

Brief Professional Resume

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PERSONAL DETAILS:

Marital status:	Married
Nationality:	Bangladeshi
Health:	Excellent
Driver's License:	Bangladeshi, Australian, and International
Residency:	Australian

CAREER SUMMARY:

A faculty member in Sociology/Public Health with over fourteen (14) years of demonstrated experience and strong research interests in HIV/AIDS, STDs/STIs, RTIs, mass media, risk-communication, BCC, family planning, reproductive health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and other public health and communication issues.

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), The University of New South Wales (*The UNSW*), Sydney, Australia, 2002.

Thesis Title: "A sociocultural analysis of sexual risk and disease in a developing country: the failure of KAP-based theories applied to controlling HIV/AIDS in the Bangladeshi sex industry"

Master of Social Sciences (MSS) (Thesis) in Sociology (*First Class*), University of Dhaka

Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) (Hons) in Sociology (*First Class First*), University of Dhaka

RESEARCH GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP:

- 1996, UGC Grant: Incidence of Divorce and Its Effects in Rural Bangladesh: A Socio-Anthropological Study
- 1997, The UNSW (Sydney) Grant: International Post Graduate Research Scholarship (A prestigious and highly competitive grant from the Commonwealth of Australia)
- 1998-2002, The UNSW (Sydney) Grant: Risk-communication (BCC), Commercial Sex Workers and HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh
- 1999, Sweden-Bangladesh Trust Fund

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR/WORKSHOP COORDINATOR:

- Conducted (being one of the key resource persons) an international seminar/workshop on *Gender and Human Resources for Health: Capacity Development Through Education and Training*. The workshop was jointly organized in October 2004 by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canada and University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC).
- Member, Steering committee, international seminar/workshop on *Health Equity in Health System of Bangladesh*. The workshop will be organized jointly by CIDA, Social Development Policies Division, Quebec, Canada and IUB in May 2005 in Bangladesh.

Key Note Speaker:

- Centre for Health, Population and Development, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Seminar Series on Population and Development. Title: **"Cultural construction of sexual and other risk-behaviors relating to HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh"**. Held at IUB on December 2nd, 2004
- Centre for Human Security and Australia-Bangladesh Research Centre. Title: **"Women and AIDS: Behavioral and Cultural Perspective"**. Held at Commerce Auditorium, Dhaka University on 6 December 2004.
- Paper presented on **"Bangladesh and HIV/AIDS: A Fatal Silence"**. The workshop was jointly organized in October 2004 by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canada and University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC).
- Paper presented on **"Bangladeshi Commercial Sex Workers and HIV/AIDS"**. The workshop was organized in December 2001 by The Department of Sociology, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
- Paper presented on **"Media Habits of Bangladeshi Commercial Sex Workers"**. The seminar was organized in May 2002 by The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

- Paper presented on “**Dysfunctional KAP models, HIV/AIDS and Bangladeshi Commercial Sex Workers**”. The seminar/workshop was organized in March 1999 by The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
- Attended 10 TV programs (BTV, ATN, NTV, Channel I) on World AIDS Day 2004 and discussed contributing towards a positive change in the approach, practices, and policies of authorities, service providers and civil society towards sex workers in Bangladesh, and a reduction in exploitation and discrimination against them.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

1994 to date

Employer: Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Position held: Associate Professor
 Duties: Teaching/Research

January 2005 to date

Employer: School of Environmental Science and Management, Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB)
 Position held: Adjunct Faculty
 Duties: Teaching/Research

1998 to 2002

Employer: School of Sociology, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
 Position held: Casual Academic/Tutor
 Duties: Teaching/Research (Graduate/Undergraduate classes)

1999 to 2003

Employer: ABRC, Sydney, Australia
 Position held: Consultant/CEO
 Description of duties: Training/Research

1996 to 1997

Employer: Department of Psychology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Position held: Part-time Lecturer/Assistant Professor
 Description of duties: Teaching/Research

1993 to 1994

Employer: Department of Sociology, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Bangladesh.
 Position held: Lecturer
 Description of duties: Teaching/Research

1992 to 1993

Employer: Research and Evaluation Division (RED) of BRAC, Dhaka

Position held: Staff Sociologist

Description of duties: Research/Evaluation of Rural Development and Health Projects of BRAC.

RECENT CONSULTANCIES/PUBLICATIONS:

2005a

Consultant and co-author of the report: "Effectiveness/Impact Assessment Study of Social Mobilization for Awareness Building (SOCMOB-AB) Component on Behavioral Change". UNICEF, DPHE and the Center for Social Research, ACNielsen Bangladesh.

