

# Khandker Wahedur Rahman

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**BRAC Institute of Governance and Development**, 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., Applied Economics

2021

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

### *Publications*

- [1] "Introducing the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2018," with Caroline Krafft & Ragui Assaad. 2021. *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, 12(12): 1-40. <https://doi.org/10.2478/izajodm-2021-0012>

### *Working Papers*

- [1] "International Migration and Religious Schooling of Children in the Home Country: Evidence from Bangladesh" September 2021. (*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] "Information and Behavior: Evidence from Fertilizer Quantity Recommendations in Bangladesh," with Sabrin Beg & Mahnaz Islam. July 2021

## **Work in Progress**

- [1] "Teacher Flexibility and School Productivity: Evidence from a Remedial Education Program in India," 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-economics 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 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.*

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

##### Intern for Policy Research and Strategic Support Program (PRSSP)

May 2015–August  
2015

*I performed the primary analysis of the second wave of Bangladesh Integrated Household Survey (BIHS).*

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

##### Short Term Temporary

September 2013–June  
2014

*I did a cost-benefit analysis of bio-gas plants in poultry and dairy firms funded by IFC.*

## 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  
(Instructor: Steve Miller)

Fall 2018

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

Fall 2017

PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis (Instructor: Ragui As-saad)

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

2021 Western Economics Association International Conference; 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

- 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.)

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

## GRANTS

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

## 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