

# 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" March 2021. (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Population Economics*)
- [2] "Introducing the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2018" with Caroline Krafft & Ragui Assaad. October 2019. (*Revise and Resubmit, IZA Journal of Development and Migration*)  
- Working Paper No. 1360. The Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- [3] "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.
- [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*  
- Media coverage: [Millennium Post](#)
- [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*
- [5] “The Effect of Public Handwashing Stations, Awareness Campaigns, and Behavior Change Interventions on Health Behavior and Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic” with *Sonia Afrin, Narayan Das, Rafia Nisat, Dilhan Perera, & Atiya Rahman*
- [6] “Digital Finance, Transaction Costs, and Women’s Economic Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh” with *Jeffrey R. Bloem*
- [7] “Microfinance and Food Security during COVID-19 Pandemic” with *Raied Arman, Narayan Das, Sakib Mahmud, & Semab Rahman*
- [8] “Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) Male Youth in Bangladesh with *Syed Rashed Al-Zayed Josh & Shwetlena Sabarwal*

## Policy Writing

- [1] “Job Creation in Egypt: A Sectoral and Geographical Analysis Focusing on Private Establishments 1996-2017” with *Ragui Assaad, Caroline Krafft, & Irene Selwaness*. Economic Research Forum Policy Paper. Cairo, Egypt.

## 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

Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Ragui Assaad May 2018-May 2020  
*I perform analysis on the labor market and demography of Egypt using labor force surveys, labor market panel surveys, and population and establishment censuses.*

Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Janna Johnson August 2015-May 2016  
*I worked on census undercount using the US population census and the American Community Survey (ACS).*

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

Research Associate	June 2017–August 2017
<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>	

**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Intern for Policy Research and Strategic Support Program (PRSSP)	May 2015–August 2015
<i>I performed the primary analysis of the second wave of Bangladesh Integrated Household Survey (BIHS).</i>	

**International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Instructor

PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis	Spring 2018
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Teaching Assistant

APEC 5031 Methods of Economic Data Analysis (Instructor: Steve Miller)	Fall 2018
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APEC 3001 Applied Microeconomics: Consumers, Producers, and Markets (Instructor: Jason Kerwin)	Fall 2017
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PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis (Instructor: Ragui As-saad)	Spring 2016
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PA 5021 Economics for Policy Analysis and Planning I (Instructor: Audrey Dorelien)	Fall 2015
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## CERTIFICATES & WORKSHOPS

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

## SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021    Western Economics Association International Conference (scheduled); Annual Applied and Agricultural Economics Association Meeting (scheduled)

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

<b>Center for International Food and Agriculture Policy Fellowship</b> Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.	<i>Spring 2020, Spring 2019</i>
<b>G. Edward Schuh Fellowship</b> Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.	<i>Fall 2019</i>
<b>Applied Economics Graduate Program Fellowship</b> Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.	<i>2016-2017</i>

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (cont.)

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

## GRANTS

<b>BIGD WEE-DiFine Initiative (\$362,817)</b>	<i>2021</i>
<b>J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative (\$39,893)</b>	<i>2020</i>
<b>CIFAP Travel Grant (\$900)</b>	<i>2019</i>
<b>Applied Economics Travel Grant (\$800)</b>	<i>2019</i>
<b>J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative (\$50,000)</b>	<i>2018</i>

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*American Economic Association; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association; Royal Economic Society*

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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

## LANGUAGES

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

## CITIZENSHIP

Bangladesh