition, and transport sector mitigation strategies. It will also assess the macroeconomic impact of climate policies, financing options for low-carbon development, and socioeconomic risks of transition.
Responsibilities: Conducting sectoral and economy wide analysis, report writing
- Title of the study: ***Youth Survey 2025: Tracking Perceptions on Reforms, Skills, Jobs, and Education (Mar '25 – Present)***
Collaboration with: Action Aid Bangladesh
Project Description: This study aims to use two panel surveys to track how youth perceptions of these reforms evolve over six months. It will assess expectations and progress in key areas like education, employment, governance, and climate justice.
Responsibilities: Conducting quantitative and qualitative survey, report writing
- Title of the study: ***Rapid Research on Market Governance: Understanding the drivers of recent food price hikes (Oct '24 – Present)***
Collaboration with: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)
Responsibilities: Conducting survey to analyse the demand and supply side situation
- Title of the study: ***South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM): Twenty years on Alumni Tracer Survey and Impact Assessment (Mar '24 – Jan '25)***

Project Description: The objective of the study is to evaluate the accomplishments and long-term impact of the South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM) in fostering regional cooperation, human capital development, and cross-cultural understanding among economics students in South Asia.

Commissioned by: The World Bank

Responsibilities: Preparing database, designing and managing survey of 1100+ alumni, cleaning data

- Title of the Study: *Investment Diversification of Priority Sectors After LDC Graduation (Jan '24 - Present)*

Project Description: The study aims to identify the priority sectors for investment diversification in the post-LDC scenario and evaluating the growth and investment potential of those priority sectors.

Collaboration with: UNDP and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

Responsibilities: Designing survey questionnaire, managing survey with 972 enterprises, data cleaning, data analysis, report writing

- Title of the study: *Technical Framework Medium Term Outlook (2026-2030) (Mar '24- Oct '24)*

Project Description: The 9th Five Year Plan's technical framework is developed/updated based on the Input-Output Table 2024, Social Accounting Matrix 2024, Dynamic Computable General Equilibrium Model 2024, and Employment & Poverty Modules 2024.

Collaboration with: General Economic Division, Ministry of Planning

Responsibilities: Designing and managing an enterprise survey to update the Input-Output Table (IOT), calculating poverty and employment projection, report writing

- Title of the Study: *Nutrition budget analysis of JANO project (Jan 2024 – May 2024)*

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.

Funded by: CARE Bangladesh

Responsibilities: Report Writing, writing Bangla and English Policy Brief

Aspire to Innovate (a2i), UNDP

May 2022 – Sep 2022

Intern

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Assisting in developing the analytical framework by reviewing existing framework and outlining methodologies for selected indices in areas like health, government services delivery, social security and climate change
- Assisting in drafting the background paper on Assessment Framework for 'Equality through equality'
- Assisting the National Consultant in the overall coordination of the project

ARK Foundation

April 2022

Baseline Survey Field Enumerator

Bangladesh

- Collecting data in railway stations including Rajshahi and Sylhet in Bangladesh on complicate with tobacco laws through an observational survey for the "Initiative to Make Bangladesh Railways Tobacco Free" project, conducted by the Ministry of Railways, Government of Bangladesh

The Financial Express Bangladesh

Sep 2021 – Feb 2022

Economic Intelligence Unit Lead, Outreach Team Member

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Planning and developing content for Economic Intelligence Unit
- Coordinating with the industry experts
- Planning and executing online engagements like webinars, videos on contemporary topics with relevant experts
- Previously contributed as a copy-editor for Economic Intelligence Unit

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

Aug 2021 – Dec 2021

Intern

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- **Project Involvement:** ‘Youth Sectoral Action Plan’, ‘Analysis of Gender Sensitive Budgeting’, ‘Review of Foreign Private Investment Promotion and Protection Act (FPIPPA) 1980’
Responsibilities: Assisting in report writing and writing policy brief; preparing questionnaire modules, conducting KIIs, preparing KII transcripts
- Assisting in writing research proposals for projects with FAO, Bangladesh Bank
- Contributing in monthly publication titled ‘Thinking Aloud’
- Previously worked as an enumerator in the survey of ‘Business Confidence Index’ and ‘Nationwide Household Survey’ from July 2020 – January 2021

