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GOALS & INTERESTS

Development research professional with seven years' working experience in the knowledge industry. Skilled in Policy Analysis, Data Analysis, and Stata. Strong research professional with a Master of Social Science (MSS) Degree with proven leadership skills. My goal is to integrate my interests, experiences, and skillset for fostering sustainable and innovative changes at the grassroot level.

WORK EXPERIENCE

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Research Analyst II

7/2019 - Present

- Currently working at the Feed the Future Bangladesh Research Activity Project funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) since October 2022.
- Worked at the Agricultural Policy Activity project: Component II funded by USAID from October 2020 to September 2022.

Research Analyst I

• Worked at the Bangladesh Policy Research and Strategy Support Program (PRSSP) from July 2019 to September 2020.

Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG) Research Associate	3/2019 – 6/2019
The Aga Khan Foundation	8/2018 – 2/2019
South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) Research Associate	4/2017 - 7/2018
South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) Research Assistant	1/2017 - 3/2017

PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

- <u>Public Procurement of Paddy in Bangladesh: Implications for Policy</u> (Ahmed, A. U., Bakhtiar, M. M., Anowar, S., & Rahman, M. M. The Bangladesh Development Studies, 42(1/2), 1-30. DOI: 10.57138/ZFHX2730)
- Farming system stress dynamics during the COVID-19 pandemic: an integrated indicator-based assessment in Bangladesh (M. Mehrab Bakhtiar, TS Amjath-Babu, Akhter U. Ahmed, Sadat Anowar, Shahid Rashid) (forthcoming 2024)

Conference Papers

- <u>Understanding shocks</u>, <u>stressors</u>, <u>and resilience in rural Bangladesh</u> (Anowar M.S., Islam M.R., 2023), paper presented at the 6th SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (SAEC) 2023 on "Building Resilience to Shocks: Priorities, Challenges and Prospects."
- "Examining the Effects of COVID-19 on University Students in Bangladesh: A Comprehensive Study on Depression, Mental Health Services, and Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice" (Choudhury S., Anowar M.S., Ashraf N., Naheed A., Markham C., Wisniewski J.), Poster presented at the 12th Annual Global Health Conference 2024, University of Houston, Texas, United States.

Research reports

- Assisted with writing of the IFPRI study "Boro rice procurement in Bangladesh: Implications for policy" (2020)
- Coauthored the IFPRI report "Assessing Covid-19's Effects on Agricultural Value Chain Actors Using a Phone Survey in the Feed the Future Zone of Influence in Bangladesh" (2021).

- Coauthored the IFPRI study "Research-based evidence to support the formulation of the Country Strategic Opportunities Program (COSOP) for IFAD-Bangladesh" (2021).
- Raihan, S., M.N.A. Hossain, M.J.E. Jalal and M.S. Anowar (2017). "Optimizing Cross-border Trade Operations between Bangladesh and India: A Business Needs Assessment of Customs Facilities at Dhaka Airport and the Benapole and Petrapole Land Ports", AMEG, USAID.
- Raihan, S., M.N.A. Hossain, M.J.E. Jalal and M.S. Anowar (2017). "Expanding Access to Express Courier Services Through the Benapole-Petrapole Land Port", AMEG, USAID.
- Provided research support of the SANEM study "Rapid Assessment of Hazaribagh and Savar Tanneries" (2017).

Newspaper Articles

- "<u>Urgency of urban social safety-net prog for sustenance of multitudes</u>" article published in the 28th anniversary issue of the Financial Express, on December 08, 2021.
- "<u>Financial access for farmers: formal vs informal</u>" article published in the Financial Express, on November 16, 2021.
- "<u>Drinking water and sanitation facilities in rural Bangladesh</u>" article published in the Financial Express, on October 06, 2021.
- "Curbing rice prices amid pandemic" article published in the Financial Express, on July 17, 2021.

Policy Briefs

- IFPRI policy brief "Signs of Recovery: Patterns of Livelihood and Food Security Changes Before and During COVID-19 in Rural Bangladesh" (2021).
- IFPRI policy brief "Changes in food insecurity in rural Bangladesh during COVID-19" (2021).

