

CURRICULUM VITAE OF ABU ALA MAHMUDUL HASAN

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EDUCATION

- M.S.S (2000) Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka.
- B.S.S (1999) Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka.

CAREER PROFILE

Researcher and development professional, with academic background in social sciences, and 17 years of experience in research, programme management, M&E, advocacy, programme design, review and other consultancies. Experienced in Human Rights, governance, RMG sector, gender, worker's rights, child rights, poverty and livelihood issues. Worked for national and international NGOs such as BLAST, ALRD, Stromme Foundation and IGS. Also worked as consultant with Oxfam, CARE, BRAC, BNPS, FIAN and MJF among others.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Skilled in research and M&E, using qualitative, quantitative and participatory methods. Particularly skilled in qualitative techniques along with conducting surveys using ODK applications in mobile devices; capable of data analysis using SPSS. Among others skilled in legal and policy analysis and policy formulation. Also skilled in writing, visual arts, design and mass communication. Experience of working with government and non-government agencies, media, business sector, local governments, civil society and community. Experienced in writing for the media.

CAREER SUMMARY

CONSULTANCY

- Consultant, Development Research Initiative (dRi), "Final Evaluation of Inclusive Response to the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis" project of Save the Children; October 2020 - ongoing [**Rohingya, education, health (SRH, mental health and psychosocial support), wash, GBV, inclusion, mainstreaming, emergency, refugee**]
- Consultant, Catalyzer Ltd., a study on "Implication of the adoption of special section 19 in Child Marriage Restraint Act 2017 in Bangladesh"; from December 2019 - April 2020 (**research, survey, baseline**) (**child marriage, GBV, women's rights, gender, human trafficking**)
- Team Leader, Final Evaluation of Strengthening Voluntary Civil Society Leaders for Social Action in Bangladesh (SVCSL) project of The Aga Khan Foundation and The Hunger Project; from July - October 2019 (**community philanthropy, voluntarism, capacity building, mobilisation**)
- Consultant, Catalyzer Ltd. to conduct various baseline, research studies for different NGOs; January to May 2019 (**research, survey, baseline**) (**GBV, human rights, women's rights, gender, CHT, indigenous community**)
- Team Leader, Exit and Sustainability Plan for Terre Des Hommes Italia: Study of Bangladesh "Jukta Hoyo Mukta" Project; November 2018- January 2019 (**research, evaluation, sustainability planning**) (**RMG, women's rights, gender, child development, marginal community**)
- Team Leader, "Perception study among students in Greater Dhaka" a Violent Extremism related research for SAMPREETI project of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and GCERF; 23 May-September 2018 (**research, survey**) (**PVE, violent extremism, student, youth**)
- Consultant, Gender based Discrimination in Maternity and Childcare related issues in RMG sector: Bangladesh, Survey on Female Worker's Maternity and Child Care; for Awaj Foundation with Prof. Ainoon Naher; June 2018 (**research, survey**) (**RMG, gender, labour issues, labour rights, child care**)
- 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, child care**)

- 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, girls' protection**)
- 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**)

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. Member of National Integrity Strategy (NIS) drafting team for Bangladesh; compiled the primary elements of it. And 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 worker's rights, workplace safety, rights of indigenous people, rights on natural resources, food security, local governance, etc.

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*

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> (book)*
- *"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 (book)*
- *"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 (book)*
- *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> (book)*
- *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>