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**Pen Picture:** I am a social science and development graduate interested in poverty analysis and anti-poverty policy such as social protection. My 15 years of professional activities have combined socioeconomic research and consultancy, civil service, rural development and training. My research has covered aspects of poverty, poverty measurement, child poverty, child rights, social protection, water sanitation, rural electrification, violence against women, gender, HIV-AIDS etc. However, Child Poverty and Social Protection have been my primary areas of interest for the last 12 years.

Specialities and Strength:

- Quantitative and qualitative research and evaluation; Policy analysis, implementation and reform; Design and implementation of Household surveys;
- Designing of training courses, administration and management of training course
- Researched for Government of Bangladesh, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, Oxfam, NRECA, FAO, ILO, CARE, Oxford Policy Management (OPM), Save the Children

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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19/10/2021 – CURRENT – Cumilla, Bangladesh

**JOINT DIRECTOR** – BANGLADESH ACADEMY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (BARD)

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As a faculty member of the organisation, my duties and responsibilities are to provide all sorts of support to the Academy in performing its functions related to training, research, and actions research activities. In particular, I design and supervise training courses, take classes in the training courses organised for government and non-government officials, write research proposals and reports, conduct seminars/workshops, provide comments on draft national policies/strategies etc.

- As a trainer, I take classes on topics such as 'Global poverty reduction models', 'Social Security in Bangladesh: A critical analysis', 'National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) of Bangladesh', 'Major Development Policies of Bangladesh', 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)', 'Street Children Rehabilitation in Bangladesh'.
- I regularly contribute to the policy-related works of various ministries related to poverty and rural development from my organisation.
- I am leading an action research project intending to create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for unregulated Islamic schools (Qawmi Madrasa students) through vocational and skills development training. This project has caught the attention of the media and policymakers. If it succeeds in the experimental phase, this will be implemented as a national program.

### Present Research Involvement:

1. Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Rural Livelihood (2020-2021);
2. Understanding the drivers of successful and inclusive rural, regional transformation: Sharing experiences and policy advice in Bangladesh, China, Indonesia and Pakistan [Funded by Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)];
3. Impact of National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Reforms on Social Protection of Bangladesh (ongoing).

01/08/2012 – 18/10/2021 – Cumilla, Bangladesh [Except for two years with UNDP on lien]

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR** – BANGLADESH ACADEMY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (BARD)

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**Training:** As a Deputy Director, I played the role of Associate Course Director in one six months long Foundation Training Course for the probationer civil officers, one four months-long foundation course and two 2 months-long courses. I also supervised as many as 12 short training courses for various categories of clients.

**Policy:** I contributed in the finalisation of the following draft national policy documents through official comments, namely, 'Agricultural and Rural Credit Policy and Programme 2018-2019' of Bangladesh Bank',

'Integrated Savings and Microcredit Programmes Implementation Policy 2019' of Department of Social Services, 'Urban Community Development Programme Implementation Policy 2018' of Department of Social Services etc. I also regularly contributed to the policy-related works on social protection in Cabinet Division.

**Action Research:** I designed the first-ever action research project to create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for the unregulated Islamic schools (Qawmi Madrasa students) through vocational and skills development training.

08/03/2015 – 21/02/2017 – Dhaka, Bangladesh

**RESEARCH OFFICER – UNDP BANGLADESH**

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The Social Protection Policy Support (SPPS) Project provided technical support to the Government of Bangladesh in formulating the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) of Bangladesh, the first-ever umbrella policy on social security to reconfigure the existing social protection system in Bangladesh. For two years, I served this project as the research focal point.

