

# Khandker Wahedur Rahman

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**BRAC Institute of Governance and Institution**, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Fellow

*September 2020-present*

Consultant (Research Fellow), BRAC USA

*April 2020-August 2020*

## EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA

Ph.D. student, Department of Applied Economics

*2016-present*

*Research Fields:* Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics,  
and Labor Economics

Master of Public Policy, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

*2016*

**University of Dhaka**, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Master of Social Science, Department of Development Studies

*2013*

Bachelor of Social Science, Department of Development Studies

*2012*

## RESEARCH OUTPUTS

### *Working Papers*

- [1] "Remitting Religiosity: Evidence of International Migrants Changing Norms in Their Home Country" July 2020. (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Population Economics*)
- [2] "How do Small Formal and Informal Firms in Egypt Compare? An Analysis of Firm Characteristics and Implications for Formalization Efforts" with *Caroline Krafft, Ragui Assaad, & Maakwe Cumanzala*. October 2020. Policy Research Working Paper; No. 9423. Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.
- [3] "Introducing the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2018" with *Caroline Krafft & Ragui Assaad*. October 2019. Working Paper No. 1360. The Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- [4] "Can Soil Test Results Influence Farmers to Use Fertilizer Efficiently? Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh" with *Sabrin Beg & Mahnaz Islam*. June 2020

## **Work in Progress**

- [1] “Targeted Teaching to Improve Learning in Secondary School” with *Sabrin Beg, Anne Fitzpatrick, Jason Kerwin, & Adrienne Lucas*
- [2] “Using Quality and Branding Information to Improve Revenue of Grape Producers in China” with *Kenn Chua, Qingxiao Li, & Xiaoli Yang*
- [3] “Technology Based Schooling” with *Paul Glewwe, Zhigang Li, Prashant Loyalka, & Uttam Sharma*
- [4] “The Welfare Consequences of Employer Responses to COVID-19” with *Laura Boudreau & Rachel Heath*

## **Non-economic Publications**

- [1] “State Forestry and Community Alienation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts” with *Niaz Ahmed Khan & Sanjana Tehjib*. In *Life in Peace and Conflict: Indigeneity and State in the Chittagong Hill Tracts*. 2017. New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA**

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| Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Ragui Assaad<br><i>I perform analysis on the labor market and demography of Egypt using labor force surveys, labor market panel surveys, and population and establishment censuses.</i> | <i>May 2018-May 2020</i>    |
| Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Janna Johnson<br><i>I worked on census undercount using the US population census and the American Community Survey (ACS).</i>   | <i>August 2015-May 2016</i> |

### **Swisscontact, South Asia Regional Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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| Research Associate<br><i>I worked on an exploratory research, funded by the UKAID, to identify the scopes, opportunities, and threats to commercializing agriculture of Bangladesh. I designed and conducted the surveys, analyzed the data, and co-authored the final report.</i> | <i>June 2017-August 2017</i> |
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### **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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| Intern for Policy Research and Strategic Support Program (PRSSP)<br><i>I performed the primary analysis of the second wave of Bangladesh Integrated Household Survey (BIHS).</i> | <i>May 2015–August 2015</i> |
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### **International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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| Short Term Temporary<br><i>I did a cost-benefit analysis of bio-gas plants in poultry and dairy firms funded by IFC.</i> | <i>September 2013–June 2014</i> |
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA

Instructor

PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis

*Spring 2018*

Teaching Assistant

APEC 5031 Methods of Economic Data Analysis

*Fall 2018*

(*Instructor*: Steve Miller)

APEC 3001 Applied Microeconomics: Consumers, Producers, and Markets (*Instructor*: Jason Kerwin)

*Fall 2017*

PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis (*Instructor*: Ragui Asaad)

*Spring 2016*

PA 5021 Economics for Policy Analysis and Planning I (*Instructor*: Audrey Dorelien)

*Fall 2015*

## CERTIFICATES & WORKSHOPS

2019 Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program, University of Minnesota; Becker Friedman Summer School in Price Theory, University of Chicago

## SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 Canadian Economics Association Conference (*Canceled due to COVID-19*); Western Economics Association International Conference (*In-person conference canceled due to COVID-19*)

2019 Midwest International Development Economics Conference; IUSSP Research Conference on Population, Poverty and Inequality; Applied Economics Students' Seminar Series

2018 Trade and Development Seminar, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota; Midwest International Development Economics Conference

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**Center for International Food and Agriculture Policy Fellowship**

*Spring 2020, Spring 2019*

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota  
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.

**G. Edward Schuh Fellowship**

*Fall 2019*

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota  
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.

**Applied Economics Graduate Program Fellowship**

*2016-2017*

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota  
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (cont.)

<b>Freeman Stassen Award for International Activities</b> Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.	2016
<b>Hubert H. Humphrey-UK Commonwealth Dean's Scholarship</b> Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.	2014-2016
<b>Bangladesh Bank Governor's Scholarship</b> Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh.	2010, 2011

## GRANTS

<b>J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative</b> (\$39,893)	2020
<b>CIFAP Travel Grant</b> (\$900)	2019
<b>Applied Economics Travel Grant</b> (\$800)	2019
<b>J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative</b> (\$50,000)	2018

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

## PROFESSIONAL Membership

*American Economic Association; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association*

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

STATA (advanced), R (basic), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (advanced)

## LANGUAGES

Bangla (*native*); English (*fluent*)

## CITIZENSHIP

Bangladesh