Research Essays

- "South Asia in the Asian Century: Prospects & Challenges, Enhancing Trade and Accelerating Growth and Development", research essay submitted at the World Bank funded annual conference for undergraduate students 12th South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM), 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It was later published on Bangladesh Students' Digest on Economics and Development (1st ed.).
- "Making the Lives of People of South Asia Better through Greater Regional Trade", research essay submitted at the 11th South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM) in Thimphu, Bhutan.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED

- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training program on <u>Social & Behavioral Research</u>, completed on December 13, 2022.
- WTO/ESCAP- 13th ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on "Empirical trade Analysis: Trade and welfare
 effects of trade facilitation and Aid for trade" from December 18, 2017 to December 21, 2017 at United
 Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand.
- Second SANEM Training Program on Gravity Modeling in Applied International Trade organized by SANEM from October 27 to October 29, 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 10th South Asian Training Program on CGE Modeling from August 12, 2017 to August 16, 2017 organized by South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) Bangladesh, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) Nepal and Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) India, in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
- SANEM Capacity Building Workshop on "Trade, Institutions and SDGs" on 16 February 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- SANEM-DFID Capacity Building Workshop on "Growth, Institutions and Trade Modeling" on 17 February 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED

- Instructor at training program for the Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs) of the Department of Agriculture (DAE), Government of Bangladesh on "Farm Stress Monitoring System for DAE" organized jointly by IFPRI and CIMMYT From December 1, 2021, to December 8, 2021. About 450 government officials from across Bangladesh participated in the training.
- Instructor at the Training program for Bangladesh Tariff Commission on "Trade Policy, Research Techniques and Analysis" hosted by SANEM From July 10, 2018, to July 26, 2018. About 30 government officials took part in the training.

University of Dhaka, MSS

Master of Social Science. Economics

1/2016 – 12/2016

• <u>Internship</u>: Successfully completed Internship at *Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)* from 9/10/2016 to 23/10/2016 in the RMG Project. Worked in the organizing team of the 9th South Asian Economic Summit (SAES IX), "Reimagining South Asia in 2030"

University of Dhaka, BSS

2012 - 2015

Bachelor of Social Science, Economics

- Coursework: Econometrics, Development Economics, Public Policy, Health Economics, Real Analysis, Dynamic Optimization, Environmental Economics, Mathematical Economics, Statistical Methods
- Took part in 12th South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM), 2015 in Sri Lanka as the Student Team Leader from Bangladesh. Was a part of the Champion team of Economics Quiz Competition and a finalist (among top 6) of Budding Economist Competition.
- Took part in 11th South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM), 2014 held in Bhutan, participated in the Economics Quiz Competition and Budding Economist Competition.
- Worked as the General Secretary of Economics Study Centre, University of Dhaka, official student body of the department of Economics during 2014-15 session.

Notre Dame College, Dhaka, HSC (Science) Government Laboratory High School, Dhaka, SSC (Science)

2010

2008

KEY SKILLS

- Software Skills: STATA, CSPro, SurveyCTO, MS-Excel, MS-Word, MS-PowerPoint
- Languages: Bangla (native fluency), English (excellent in speaking and writing)
- Skilled at project coordination and management
- Excellent understanding of quantitative & qualitative research, randomized controlled trial (RCT) techniques
- Good public speaking and presentation skills
- Well acquainted with Eviews and C programming
- Well acquainted with CGE (Computable General Equilibrium) Modeling techniques and constructing Social Accounting Matrices (SAM)
- Developing survey questionnaires in CSPro and SurveyCTO
- Well acquainted with data collection procedures using various apps such as CSPro, SurveyCTO and Qualtrics
- Excellent at report writing
- Skilled at conducting paper based, app based and phone surveys and enumerator training
- Skilled at developing survey questionnaires and study designing
- Well acquainted with GAMS software system, Gravity Modeling Techniques and GTAP modeling and RunGTAP software system