



CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Research Director - Centre for Social Research (CSR)

Development Consultant & Regional Coordinator - Asia Food Security Network (AFSN)

2006 - Present

CORE EXPERTISE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Research Specializations:

- Rural livelihoods and extreme poverty studies
- Agricultural value chain analysis
- Community-based participatory research
- Rural-urban migration patterns
- Climate change and ecological crisis in rural areas
- Rural microfinance and financial inclusion
- Informal sector workforce in rural communities

- Rural food security and nutrition

Technical Skills:

- Qualitative and quantitative research methodologies
- Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)
- Community development planning
- Baseline studies and impact assessments
- Market research in rural contexts
- Data analysis (SPSS, Atlas, MS Excel)

EDUCATION

Masters in Development Studies - North South University, Dhaka

M.S.S. in Anthropology - Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka

B.S.S. (Hons) in Anthropology - Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka

MAJOR RURAL RESEARCH STUDIES

Livelihoods & Poverty Studies

Well-being in Developing Countries (2001-2005)

Bath University, BIDS & PROSHIKA

- Village profile documentation and monograph writing
- Survey supervision and data analysis in rural communities
- Photographic data management of rural livelihoods

The Livelihoods of the Extreme Poor (2001-2005)

DFID & PROSHIKA Collaborative Research

- Research design and methodology development for rural contexts
- Village selection and community engagement
- Analysis of coping strategies of extreme poor in rural Bangladesh

Agricultural & Rural Economy Research

Inclusive Digital Transformation in Agriculture (2022)

Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), Philippines

- Digital adoption patterns among smallholder farmers
- Technology barriers in rural agricultural communities

Potentials and Challenges of Raw Milk Producers in Coastal Region (2010-2011)

Christian Aid, India

- Livelihood analysis of small-scale dairy farmers
- Market access challenges in remote coastal areas

Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Investment for Sustainable Agricultural Development (2020)

SAARC Agriculture Center

- Public-Private-Farmer Cooperation frameworks
- Policy development for small-scale food producers

The Transformation of Rural Landscape of Bangladesh in the Era of Neoliberal Discourse and Regime (2025)

Tricontinental Research Institute

- Synthesizing complex narratives and blessings in rural transformation
- Analysis of neoliberal policy impacts on rural communities
- Rural political economy and structural changes

Agrarian Crisis: Implications on Life and Livelihoods of Small Scale Food Producers (Year)

Madhan Bhandari School of Asia (MBSA), Nepal

- Impact assessment on rural farming communities

Rural Infrastructure & Markets

Market Infrastructure Development Project in Charland Regions (MIDPCR) (2013)

IFAD, GOB, GON, LGED

- Impact study on LCS group members in charland (riverine) areas
- Assessment of Market Management Committees and women's participation
- Rural market development and accessibility studies

Rural Microfinance Studies

Digital Financial System versus Traditional Financial System (2018)

SAJIDA Foundation, Water.org

- Comparative analysis in rural microfinance contexts

Digitalization of Financial System in Microfinance Program (2019)

SAJIDA Foundation, Water.org

- Rural borrower adaptation to digital systems

Assessment of Potential Microcredit Borrowers (2020)

SAJIDA Foundation, Concern Worldwide Bangladesh

- Rural access to financial and health services
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BASELINE SURVEYS IN RURAL AREAS

Coastal Livelihood Adaptation Project (CLAP) (2012-2015)

GIZ, Multiple NGO Partners

- Baseline and rapid surveys across multiple years
- Climate adaptation strategies in coastal communities
- Rural disaster risk management

Inclusive Economic Development for Small Milk Producers (2011)

Christian Aid

- Coastal region rural economy baseline
- Small producer livelihoods analysis

Disaster Preventive Coastal Area Rehabilitation Project (CARP) (2010-2012)

GIZ, RDF, Wave Foundation

- Rural infrastructure rehabilitation planning
- Community resilience assessment

Alternative Development Approaches in Rural Areas (2011)

