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EDUCATION

- M.S.S (2000) Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. Dissertation: "Nayachar: political ecology of a char land"
- B.S.S (1999) Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. Dissertation: Male Sexuality in Bangladesh

CAREER PROFILE

Researcher and development professional, with academic background in social sciences, and 14 years of experience in research, M&E, advocacy, programme management and consultancies. Experienced in Human Rights, governance, gender, poverty, natural resource management (NRM) and livelihood issues. Worked for some of the leading national and international NGOs such as BLAST, ALRD, Stromme Foundation and IGS. Also worked as consultant for government of Bangladesh and with NGOs such as Oxfam, CARE, BRAC, BNPS, FIAN and MJF among others.

RELEVANT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Among others Research, M&E, using qualitative, quantitative and participatory methods. Particularly skilled in qualitative techniques along with conducting survey using printed questionnaire and ODK applications in mobile devices; capable of data analysis using SPSS. Experienced in livelihoods and natural resource management. Worked on the livelihoods and natural resource management of indigenous and landless people, rights of people on forest resources, land and water. Worked on water rights, rights of people living in the large and trans-boundary river basins, etc.

CAREER SUMMARY

CONSULTANCY

- Socio-Economic expert for impact evaluation of Khulna 150MW power plant; IMED, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh; February 2018- on-going
- Country Coordinator, The Global Value Chain Initiative-Evaluation Management Unit (TGVC-EMU), with Natural Resources Institute (NRI), University of Greenwich for DFID; September 2013 - September 2017 (**Research, Evaluation, Survey**) (**RMG, gender, labour issues, value chain**)
- Consultant, FIAN and Malaya Foundation to conduct a study and to prepare a UN parallel report on the food security situation of indigenous women in CHT region of Bangladesh; February-July 2016 (**Research**) (**human rights, women's rights, gender, livelihood, food security, NRM**)
- Consultant, conducted Mid-term Review of "Access" project of Shallows India and Bangladesh; April 2015 (**women empowerment, gender, livelihood**)
- Consultant, conducted a review of governance component of SHOUHARDO II project of CARE Bangladesh; July-September 2014 (**governance, livelihood, CBO**), https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00K623.pdf
- Baseline Survey Safe School Safe Community project Bangladesh Nari Progati Shangha (BNPS); June – August 2014 (**Research**)(**Gender, VAW, Sexual harassment**)
- Conducted final evaluation of CSRL Campaign of Oxfam that focused on rural livelihood from a rights perspective; January - March 2013 (**governance, livelihood, CBO, food security, NRM**);
- Developed a process documentation book and a manual on "Citizen Rights Mela" for BRAC Development Institute (BDI), BRAC University; April - September 2010 (**empowerment, rights, democracy**)
- A strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and social impact assessment (SIA) of climate change and disaster risk reduction policies in Brahmaputra basin for EC and RDRS; October 2009 - February 2010 (**Research**) (**climate change, DRR, environment, NRM**)

- Final evaluation of elimination of domestic violence project of BNWLA, for “Manusher Jonno Foundation”; December 2006 - January 2007 (**human rights, women's right**)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- *Study to identify the trends and changes related to women empowerment generated in the working area of Bangladesh Nari Progati Shangha (BNPS); for BNPS; September 2016 - March 2017 (women empowerment, gender, livelihood)*
- *Research on Dalit Communities Living in Railway Colonies in Northern part of Bangladesh; for HEKS, Switzerland; September to December 2015 (human rights, rights of marginal people, livelihood, women's rights, gender)*
- *Study titled “Capturing the insights on gender equality changes-the experiences of BRAC”; for BRAC; November 2014 - October 2015 (women empowerment, gender)*
- *Study titled “Exploring the Contribution to society of CHT Indigenous Women through their unaccounted work: Perception, Implications and Opportunities” for Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF); July - October 2014*
- *A situation analysis study on livelihood and rights situation of the poor and marginal people in different parts of Sri Lanka; November 2007 - February 2008*
- *Research on “Monga” related to the food, livelihood and employment security of the poor people in the northern districts of Bangladesh; January - April 2006 (Qualitative and Quantitative, including survey)*
- *Research on Abuse of power by police using the sections 54 & 167 of CrPC; February-April, 2005*
- *A study on ‘How to make GoB’s Legal Aid More Effective’; November 2003 - March 2004*
- *Worked in a research on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR/Salish), TDR, Community Arbitration and Mediation, Domestic Violence/Violence Against Women, Dowry, etc.; July - August, 2003*
- *Study on political ecology of char land agriculture for M.S.S. dissertation at Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University*
- *Research on Male Sexuality in Bangladesh for B.S.S. dissertation at Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University*

