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WORK EXPERIENCE

Bangladesh Institute of Social Research Trust

January 2025- Present

Research Fellow, Economic Division

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Led completion of a research project on climate-induced migration for BRAC, overseeing survey design, field supervision, data analysis, and report writing.
- Mentored a team of 3 interns and junior researchers in developing research proposals and implementing studies.
- Maintained effective communication with donors and clients to ensure project alignment and satisfaction.

Bangladesh Institute of Social Research Trust

June 2023- December 2024

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Associate, Economic Division

- Executed four research projects, including studies on community-based child protection mechanism for TdH Netherlands and 4IR readiness of Polytechnic Institutes for the Social Science Research Council, contributing to methodology development, data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Coordinated the End-line Evaluation of BRAC's GRESP in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, facilitating an eight-day training for 42 enumerators, managing logistics across all Upazilas of Bandarban, and monitoring real-time data collection to assess program outcomes.
- Authored two peer-reviewed journal articles and five op-eds in national newspapers, enhancing the organization's academic presence.
- Reviewed 16 research articles and organized two national-level conferences, fostering academic discourse.
- Secured a \$20,000 research grant from Bangladesh Police through a successful grant proposal.

Change Initiative May 2022- June 2023

Research Assistant

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Completed five research and consultancy projects, including assessments for Water Integrity Network and European Climate Foundation, assisting PI in data cleaning & analysis, policy analysis, and report writing.
- Darft survey tools and developed ODK forms for data collection, enhancing efficiency and accuracy across all projects.
- Organized the Dhaka Renewable Energy and Finance Talk (DREFT), facilitating international discourse on renewable energy financing, with participation from over 300 stakeholders.
- Secured a \$15,000 consultancy project from OXFAM Bangladesh through a competitive proposal, leading to a comprehensive study on climate risk insurance.

Department of Economics, Comilla University

June 2020- April 2022

Graduate Research Assistant

Cumilla

Supervising Professor: Dr. Kazi Mohammed Kamal Uddin

- Contributed to a research project focusing on economic growth and external financial means of implementation, assisting PI in literature review, methodology development, data analysis, and report writing.
- Published three research articles in peer-reviewed journals, expanding academic contributions and visibility.
- Developed course materials and instructed STATA and R training sessions over two semesters, enhancing students' analytical skills.
- Mentored two graduate students in econometrics, data analysis, and academic writing, supporting their thesis development and successful defense.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Masters of Social Science in Economics

2020

Comilla University (Thesis based) / CGPA: 3.54/4

Cumilla, Bangladesh

Bachelor of Social Science in Economics

2019

Comilla University/CGPA: 3.66/4

Cumilla, Bangladesh

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (MOST RECENT)

- [2025] Nexus between Infrastructural Development and Economic Growth: Evidence from Bangladesh through ARDL and NARDL. *Journal of Tropical Futures.* 2 (1), 37-53.
- [2024] Exploring the Dynamics of Economic Instability: An Analysis of the Interplay between Consumer Spending, Consumer Confidence, and Macroeconomic Factors. *International Journal of Empirical Economics*. 3 (1), 1-25.
- [2023] Interaction of market size, inflation and trade openness on foreign direct investment inflows in India, China and Japan: panel dynamic analysis. *International Journal of Indian Culture and Business Management*, 29(1), 45-64.
- [2023] Does industrialization trigger carbon emissions through energy consumption? Evidence from OPEC countries and high industrialised countries. *Quantitative Finance and Economics*, 7(1), 165-186.

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SOFTWARE SKILLS