- I reviewed national and international policies and strategies, collected and analysed qualitative and quantitative data, drafted policy briefs and reports.
- I collected beneficiary and budget data of 180 past and current public Social Protection programmes from the Ministry of Finance and 25 other ministries/divisions and prepared a database on the public Social Protection Programmes with their budget, beneficiary and implementing ministries since F.Y. 2008-2009 (9 years). This database is being used as a significant source for analysing the sector-wise interventions, financial trends, coverage etc.
- I analysed the current public Social Protection Programmes as per the NSSS life cycle categories
- I collected basic information on all the 142 existing (F.Y. 2015-16 and 2016-17) public social protection programmes from different ministries and prepared programme summaries (one-pager/programme at a glance) for information flyer
- I shared policy updates, programmes initiatives, ministerial decisions, significant changes in social protection sector with colleagues
- I drafted the NSSS Action Plan content and toolkit with the International Social Protection Specialist for the 25 social protection programme implementation ministries/divisions, which are now being used for the NSSS Action Plan.
- I also coauthored the Political Economy Assessment of the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy of Bangladesh titled "Assessment to Enhance Implementation of the National Social Security Strategy", and "Measures to Enhance Urban Inclusion in the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS)",

03/06/2012 – 31/07/2012 – Dhaka and Sunamgonj, Bangladesh

**SUB-DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER (ASSISTANT SECRETARY) – BANGLADESH ELECTION COMMISSION**

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I supported the Election Commission with election-related works as the sub-district election focal point.

16/04/2005 – 02/06/2012 – Dhaka, Bangladesh

**SR. RESEARCH ASSOCIATE/RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (HDRC)**

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My duties and responsibilities included mainly study conduction planning, writing research proposals, designing qualitative & quantitative research and developing research tools, maintaining liaison with the clients/donors, train field level researchers, participating in data collection and supervision of data collection, planning of data analysis and analysing quantitative and qualitative data, writing research reports, editing reports, presenting research findings in seminars.

In my six years period as Senior Research Associate, I conducted over 20 research studies, including:

1. *Improving the Targeting Effectiveness of Social Safety Nets in Bangladesh (2013)*. Conducted for FAO Bangladesh
2. *Understanding the Scope of Social Protection Measures as Means to Improve Child Well-Being (2010)*. Conducted for Save the Children
3. *Mismatch of Minority Population in Bangladesh: Population Census vis-à-vis National Voter List (2011)*. Dhaka: Conducted for SHAREE
4. *Study on Women in Parliament: Process & Extent of Participation, and Scope for Strengthening their Role (2012)*. Conducted for Asia Foundation
5. *Basic Education for Hard-to-Reach Urban Working Children: A study on Benefits, Sustainability and Cost (2009)*. Conducted for UNICEF Bangladesh

6. Operation Research on Brothel-based Sex Workers and Self-Help Groups for Prevention of STI and HIV/AIDS (2009). Conducted for UNFPA Bangladesh
7. *Review of Social Barriers and Limitations of Village Court (2010)*. Conducted for UNDP Bangladesh
8. *Socio-economic Impact Study of the Rural Electrification Development Project (REDP) (2011)*. Conducted for NRECA Intl. Ltd.
9. *Study on Allocation, Targeting and Effectiveness of Sanitation Subsidy in Bangladesh (2011)*. Conducted for WaterAid Bangladesh
10. *National Report Bangladesh--GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILD POVERTY AND DISPARITIES (2009)*. For UNICEF Bangladesh
11. *Assessment of Preparedness for Pandemic Influenza (2008)*. Conducted for AED, USA
12. *Study on Change in Attitude and Behaviour of Garment Owners, Managers and Workers towards Gender and R.H. Issues (2008)*. Conducted for UNFPA Bangladesh
13. *CARE-Patsy Collins Trust Fund Initiative (PCTFI) School Performance Assessment (2009)*. Conducted for CARE Bangladesh

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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01/09/2017 – 14/12/2018 – Kortenaerkade 12, The Hague, Netherlands

M.A IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES – International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)--Erasmus University Rotterdam

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Result: B (73%)

Thesis: State, Qawmi Madrasas and Children in Bangladesh: From a Social Protection Perspective

01/07/2005 – 31/12/2006 – Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

MSS IN SOCIOLOGY – University of Dhaka

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Result: 2nd ass 1st Position (59%; 60% is the 1st Class)

