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Career Summary

- I have around three years of experience in the development sector, with a focus on qualitative and quantitative research, data collection, communication, media research, and youth leadership.
- Spearheading a diverse team of young digital experts dedicated to advancing digital rights, privacy, internet freedom, surveillance, and censorship.
- Research experience in over 15 districts, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Contributed to more than 10 projects with organizations such as ILO, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Save the Children Bangladesh, GAIN, Food for the Hungry, ActionAid, Heifer International, and various local NGOs.
- Bringing experience in engaging with climate-vulnerable communities in coastal areas, as well as collaborating with people with disabilities, transgender individuals, women-led organizations, youth, and adolescents.
- I am skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Translation & Transcription, Qualitative & Quantitative Research, Media Research, Fact Checking, Field Monitoring, Literature Review, Report & Proposal Writing, Data Visualization.

Work Experience

Activate Rights Ltd.

Dec 2024 to Present

Program & Strategy Lead

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Leading a diverse team of young digital experts dedicated to advancing digital rights, privacy, surveillance, and censorship. And advocating for internet freedom and crafting people-first policies for the governance of digital spaces.
- Monitoring internet shutdowns in Bangladesh, fighting for uninterrupted access, and contributing to people first policy in the governance in digital spaces.

Centre for Qualitative Research

01/07/2023 to 31/12/2024

Research Associate

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Led and coordinated a dynamic team of Student Ambassadors, orchestrating training sessions, workshops, and capacity-building initiatives. Fostering continuous communication to drive team engagement and success.
- Supervising and monitoring qualitative and quantitative fieldwork. Supervised quantitative and qualitative data from over 15 districts, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Contributed to more than 10 projects.
- Designing mixed-methods research instruments, conducting comprehensive literature review, crafting strategic project proposals, developing evidence-based technical reports, and generating impactful data visualization for evidence-driven reports.
- Translated and transcribed research tools (questionnaire, guidelines etc.), interviews i.e., FGD, IDI, KII etc.
- Maintaining communication with stakeholders, NGOs, partner NGOs and donor organizations. Collaborated effectively with government agencies such as DAE, DoF, DLS, a2i, DSHE etc.

Factstory Agency – AFP Group

01/05/2022 to 31/12/2022

Fact Checker

Paris (Remote)

- During my tenure with Factstory, I collaborated with an international team of freelance journalists dedicated to its media research mission.
- Fostered communication with Pascal Taillandier, the supervisor from France.

Center for Integrated Research in Health and Development

01/09/2022 to 31/04/2022

Communication Officer

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Maintaining communication with stakeholders and going with the CEO to both indoor and outdoor meetings.

- Drafted and analyzed documents, reports, and literature reviews. Created and Designed illustrated graphics for various materials, cards, and reports for both web and print. Presentations.

The Joban (joban.com)

01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

Staff Writer

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- At the now-defunct specialized news portal Joban.com, I had the opportunity to author feature content. The site was shut down by the authoritarian government in early 2019.
- Translating features from various foreign portals and transcribing interviews.

Research Experience

Save the Children Bangladesh

October 2024 to December 2024

Research Associate

Study Name: Strengthening of the resilience of host communities in Cox's Bazar through strengthened health, livelihoods and child protection services.

- Facilitated Qualitative Data Collection i.e., FGDs and KIs.
- Supervised the Qualitative and Quantitative fieldwork in Ukhiya and Teknaf with both Host and Rohingya communities.
- Adminstrated workshops and consultation meeting with 3 partner NGOs in Ukhiya.

Digitally Right

June 2024 to July 2024

Research Associate

Study Name: Protecting Online Rights of Changemakers.

- To assess the awareness of policies and regulations related to the digital domain among the youth and women groups in Bangladesh.
- Management of overall data collection and preparing reports.

Manusher Jonno Foundation

June 2024 to Sept 2024

Research Associate

Study Name: Women's Economic Empowerment and Equality Study.

- Conducted the Qualitative Data Collection in Dhaka and Bandarban.
- Managed the Quantitative data collection in Dhaka.
- Designed the final report and oversaw the publication.

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

May 2024 to June 2024

Research Associate

Study name: Formative research to assess farmers knowledge, attitude and practices (KAP) about their occupational health, and nutrition and the development of stuff training module and farmers SBCC materials.

- Facilitated and checked the collection of qualitative data in Dinajpur and Jamalpur districts.
- Maintaining contact with the Upazila Agriculture Office, SAAOs, and Gain to ensure seamless field management.

Manusher Jonno Foundation

April 2024 to June 2024

Research Associate

Study name: Assessment on Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) and Analysis on Nutrition Governance in the CHT Region.

- Fieldwork supervision and management in the three hill districts of Bandarban, Rangamati, and Khagrachari.
- Maintained constant contact to provide smooth field management with the partner NGOs.
- Led a two-day training session with the three-hill district local enumerators.
- Cleaning and summarizing qualitative data & co-authored the final reports.

**Local Environment
Development and
Agricultural Research Society
(LEDARS)**

February 2024 to March 2024

**International Labor
Organization (ILO)**

November 2023 to December
2023

Pathfinder International & a2i
June 2023 to October 2023

Manusher Jonno Foundation
July 2023 to August 2023

Research Associate

Study name: Feasibility study and develop a business plan for the knowledge management center.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitated focus group discussions and KIs with climate vulnerable women, men, and adolescents from Shatkhira, Shyamnagar.
- Led the workshops with the LEDARS employees and the Munshiganj Union of Shyamnagar's civil society members.

Research Associate

Study name: Household Survey on Lifelong Learning and Skills Development in Bangladesh.

Responsibilities:

- Participated in the development of Quantitative Tools.
- Oversaw the collection of quantitative data in Dhaka and Rajshahi.
- Worked with the team to clean quantitative data from over 6000 households.

Research Associate

Study name: Services to Inform and Adolescents Engagement of Konnect SRHR Corner.

- Administered FGDs, Usability Tests, User Acceptance Tests with adolescents for the "Konnect Cafe Students' Psycho-Social Health Protection Program".
- Co-facilitated 10 workshops with 10 top schools in Dhaka to introduce the "Konnect" cafe with the students of class 6 to class 10.

Research Associate

Study name: Baseline Survey Questionnaire for EKOTA (Unity) Project Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)

- Collected Quantitative and Qualitative Data from the people with disabilities in four Districts, Dhaka, Manikganj, Jamalpur, and Chuadanga.
- Kept in touch with the 3 Partner NGOs of the Project.
- Conducted Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) with the Disabled Peoples Organizations (DPOs) in Chuadanga and Nawabganj.

Academic Experience

- Completed a dissertation titled 'Cricket: Shaping Nationalism in Bangladesh. Duration – 6 months.
- Participated in three research projects in Bogura, Shreemangal, and Rajshahi as part of my Bachelor's curriculum.

Courses & Workshops

- Day long workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL) organized by GCFIL.
- Attended a 3-days long residential workshop on Misinformation and Fake News offered by MRDI and FOJO Institute, Sweden, jointly with great trainer Eoghan Sweeney.

Education

- Bachelor of Social Science in Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University. [2019] Passing year - 2022
- Master of Social Science in Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University. [2020] Passing year - 2023

Links

Medium - <https://medium.com/@amimaruf32>