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Profile

A diligent Economics graduate student 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 academia and policymaking while actively contributing to development.

Research Interest

Development Economics, Experimental & Behavioral Economics, Financial Economics, Gender Studies.

Work Experience

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

February 2023 - Present

Research Assistant

Project Involvements:

- **Women's Financial Inclusion Strategy in Bangladesh**
Theme : Gender and Inclusive Development
In Collaboration with: Aspire to Innovate (a2i), Bangladesh
Responsibilities: preparing questionnaire for KII and IDI , conducting KIIs and IDIs, writing research reports, literature reviewing and detailed data analysis
- **Impact of Anti-Competitive Practices in the Construction Industry on Housing for the Poor in Bangladesh**
Theme : Institutions and Political economy
Funded by: Advocata Institute (Guarantee) Limited, Sri Lanka
Responsibilities: Data analysis and interpretation, writing research reports, questionnaire design (survey, KII and FGD), survey management with field enumerators, preparing presentations of the report
- **To explore a sustainable pathway for Bangladesh's energy transformation towards green and clean energy**
Theme : Environment and Energy Economics
Funded by: Tara Climate Foundation, Singapore
Responsibilities: Analyzing secondary data, writing reports, conducting webinars and KII.

Other key responsibilities: Managing contents of SANEM blog and official website, updating social media pages with designed contents.

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)

November 2021- December 2022

Research Intern

Project Involvements:

- **Carrying out business confidence survey in Bangladesh**
Theme : Business economy
In Collaboration with: The Asia Foundation, Bangladesh
Responsibilities: Data collection and interpretation, primary analysis, assisting research associates in writing reports and presentation

- **Reviewing skills development sector of Bangladesh**
Theme : Migration and Labour Market
In Collaboration with: Swisscontact, Bangladesh
Responsibilities: Data analysis and preparing presentation slides, managing field enumerators, and conducting FGD, KIIs and IDIs.
- **Promoting knowledge for accountable systems (PROKAS), British Council, in association with Palladium, and WISE Development**
Theme : Environment and Climate Change
In Collaboration with: The British Council, Bangladesh
Responsibilities: Data collection and interpretation, primary analysis, assisting research associates in writing reports and presentation.

SUST Research Center

July 2022- December 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

February 2018 – February 2023

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology | CGPA: 3.79/ 4.00

(Completed with academic distinction Magna cum Laude)

Higher Secondary

July 2015 – April 2017

Notre Dame College | GPA: 5.00 / 5.00

(Achieved Dhaka Board Merit Scholarship)

Secondary

January 2005 – February 2015

Shaheed Police Smrity School and College | GPA: 5.00 / 5.00

(Achieved Dhaka Board Merit Scholarship)

Certified Courses

Training on Kobo Toolbox

February 2021

South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM)

Fundamentals of Digital Marketing

April 2020

Google Digital Garage

Research Works

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

(April 2023 – September 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

(February 2022 – March 2022)

This study is funded by International Labour Organization (ILO) and 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)

(November 2022 - December 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

Title: Does poverty hinder cognitive development? An empirical study from Sylhet

Author(s): Khan, G.U, Ahmed, M.R, Shaid, A

Conference Name: SANEM 6th Annual Economists' Conference (6th SAEC)

Conference Date and Location: February 2023; Dhaka, Bangladesh

Publication: Proceedings of SAEC 2023, Vol. 6, pp. 68-69, <http://sanemnet.org/saec-2023/asset/6th-SAEC-Conference-Proceedings.pdf>

Role: Second Author and Presenter

Newspaper Article

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

Founder and Executive Director

April 2020 - April 2022

SUST Economic Association

Branding and Communication Secretary

July 2019 - July 2020

Bangladesh Economics Students Network

Executive Member

October 2019 - October 2020

Technical Skills

Analytical Software: STATA (Advanced), R (Intermediate), EViews (Intermediate). Tableau (Intermediate), Power BI (Intermediate), ArcGIS (Intermediate), NVivo (Intermediate),

Questionnaire Design: Kobo Toolbox (Advanced)

Others: Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced), Google Suite (Advanced), Adobe Creative Cloud

(Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom, XD) (Advanced)

Soft Skills

Leadership, Team management Communications, Negotiations

Language Proficiency

Bangla – C2 User - Native Language

English – C1 User - Expert in all band 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 business and economics case competitions**

I have participated in 18 case competitions in my university life and secured many achievements and titles.

- **Best Science Project in STEM Fair 2016** by U.S. Department of State and Notre Dame College

References

Dr Selim Raihan

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University of Dhaka & Executive Director,
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