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Objective:

As an economics graduate with practical knowledge in research, data analysis, and policy development, I aim to contribute to impactful development initiatives across various sectors. I have worked in research roles at three of Bangladesh's leading think tanks, beginning as an intern at Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), a program associate in the Research Division of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), and later joining as a research associate at the South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM). Through these experiences, I acquired crucial skills in econometric analysis, academic writing, and project coordination using advanced statistical tools, contributing to research that addresses critical socio-economic challenges. I am also dedicated to lifelong learning and aim to contribute to inclusive growth, sustainable development, and informed policy decisions through research.

Education:

- **Master of Social Sciences (M.S.S) in Economics | University of Dhaka** *November 2023- January 2025*
 - Cumulative GPA: **3.56/4.00**

Relevant Coursework: *Panel Data and Non Linear Econometrics, International Trade Theory*

- **Bachelor of Social Sciences (B.S.S) in Economics | University of Dhaka** *January 2019- October 2023*
 - Cumulative GPA: **3.60/4.00**

Relevant Coursework: *Development Economics, Theory and Policies of International Trade, Dynamic Optimization, Labor Economics, Advanced Econometrics I, Environmental Economics, Natural Resource and Energy Economics*

- **Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) | Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College** *2016- 2018*
 - GPA: 5.00/5.00 | Group: Science
- **Secondary School Certificate (SSC) | Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College** *2014- 2016*
 - GPA: 5.00/5.00 | Group: Science

Experience:

- **Research Associate, South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM)** *March 2025 - Present*
 - Currently working on a research project commissioned by TARA climate foundation on building a roadmap for green jobs and skills development framework for renewable energy sector of Bangladesh. Previously contributed to a year-long project on exploring a sustainable pathway for energy transformation of Bangladesh towards green and clean energy, commissioned by TARA Climate Foundation.
 - Working on a project based on assessing pathways to safer factories in South Asia with focus on gender-based violence (GBV) in garment Sector, in collaboration with Institute for Human Development (IHD), India and commissioned by LIRNEasia.
 - Collaborated with Bangladesh Energy and Power Research Council (BEPRC) on revising Integrated Energy and Power Master Plan (IEPMP), which is one of the core national policy documents for energy policy of Bangladesh.
 - Collaborated with another project with Bangladesh Center for Communication Programs (BCCP) on designing budget evaluation and monitoring framework of Climate Change and Gender Action Plan (ccGAP) of Bangladesh, commissioned by UN Women and Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT).
- **Programme Associate (Research), Centre for Policy Dialogue** *November 2024 – February 2025*
 - Led a project on corporate tax structure of Bangladesh, commissioned by Christian Aid
 - Worked on a project based on supply side challenges in tannery industry, commissioned by the Government of Bangladesh through Bangladesh Tanners Association (BTA)
 - Led the survey questionnaire designing, supervised the enumerator training sessions, organized the collected dataset to conduct data interpretations. Reviewed and refined the KII questionnaire and project structure to align with research objectives and methodologies.
 - Conducted Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) with various stakeholders of the corporate industry for both quantitative and qualitative data analysis.

- **Intern, Department of Off-Site Supervision, Bangladesh Bank** *April 2024 - June 2024*
 - Conducted briefings with all sections under the department to gain insights into banking policies and regulations in Bangladesh.
 - Applied these insights to produce an internship report titled “Risk Management Strategies in Bangladeshi Banks Post BASEL III Implementation” as part of the internship requirement.
- **Research Intern, Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID)** *October 2023 - January 2024*
 - Contributed to the project “Open Market Sales (OMS) Programme for Assessing Urban Social Protection in Bangladesh” by coordinating 5 survey teams of enumerators and taking multiple Key Informant Interviews.
 - Successfully completed the primary survey within a month, organized and cleaned the collected dataset, and delivered an article titled “Open Market Sales (OMS) in Bangladesh: Challenges and the Way to Move Forward” and a Policy Brief on the Socio-Economic Conditions of OMS Beneficiaries.
- **Intern Feature Writer, The Financial Express Bangladesh** *December 2021 - November 2022*
 - Authored 120+ articles during the internship, averaging over 10 articles per month. Focused on feature writing in the sections of entertainment, sports, jobs and opportunities, and youth and entrepreneurship.

Extracurricular activities:

- **Associate Member, Economics Study Centre (ESC), University of Dhaka** *November 2020 - April 2022*

Academic Scholarships:

- General Scholarship, Government of Bangladesh | 2024–2025
Awarded for academic excellence, attendance, and conduct during undergraduate studies in Economics at the University of Dhaka.

Undergraduate Research Monograph:

- **Title:** Exploring the Socioeconomic Determinants of Child Vaccination Status in Bangladesh: An Econometric Analysis using BDHS 2017-18 Data. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4750217
 - Using BDHS 2017-18 data, an in-depth analysis was conducted to determine the important socioeconomic determinants impacting childhood vaccination rates in Bangladesh. The study used econometric tools to assess the impact of variables such as parental education, poverty, area of residence, and child gender on vaccination rates. The findings pointed out the significance of resolving disparities in healthcare access, particularly in impoverished areas, as well as overcoming vaccine reluctance in order to improve immunization coverage.

