



ABOUT ME

Social Science researcher proficient in survey design, data collection strategy and mixed methods research studies. MEAL professional with experience of conducting evaluation studies. Hands on experience in quantitative techniques like regression analysis, structural equation modelling as well as ethnography (qualitative techniques) like case studies and FGD reporting. Research interests include Evaluation of Programmes, Adolescent and Youth Issues (Adolescent Relationships with Parents and Peers, Adolescent and Youth Well-being. Gender Issues (Gender dimensions of Aging, Gender Based Violence, Men's role in RMNCH), Aging (Living arrangements of elderly and elder care, Widowhood), Family Planning (Traditional contraceptive usage, Men's role in contraception), Mental Health Research.

BISWABANDITA CHOWDHURY

PHD, RESEARCH, MONITORING & EVALUATION PROFESSIONAL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Armman NGO, Senior Research Associate

February 2022 – Present

- Part of Pilot intervention project Team, that is leveraging WhatsApp as service delivery platform.
- Working with the Research Director (PI of the Pilot Team) to develop implementation strategy and impact metrics of the project.
- Independently writing a report for a pilot programme (including the analysis to show the short term utility of the project)

Arpan NGO. Executive, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation

August 2020–January 2022

- Conducting evaluation of a digital programme during Pandemic and generating a comprehensive report of the evaluation.
- Research related to Child sexual Abuse, specifically in-depth analysis of NCRB data.
- Mapping the log frame indicators to the Theory of Change document.
- Developing monitoring plans and reporting sheets
- Training the team about data cleaning and analysis
- Developing programme specific survey instruments for M & E purpose

International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. Senior Project Officer, UNFPA funded project 'Integrating Ageing Research with Policies and Programmes in India'

July 2019–July 2020

- Direct reporting to the PIs of the project and start to end management of project (Literature review, proposal development, data collection, analysis and report writing)
- Disseminating literature review findings in workshops

International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. Research Fellow

November 2012– May 2016

- Carrying out mixed method research in rural West Bengal.
- Presenting research papers in national and international conferences
- Mentoring M Phil students for Research Methodology course field work
- Mentoring Masters students for their research papers (Term Papers)

International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. Research Officer

April 2012– October 2012

- Managing institute's publication portfolio (working series, newsletters)
- Preparing the Annual Report of the institute

SKILLS

Interpersonal Skills
Attention to Detail
Research Design

Problem Solving
Thematic & Content Analysis
Data Analysis

Adaptability
Report Writing

AWARDS

Winner of **Travel Award** (young researcher category funded by Gates Institute) to attend Youth pre-conference and main conference of the 5th Family Planning Association Conference, Kigali, Rwanda, November 12 – 15, 2018.

Government of India (NET qualified) fellowship in 2012 for pursuing M Phil & PhD.

SOFTWARES

Microsoft Office, SPSS, STATA, Mplus, NVivo, CPro, R, Geomedia, ArcView and MapInfo

EDUCATION

International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

2012 - 2020

PhD in Population Studies (Thesis Topic: Socialization, Autonomy and Well-being of Adolescent Girls: A study on Brother- Sister Dyads in Rural West Bengal)

International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

2010 - 2012

M Phil in Population Studies (CGPA: 6.76/10)

Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi

2008 - 2010

M Sc in Geography (74.6%)

University of Calcutta

2005 - 2008

B Sc (Hons) in Geography with Mathematics & Economics (58%)

COURSES/ WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

MEAL D-Pro: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning online course by Humanitarian Leadership Academy

25th February 2021

M & E Fundamentals, Global Health eLearning Centre USAID

21 August, 2017

Monitoring and Evaluation workshop organised by IIPS Alumni Association (IIPSAA) at International Institute for Population sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

November 18-22, 2015

Gender Development and Population workshop organised by IIPS Alumni Association (IIPSAA) and Pop-Envis at International Institute for Population sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

August 11-14, 2014

Scientific Writing for Research Publication workshop organised by IIPS Alumni Association (IIPSAA) at International Institute for Population sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

November 11-13, 2013

Workshop on Maternal, Child Health and Development workshop at International Institute for Population sciences, Mumbai

May 2013.

Training programme on Digital Image Processing, GIS and its Applications at Regional Remote Sensing Centre (West), Jodhpur.

December 2009

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTED/ CO-AUTHORED

- Sinha, A., Chowdhury, B., & Heuveline, P. (2022) **Physical intimate partner violence in India: how much does childhood socialisation matter?**, Asian Population Studies, DOI: 10.1080/17441730.2022.2035921
- Sinha, A., Chowdhury, B., & Heuveline, P. **Infliction of physical violence within marriage by young married men in India: Understanding the linkages with childhood socialization and gender attitude.** Poster presented by A Sinha at the 2019 Annual Meeting of PAA, Austin, Texas, 10-13 April, 2019

LANGUAGES

English
Hindi
Bengali

HOBBIES

Reading
Handcrafting
Gardening

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- Chowdhury, B. **Familial Socialization and Well-being of Adolescent Siblings in Rural West Bengal**. Paper presented at the *XVth Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Social Science and Health (IASSH)*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, December 10-12, 2018.
- Chowdhury, B. **Concordant and Discordant report of Contraceptive Use by couples and its Association with Marital Relations and Men's attitude: Evidence from India, NFHS 2015-16**. Paper to be presented at the *5th Family Planning Association Conference*, Kigali, Rwanda, November 12-15, 2018.
- Chowdhury, B. **Adolescent Well-being and it's association with Parental Support, Psychological Control and Behavioural Control: A study of Rural India**. Paper presented at the *International Conference on Population and Development of Asian Developing Countries*, Kunming, China, August 7-9, 2018.
- Chowdhury, B. **"Growing Up in Abusive Families and Mental Health Status of Married Youth in India"** Paper presented to be presented at the *4th Asian population association Conference (APA)*, Shanghai University, China, July 11-14, 2018.
- Chowdhury, B. **Violence during Adolescence: Implications on married youth's mental well-being**. Paper presented at the *XIIIth Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Social Science and Health (IASSH)*, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, December 10-12, 2015.
- Ram, F., Chander Shekher, & Chowdhury, B. **Use of traditional contraceptive methods in India & its socio-demographic determinants**. *Indian Journal of Medical Research*, 140 (Supplement), November 2014, pp 17-28.
- Chowdhury, B. **Correlates of Unintended First Pregnancy among Young Brides of India**. Paper presented at the *Asian Population Association seminar on "Unintended pregnancy among the young: Correlates and consequences"*. Bangkok, 1 - 2 December, 2014.
- Chowdhury, B. & Sekher, T. V. **Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health of Women: A Study on Young Brides in India**. Paper presented at the *XIIth Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Social Science and Health (IASSH)*, G. L. Gupta Institute of Public Health, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, November 20-21, 2014.
- Chowdhury, B. & Sekher, T. V. **Parental and Peer influence on Adolescent Development: Implications for Education, Decision making and Mobility of Indian Adolescents**. Paper presented at the *XXXVI Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)*, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, November 7-9, 2014.
- Sinha, A. & Chowdhury, B. **Wife Beating – from Young Men's Perspective in India** presented at the *IUSSP seminar on Violence in Adolescence and Youth in Developing Countries*, held in New Delhi, India, 9-11 October 2012.
- Chowdhury, B. **An Exploration of the use of Traditional contraception in Uttar Pradesh**. Paper presented at the *XXXIII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)*, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, 11 – 13 November 2011.