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Profile

A diligent Economics graduate with a flair for creative thinking and a strong work ethic, possesses compelling analytical and research-driven abilities, coupled with concise communication skills for effective presentations with proficiency in digital content creation, aiming to establish a fulfilling career in policymaking and development.

Research Interest

Development Economics, Experimental & Behavioral Economics, Financial & Blockchain Economics, Informal Economy

Work Experience

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)   *Feb 2023 - Present*
Research Assistant

Responsibilities:

- Developing and pitching concept notes and project proposals for multilateral organizations, donor agencies, multinational corporations, and government representatives.
- Designing questionnaires, conducting FGD, KII & IDI
- Data analysis and interpretation, writing comprehensive chapters for studies and reports.
- Providing research and knowledge support to the team in ongoing projects & programs
- Survey management with field enumerators
- Preparing presentations of the report
- Collecting, analyzing & and presenting relevant data for research output
- Managing the website and blog with the updated writeup and visual contents

Key Project Involvements:

- **Budget Analysis for Joint Action for Nutrition Outcome (JANO) Project (Nov 2023 – Jan 2024)**
  In Collaboration with: Care International
- **Study on Expanding Private Investment in the Context of LDC Graduation (Jan 2023 –Jun 2023)**
  In Collaboration with: Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh
- **Women's Financial Inclusion Strategy in Bangladesh (Mar 2023 – Jun 2023)**
  In Collaboration with: Aspire to Innovate (a2i), Bangladesh
- **Impact of Anti-Competitive Practices in the Construction Industry on Housing for the Poor in Bangladesh (May 2022 – May 2023)**
  In Collaboration with: Advocata Institute (Guarantee) Limited, Sri Lanka
- **To explore a sustainable pathway for Bangladesh's energy transformation towards green and clean energy (Sep 2022 – Sep 2024)**
  In Collaboration with: Tara Climate Foundation, Singapore
- **COVID -19 & business confidence survey in Bangladesh (Jul 2020 – Jul 2021)**
  In Collaboration with: The Asia Foundation
- **Reviewing skills development sector of Bangladesh (Sep 2022 – Dec 2022)**
  In Collaboration with: Swisscontact, Bangladesh

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)   *Nov 2021- Dec 2022*
Research Intern

- Primary data collection and interpretation
- Preparing primary analysis and assisting research associate in writing reports and presentations
- Providing research and knowledge support to the team in ongoing projects & programs

SUST Research Center   *Jul 2022- Dec 2022*
Research Assistant (Part-time)

Project Involvement
- **Does poverty hinder cognitive development? An empirical study from Sunamganj, Sylhet [Project ID: SS/2021/1/16]**
  Funded by: SUST Research Center
  Supervisor: Md. Gias Uddin Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology & Dr Mohammad Abdul Hannan Pradhan, Professor, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology
  Key Responsibilities: Survey data analysis, writing research chapters, field research, research design, questionnaire design (including survey, KII, FGD, and IDI), literature review, monitoring field survey, field visit.

Educational Qualifications

Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) in Economics   *Feb 2018 – May 2023*
Shahjalal University of Science and Technology | CGPA: **3.79/ 4.00**
(Completed with academic distinction Magna cum Laude)
Higher Secondary   *Jul 2015 – Apr 2017*
*Notre Dame College | GPA: **5.00 / 5.00***
(Achieved Dhaka Board Merit Scholarship)

Certified Courses

Training on Kobo Toolbox   *Feb 2021*
South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM)
Fundamentals of Digital Marketing   *Apr 2020*
Google Digital Garage
 Introduction to Neuroeconomics: How the Brain Makes Decisions   *May 2020*
HSE University online course

Research Works

Assessment of Other Government Agencies (OGAs) and Infrastructure for Clearance of Perishable Cargo at the BCPs of Akhaura, Tamabil, and Sonamasjid

(Apr 2023 – Sep 2023)

The research is funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) where I worked as a research assistant under the international consultant Dr Selim Raihan on the project.

Assessing the relationship between Internal Migration and Economic Growth in Bangladesh

(Feb 2022 – Mar 2022)

This project is supervised by Dr Mahbubul Hakim, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet.

Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Economic Growth: A Panel Data Approach among South Asian Countries (2002-2021)   *(Nov 2022 - Dec 2022)*

The workshop paper was written for my bachelor's thesis under the supervision of Associate Professor Gias Uddin Khan, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology where I obtained A+ (more than 80%) grade.

Conference Proceedings

Khan, G.U, Ahmed, M.R, Shaid, A. (2023). Does poverty hinder cognitive development? An empirical study from Sylhet. *SANEM 6th Annual Economists' Conference. 6*, 68-69. , http://sanemnet.org/saec-2023/asset/6th-SAEC-Conference-Proceedings.pdf

Newspaper Articles

Raihan, S., Sharmin, E., Das, P., Ahmed, R. (2023) . Towards a Women Financial Inclusion Strategy of Bangladesh (WFIS-B). *Thinking Aloud, 10*(5). Available at : http://sanemnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Thinking-Aloud_V10_N5.pdf

Editorial Positions

- Executive Editor, Monthly Digest on Contemporary Economics, Econ Insider Online Report
- Executive Editor, The 2010s: Decade in Review, Econ Insider Online Report

Leadership and Volunteer Experiences

Econ Insider   *Apr 2020 - Aprl 2022*
  Founder and Executive Director
SUST Economic Association   *Jul 2019 - Jul 2020*
  Branding and Communication Secretary
Bangladesh Economics Students Network   *Oct 2019 - Oct 2020*
  Founding Executive Member

Technical Skills

Analytical Software: STATA , R, EViews, Tableau, Power BI, NVivo

Questionnaire Design: Kobo Toolbox (Advanced), Google Form (Advanced)

Others: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom, XD)

Language Proficiency

Bangla – Native user; English – C1 User – Fluent in listening, reading, writing, speaking.

Awards & Honors

- **National Blockchain Olympiad 2022**

    Our proposed project 'Binimoy' which is a blockchain based paperless trading system clinched semifinal round in National Blockchain Olympiad 2022
- **BizMaestro'22, HULT Prize at SUST 2021, Econcilium 2.0 and others national business and economics case competitions**

    I have participated in 18 case competitions in my university life and secured many achievements and 4 titles.
- **Best Science Project in STEM Fair 2016** by U.S. Department of State and Notre Dame College

References

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