Awards and Honors:

- Served as a judge for Round 1 of Watts on the Roof: Bangladesh’s RMG Sector and the Solar Imperative at “The Colosseum II,” an inter-university policy case competition organized by Economics Career Alliance (ECA), Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, 2026.

Conference Presentations & Participation:

- 9th SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference (SAEC) (Dhaka; April 2026)
- International Conference on Development and Environmental Economics: SANDEE@25 (Kathmandu, Nepal; Dec 2025)

Policy Papers:

- Moazzem, K. G., Ahmed, T., Ali, M. S., Mohammad, S., & **Islam, M. I.** (2026, April). *Recommendations for the NBR: Fiscal year 2026–27 budget and beyond*. Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). <https://cpd.org.bd/resources/2026/04/Recommendations-for-the-NBR-Fiscal-Year-2026%E2%80%9327-Budget-and-Beyond.pdf>
- Ahmed, T., Moazzem, K. G., & **Islam, M. I.** (2026, May). *Corporate income tax reform for graduating Bangladesh: The justice perspective*. Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). <https://cpd.org.bd/resources/2026/05/Corporate-Income-Tax-Reform-for-Graduating-Bangladesh.pdf>

Working Papers:

- Kabir, R. A., **Islam, M. I.**, Ahmmed, N. M. N., & Khuda, I. H. M. E. (2025). *Does climate vulnerability drive public health spending? Evidence from selected countries of South and Southeast Asia (2000–2023)*.

Scopus-Indexed Publications (Forthcoming):

- Kabir, R. A., & **Islam, M. I.** (2026). *Electricity access and economic performance: Evidence from the energy-development nexus in South and Southeast Asia*. Forthcoming in *New Perspectives and Paradigms in Business and Economics*, Springer Proceedings in Business and Economics (SPEB).

Op-Eds and Commentaries:

- **Islam, M. I.**, & Ahmed, M. T. (2026, April 30). *Bangladesh's solar ambition needs skilled hands to succeed*. The Daily Star. <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/bangladeshs-solar-ambition-needs-skilled-hands-succeed-4164306>
- **Islam, M. I.** (2026, February 12). *Strengthening institutions for renewable energy: The first test for the new government*. The Daily Star. <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/strengthening-institutions-renewable-energy-the-first-test-the-new-government-4104036>
- **Islam, M. I.** (2025, December 6). *Energy efficiency is Bangladesh's invisible power plant*. The Financial Express Bangladesh. <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/views/views/energy-efficiency-is-bangladeshs-invisible-power-plant>
- **Islam, M. I.** & Kabir, R. A. (2025, October 4). *Women at the frontline: Investing in gender-responsive climate action for Bangladesh*. The Business Standard. <https://www.tbsnews.net/thoughts/women-frontline-investing-gender-responsive-climate-action-bangladesh-1252696>
- **Islam, M. I.** & Kabir, R. A. (2025, May 9). *Why our industrial future depends on women*. The Daily Star. <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/why-our-industrial-future-depends-women-3890571>
- **Islam, M. I.** & Kabir, R. A. (2025, May 9). *Bangladesh walking toward a market-determined exchange rate regime*. Industry Insider. <https://industryinsiderbd.com/bangladesh-walking-toward-a-market-determined-exchange-rate-regime/>
- **Islam, M. I.** (2025, May 1). *Emerging technologies and equitable work conditions in Bangladesh*. The Financial Express Bangladesh. <https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/special-issues/international-labour-day-2025/emerging-technologies-and-equitable-work-conditions-in-bangladesh-1746038548>
- **Islam, M. I.** & Kabir, R. A. (2024, December 1). *COP29 and Bangladesh: Do the disappointments outweigh the achievements?* The Business Standard. <https://www.tbsnews.net/thoughts/cop29-and-bangladesh-do-disappointments-outweigh-achievements-1007246TBS News>
- **Islam, M. I.** (2024, November 17). *Future of jobs and what it means for Bangladesh*. The Financial Express Bangladesh. <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/youth-and-entrepreneurship/future-of-jobs-and-what-it-means-for-bangladesh>

Skills:

- **Econometric Analysis and Quantitative Research:** Proficient in applying a wide range of econometric techniques to analyze cross-sectional, nonlinear, and panel data. Experienced in using real-world datasets to evaluate policy impact, model socio-economic behavior, and test causal hypotheses using Stata and R.
- **Survey Design and Data Collection:** Hands-on experience with **CSPro** for questionnaire programming and data entry applications; working knowledge of digital data collection platforms such as **SurveyCTO** and **KoBoToolbox**.
- **Data Management and Visualization:** Competent in large-scale data cleaning, transformation, and structuring; capable of producing descriptive and inferential statistics, charts, and tables for both academic and policy outputs.
- **Academic and Policy Writing:** Strong writing skills with experience drafting research reports, policy briefs, articles, and opinion editorials for major national and international platforms. Proven ability to communicate complex technical material to diverse audiences.
- **Research Communication and Collaboration:** Demonstrated ability to conduct Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), and field-level research with multiple stakeholders, maintaining professionalism and clarity in research communication.
- **Digital Literacy and Productivity Tools:** Proficient in **Microsoft Office Suite** (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) and **Google Workspace** for data processing, presentation development, and collaborative project coordination.

Communication:

- English (Professional) & Bengali (Native)

References:

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