

Recardo Saurav Antor Halder

Recardo Saurav Antor Halder completed his MSC in Economics from Ruhr University Bochum Germany focusing on International Trade and Finance. Prior to that he completed his BSS (2015) and MSS (2016) in Economics from the University of Dhaka. He has more than 5 years' experience in research and project management. He has served in multiple capacities in think tanks and international donor-based projects, such as USDA Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project (BTF)- implemented by Land O' Lakes Venture37, the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), and the Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI). He is currently working at SANEM as a Programme Consultant. His focus areas include trade facilitation, agricultural trade, WTO issues, export diversification, survey designing and implementation, data collection and management, econometric analysis, trade policy analysis, report writing, stakeholder engagement, procurement and grants management, event coordination, training facilitation, and logistics management.

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I. AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Trade facilitation, agricultural trade, and export diversification.

Survey design, data collection management, and econometric analysis.

Policy analysis and report writing.

Procurement and grants management, financial compliance, event coordination, training facilitation, logistics management, and stakeholder engagement (Government, Development Partners, Private Sector).

II. EDUCATION

2021: Master of Science, Economics, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany.

2016: Master of Social Science, Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

2015: Bachelor of Social Science, Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2025- till date: Programme Consultant, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

- Business development, survey designing and implementation, conducting KIIs, leading FGDs, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, report preparation, and policy advocacy

May 2022- July 2025: Programme Operations Coordinator, Land O' Lakes Venture37, USDA- Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project

- Assisting and coordinating program team to conduct thematic studies related to agricultural trade, trade facilitation, market access, export diversification, barriers to trade, risk management benefit quantification, and SPS issues.
- Conducting project procurements (goods/services), preparing RFP/RFQ/EOIs, soliciting bids from vendors, bid evaluation, procurement documentation (as per organization and USG rules), Liaising

with government counterparts, and coordinating project events (training/workshop) and related logistics.

- Preparing grant documentation, managing In-Kind grants, preparing and managing consulting agreements and work orders, ensuring financial compliance and timely disbursement of payments to vendors, conducting monthly fund forecast, and assisting project MEL Team.

April 2021- April 2022: Senior Research Associate, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

- Heading research teams, designing large surveys, managing enumerators and data collection process.
- Conducting extensive data cleaning and analysis, preparing reports, and writing project proposals.

May 2017- September 2018: Junior Research Associate, Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI)

- Coordinating training events, analyzing trade data, conducting KIIs, leading FGDs, and drafting reports.

IV.SELECTED PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

September 2021- March 2022: Time Release Study of Agricultural Commodities at Benapole Land Port, Chattogram Seaport and Dhaka Airport, USDA- Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project.

Tasks: Designed survey, trained enumerators, developed survey questionnaire, piloting, cleaned and analyzed raw data, prepared reports, led stakeholder consultations (KIIs and FGDs), and disseminated study findings.

May 2021- December 2021: Policy Review Export Policy 2018-21, and Industrial Policy 2016, Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project (BRCP-1).

Tasks: Reviewed literature, led KIIs, supervised FGDs, prepared reports, and disseminated study findings.

September 2021- December 2021: Analysis of the tariff structures, NTMs/NTBs, export potential of existing and diversified products to the 10 selected destinations, Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project (BRCP-1).

Tasks: Reviewed literature analyzed secondary data, prepared data visualization, and prepared draft report.

May 2017- April 2018: Analyzing the export potential of trade in services in Bangladesh (Nursing, ICT, Tourism, and Transport, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.

Tasks: Reviewed literature, led KIIs, supervised FGDs, prepared reports, and disseminated study findings.

January 2018- October 2018: Analyzing the gap in issuing Certificate of Standard for Export, Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

Tasks: Reviewed literature, led KIIs, supervised FGDs.