JOB EXPERIENCE

- Deputy Director (Head of Programmes) at Sushasoner Jonny Procharavizan (SUPRO) from October 2011 to September 2012 and managed a large NGO network for advocacy, campaign and Civil Society Development, for improving rights and essential services for the people.
- Project coordinator at Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD) from January 2011 to October 2011 to manage a project on water rights and rights on natural resources and to coordinate the activities of Water Rights Forum, an NGO coalition. Influenced water act drafting process. Carried out advocacy on water rights, for pro-poor water act formulation, rights on natural resources and livelihood.
- Technical Expert and Programme Officer at Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University, from April 2008 to June 2009. And drafted primary elements of National Integrity Strategy (NIS); organized capacity building programmes for MPs and Parliament Secretariat staffs in collaboration with academia, media, NGO and individual experts.
- Advocacy Specialist at Stromme Foundation - Asia, regional office, Colombo, Sri Lanka, from May 2007 to March 2008 and strengthened advocacy capacity of SF-Asia and its partners. Also worked on Civil Society and CBO development in post disaster and marginal communities in conflict zones; strategic planning and setting up Monitoring system.
- Researcher and Assistant Researcher at Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) from September 2003 to April 2007 and implemented advocacy programme, conducted research, carried out advocacy and performed monitoring and evaluation. Worked on human rights and governance including land rights, rights of indigenous people, rights on natural resources, food security, local governance, etc.

COMPUTER SKILL

☐ MS Office (Word, Excel, PPT, etc) ☐ SPSS ☐ Photoshop ☐ Open Data Kit (ODK) ☐ Internet & other Apps

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

□ Bangla (Bengali): First Language □ English: Fluent in writing and speaking □ Hindi & Urdu: Basic speaking

PUBLICATIONS

- "Unaccounted Work of Indigenous Women at Chittagong Hill Tracts - A Study Report on Exploring the Contribution to society of CHT Indigenous Women through their unaccounted work: Perception, Implications and Opportunities" with Ainoon Naher et al.; Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF); Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 2015; link: <http://en.calameo.com/read/0014748566e46736b7a52>
- "Climate Change and Anthropology in Bangladesh" in "Linggio Somporko Onnota O Bazaarmukhi Bissyan" ed. by Ainoon Naher, et al; Novel Publishing House, Dhaka, Bangladesh, July 2015
- "NGO Research Culture and its Implication in Bangladesh: An Insider's Perspective", *The Oriental Anthropologist*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 2014, Pages 1-12, OICSR, Allahabad, India (Journal article)
- Chapter in "Bangladesh 1971" a Liberation War history writing written and edited by Afsan Chawdhury; February 2007; Maula Brothers; Dhaka
- Research report "Looking into the Institutional Response to Monga" published in "Food Security in Bangladesh: Legal Obligation", BLAST; 2007; <https://www.blast.org.bd/content/publications/food-security-in-bd.pdf>
- Entries for the "Gender Bishwakosh" the Bengali gender encyclopaedia on gender issues edited by Selina Hossain and Masuduzzaman in 2006; Maula Brothers; Dhaka.
- Research report 'Arbitrary Arrest and unlawful use of Power of Remand by Police'; Published by BLAST in 2006
- Research report 'Child-marriage in Muktagacha' was published in 'BLAST Bulletin' Vol. 4, March 2005
- Research report 'How to Make GoBs Legal Aid Scheme More Effective?' was published by 'BLAST' in 2004

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE & PHOTO ESSAY

- "Rohingyas: A Photo Essay From A Refugee Camp In Bangladesh" published in Counter Currents.Org in October 2017; <http://www.countercurrents.org/2017/10/28/rohingyas-a-photo-essay-from-a-refugee-camp-in-bangladesh/>
- "The 'indigenous' question and revisiting Bengal's history" published in *The Daily Star* on 14 August 2011; <http://www.thedailystar.net/news-detail-198480>