Research Works

Conference Papers

- **Impact of Government Investment in Human Capital on Harnessing Bangladesh’s Demographic Dividend.** (2025, February). 8th SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference (SAEC).
- **Analyzing the Impact of Crawling Peg Exchange Rate on Labour Participation in Bangladesh: A VAR Model Approach.** (2024, September). CEDECON’s Annual International Conference in Economics (CAICE-2024)
- **Impact of WASH Facilities on Women Empowerment: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh.** (2024, February). 7th SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference (SAEC).
- **Does Political Engagement Have an Influence on Human Development? - Perspective from South Asia.** (2023, March). 18th South Asian Economics Students’ Meet (SAESM).

Technical Reports and Policy Briefs

- Raihan, S., Tasneem, S., & Pal, B. D. (2025). **Adapting to Survive: Climate Change and Bangladesh’s Agricultural Imperative in the Context of COP30.** [SANEM-IFPRI Policy Brief. July 2025]. SANEM Publications. Dhaka. <https://sanemnet.org/policy-brief-on-adapting-to-survive-climate-change-and-bangladeshs-agricultural-imperative-in-the-context-of-cop30/>
- Raihan, S., Reaz, M. M., Sadat, S., Sharmin, E., Aahad, M. A., Surid, T. F., Das, D., Tasneem, S., Roy, S., Alam, H. and Rahman, Z. (2025). **Investment Diversification of Priority Sectors after LDC Graduation.** A report prepared for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) (Report)
- Jahangir, Z., Islam, T.-U.-, Hasan, H., Iffah, K., Mumtahena, F., Shameem, N., & Tasneem, S. (2022). **e-Quality Index: A Framework for the Holistic Assessment of Digital Development.** (Report Summary)
- Raihan, Dr. S., Sharmin, E., Tasneem, S. T., Chowdhury, O. R., Tasneem, S., & Tasnim, N. (2021). **Sectoral Action Plan on Youth Sensitive Budgeting** [Policy Brief]. SANEM Publications. Dhaka. <https://sanemnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Sectoral-Action-Plan-on-Youth-Sensitive-Budgeting.pdf>

Newspaper Articles

- Tasneem, S. (2025, May 17). **Underinvestment threatens Bangladesh's demographic dividend.** *The Daily Star*.
- Shimul, S. N., & Tasneem, S. (2021, May 6). **Curbing Covid-19: Is lockdown an option for developing countries?** *The Financial Express Bangladesh*.
- Shimul, S. N., & Tasneem, S. (2021, June 18). **Tackling spike of infection in bordering districts.** *The Financial Express Bangladesh*.
- Tasneem, S. (2020, December 31). **Comics industry climbing up the ladder in Bangladesh.** *The Financial Express Bangladesh*.

Technical Strengths

Survey Programming	Survey CTO, Kobo Toolbox,
Data Analysis/Visual	Stata, Excel, Tableau
Referencing Tool	Zotero
Others	Weebly, Canva, OBS Studio
Language	Bangla (native), English (fluent)

Co-curricular/Voluntary Activities

Economics Study Center, University of Dhaka

Nov 2020 – Mar 2022

Treasurer

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Maintained financial records of the organisation
- Organised webinars, public lectures, workshops on pressing socio-economic issues
- Organised 4th Bangladesh Economics Summit, a weeklong event hosting participants and panellists from home and abroad
- Worked as an editor for the annual publications
- Lead 400 general members in various regular activities like blogs, videos, monthly digest of ESC

Pashe Achi Initiative

Apr 2020 – Present

Volunteer

Bangladesh

- Coordinate in the operations of emergency relief activities during floods and Covid-19
- Generate ideas for new social awareness campaigns
- Regularly contribute to the operation of Project Gronthomongol, Project Shurokkha, Project Matir Gaan and other projects to support the local artisans and sellers during Covid and afterwards
- Worked in the emergency response team during the first phase of Covid-19

Economics Cultural Club, University of Dhaka

Jan 2019 – Oct 2020

Students Affairs Secretary

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Generated new ideas and actively participated in organising cultural events
- Worked in the background research for online content

References

Dr. Selim Raihan

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
and
Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling

Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
and
Pro-VC, University of Dhaka