SUF, Save the Children

- Rural-urban child migration reduction
 - Rural livelihood alternatives development
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VALUE CHAIN ANALYSIS (Rural Focus)

1. **Raw Milk Value Chain in Coastal Belt** (2010) - Christian Aid
2. **Dairy Processed Milk** (2013) - PKSF/IFAD
3. **Puffed Rice** (2014) - INCIDIN Bangladesh/GIZ

4. **Natural Processed Hair** (2013) - PKSIF/IFAD
 5. **Decorative Products** (2013) - PKSIF/IFAD
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KEY PUBLICATIONS (Rural Development)

1. **"Making a Living: The Livelihoods of the Extreme Poor in Rural Bangladesh"** (2005)
Co-author with Md. Shazzad Hossain
In Dr. Iqbal Alam Khan and Dr. Janet Seeley (eds.), The University Press Limited
 2. **"Looking Forward to a Better Future: A Reflection of the Perceptions of the Extreme Poor"** (2003)
IMEC, PROSHIKA (Available on livelihoods.org)
 3. **"Livelihoods Profile of Two Villages"** (2003)
Co-author with Atiquer Rahman, IMEC, PROSHIKA
 4. **"Policy Brief on Family Farming and Sustainable Agriculture"** (2020)
ActionAid Bangladesh
 5. **"Combating Food Loss and Waste: Perspectives and Positions of Social Movements"** (2024)
roots-iapc.org
 6. **"Case Studies of Poor Household"** (2003)
LEP Team, IMEC, PROSHIKA (Available on livelihoods.org)
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Director & Development Consultant (2006 - Present)

Centre for Social Research (CSR) & Asia Food Security Network (AFSN)

- Lead research design and implementation across Asia-Pacific region
- Conduct baseline surveys and impact assessments in rural communities
- Psycho-social assessments in disaster-affected rural areas
- Program evaluation for rural development initiatives
- Documentation and publication of rural development research

Senior Researcher (2000 - 2006)

Policy Research Department, PROSHIKA

- Rural community research design and implementation

- Field planning and data collection in villages
- Participatory research with extreme poor households
- Campaign material development for rural awareness
- Documentation of rural development activities

PRESENTATIONS AT SEMINARS (Rural Topics)

- "The Priorities of the Poor to Overcome Their Poverty" - International Workshop on Livelihoods, IMEC, PROSHIKA
- "The Potentials and Challenges of Raw Milk Producers in Coastal Region" - Christian Aid, India
- "The Implication of Agrarian Crisis in the Life and Livelihoods of Small Scale Food Producers" - MBSA, Nepal
- "The UN Declaration on Peasants Rights and Agroecological Perspectives" - SEARICE and AFA, Bangkok
- "Decade of Right to Food and State of Food Security and Nutrition in Asian Region" - ActionAid International, Rome
- "Combating Food Loss and Waste" - FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Regional Food Security & Agriculture Networks:

- Steering Committee Member, Asia and Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) of UN FAO
- Member, FAO's Agro-ecological Forum for Asia and Pacific
- Regional Coordinator, Asia Food Security Network (AFSN)
- Member, Regional Network for Promoting Agroecology and UNDROP

National Networks:

- Member, Gender Working Group (sustainable agriculture and unpaid care work)
 - Member, Right to Food Bangladesh Network
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RESEARCH FACILITATION & GUIDANCE

Regional multi-Country Studies:

- Food, nutrition and livelihood security of smallholder producers (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan, India, Vietnam) - 2014
 - Alternatives to Corporate Agriculture: Small Farmer's Collective Initiatives in Asia - 2015
 - Land Grabbing Situation in South Asia - 2015
 - Food and Nutrition Security Assessment using Right to Food Frameworks - 2016
 - Scaling Up Inclusive Digitalization in Agriculture Value Chain in Asia - 2022
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LANGUAGES

English: Fluent (Writing, Reading, Speaking)

Bengali: Fluent (Writing, Reading, Speaking)

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

MS Word, Microsoft Excel, MS Access, SPSS, Atlas, Photographic Data Management