01/07/2000 – 30/06/2005 – Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

BSS IN SOCIOLOGY – University of Dhaka

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Result: 2nd Class 6th Position (59.10%)

## ● SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS

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1. Azad, Abul Kalam, Abdullah Al Hussain, Anas Al Islam, Md. Zamil Uddin and Babu Hossain (2020). Agricultural Mechanization and Collective Farming Management—An Experimental initiative for Commercialisation of Agriculture. *Rural Development—Annual Bengali Journal of Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD)*, Number 23 (in Bengali). ISSN: 2222-6869
2. Al Hussain, Abdullah. (2020). Rural and Urban Poverty incidence in Bangladesh and their Reflection in Social Protection Policies and Programmes. *The Journal of Rural Development*, 43(1), 101-124. ISSN: 1019-0341
3. Al Hussain, Abdullah. (2018). *State, Qawmi Madrasas and Children in Bangladesh: From A Social Protection Perspective*. M.A. Erasmus University Rotterdam. <https://thesis.eur.nl/pub/46690>
4. Yaqub, S., & Al Hussain, A. (2016). *Policy Diagnostic to Enhance Implementation of the National Social Security Strategy*. Dhaka: UNDP Bangladesh.
5. Yaqub, S., & Al Hussain, A. (2016). *Measures to Enhance Urban Inclusion in the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS)*. Dhaka: UNDP Bangladesh.
6. Yaqub, S., & Al Hussain, A. (2016). *Approach and Timeline to Produce the Action Plans for the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS)*. Dhaka: UNDP Bangladesh.
7. Zahid, A., Guha, R., & Al Hussain, A. (2015). *Efficacy of Initiatives/Programmes on Rural Income and Poverty Alleviation: A Way Forward*. Dhaka: Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP).

8. Zahid, A., & Al Hussain, A. (2014). *Assessing Training Needs of Bangladesh Civil Service (Economic) Cadre Officers*. Dhaka: National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD)
9. Rowe, Georgia and Abdullah Al Hussain (2014). How Can Social Protection Better Responds to Child Poverty in Bangladesh? Prepared for Save the Children.
10. Barkat, A., Sengupta, S., Al Hussain, Abdullah, Ahmed, F. and Rahman, M. (2013). *Improving the Targeting Effectiveness of Social Safety Nets in Bangladesh*. [online] Available at: <http://www.nfpcsp.org/agridrupal/content/improving-targeting-effectiveness-social-safety-nets-bangladesh>.
11. Barkat, Abul, Abdullah Al Hussain and Md. Ismail Hossain. *Mismatch of Minority Population in Bangladesh: Population Census vis-à-vis National Voter List*. Bangladesh Journal of Political Economy (ISSN 2227-3182), Volume 27, Number 1 and 2 (2011).
12. Barkat, A., Karim, A. and Al Hussain, Abdullah. (2011). *Social Protection Measures in Bangladesh: As Means to Improve Child Well-Being*. Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh. (ISBN: 978-984-8866-38-2).
13. Barkat, A., Halim, S., Poddar, A., Badiuzzaman, M. and Al Hussain, A. (2009). *Child Poverty and Disparities in Bangladesh*. [online] Unicef.org. Available at: [http://www.unicef.org/sitan/files/Bangladesh\\_Child\\_Poverty\\_Study\\_2009.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/sitan/files/Bangladesh_Child_Poverty_Study_2009.pdf)  
Also published by Unicef Bangladesh as *National Report Bangladesh--GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILD POVERTY AND DISPARITIES*. Dhaka: UNICEF, 2009. (ISBN: 984-70292-0004-9).

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): BENGALI

Other languages:

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C1	C1	C1	C2
HINDI	B2		B2		A1
ARABIC	A1	A2	A1	A1	A1

- IELTS Band Score: Listening 8, Writing 7, Reading 6.5, Speaking 7, Overall 7.0

## ● REFERENCES

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I certify that all information stated in this resume is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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