2005b

Consultant: Baseline survey on CSWs and HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh. BCCP-Johns Hopkins University and Mitra and Associates, Dhaka.

2005c

National Expert and Consultant: *"Incorporation of HIV/AIDS in the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education of Bangladesh" under the project "Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Youths and Adolescents in Bangladesh" (Package # 903)*. The project is sponsored by GFATM: Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, The Peoples Republic of Bangladesh and Save the Children Fund, USA. Implementing Agency: Piac, Bangladesh.

2005d

National Expert and Consultant: *"Baseline Survey on HIV/AIDS for Audience Impact Assessment" under the project "Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Youths and Adolescents in Bangladesh" (Package # 901)*. The project is sponsored by GFATM: Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, The Peoples Republic of Bangladesh and Save the Children Fund, USA. Implementing Agency: Mattra and Piac, Bangladesh.

2004a

Consultant and co-author of the report: "Baseline Survey for Youth on HIV/AIDS and Other STIs". UNFPA and the Center for Social Research, ACNielsen, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2004b

Consultant and co-author of the report: "Baseline Survey on Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior of Target Population of RHIYA Project Sites Bangladesh-2004". UNFPA and the Center for Social Research, ACNielsen, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

2004c

Consultant and co-author of the report: "Baseline Survey for Focused Community Assessment of Adolescent Reproductive Health Communication Program". BCCP-JHU and the Center for Social Research, ACNielsen Bangladesh.

2004d

Consultant and co-author of the report: "Survey on the Meena Communication Initiatives in Bangladesh 2004". UNICEF-ROSA, Nepal and the Center for Social Research, ACNielsen Bangladesh.

2004e

Consultant and co-author of the report: "Effectiveness/Impact Assessment Study of Social Mobilization for Awareness Building (SOCMOB-AB) Component on Behavioral Change". UNICEF, Dhaka and Center for Social Research, ACNielsen Bangladesh (forthcoming).

2004f

Author: "*The failure of KAP-based theories applied to controlling HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh*". University Press Ltd. (UPL), Dhaka, Bangladesh (Forthcoming).

2003a

Author: "Flaws in the Model: KAP (Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices) Strategies to Identify Risks of HIV Infection Among Sex Workers in a Developing Country" (Abstract accepted by *AIDS Impact 2001*, England) (Forthcoming).

2003b

Author: "Bangladeshi Female Sex Workers (FSWs) at risk for rapid HIV infection: Inconsistent and inefficacious usage of condoms" (Forthcoming).

2001

Co-author: "Risking the Future: Unprotected Intercourse and HIV/AIDS Knowledge among Female Sex Workers in Central Bangladesh". *International Quarterly of Community Health Education* (Published by Community Health Education, School of Public Health and Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, 01003-0430). Co-authors: Prof. Ann Daniel, Frances Lovejoy, and S.E. Habib, School of Sociology, The UNSW).

2000

Author: "AIDS Knowledge, Condom Use and Sexual Behavior among Commercial Female Sex Workers in Bangladesh". *Social Science Review*. Vol. 17, No. 2, Pp. 147-159.

1998

Co-author: "The Reaches and Role of Mass Media among High Risk Groups in Bangladesh". *Social Science Review*, Vol. XV, No. 1, Pp. 217-238. (Co-author: Prof. Ann Daniel).

1997

Author: "Current Status of Exposure of the Target Population to Different Mass Media of FP-MCH IEC Activities in Bangladesh". *Social Science Review*, Vol. XIV. No.1, Pp. 283-294.

1996

Author: "Sexual Behavior of Commercial Sex Workers in Bangladesh: A Sociological Analysis." *Social Science Review*. Vol. XIII. No. 2.

Previous National/Regional Study/Survey Experiences:

1998a: Project Director and co-author of the report: *Incidence of Divorce and Its Effects in Rural Bangladesh: A Socio-Anthropological Study*. Dhaka University and the University Grants Commission (UGC), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

1998b: Expert: *National Media Survey, 1998*. Bangladesh Center for Communication Programs, Johns Hopkins University (JHU)/USA, Social Marketing Company (SMC), UNICEF and ORG-MARG Quest Ltd., Dhaka.

1996a: Consultant: *Diarrhea Morbidity and Treatment Survey*. SMC, Dhaka and Mitra and Associates, Dhaka.

1996b: Consultant and co-author of the report: *First National HIV/AIDS and Condom Use Study*. Social Marketing Company (SMC), Dhaka and Population Services International (PSI), USA and Mitra and Associates, Dhaka.

1996c: Consultant: *Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project (BINP)*. Mitra and Associates, Dhaka.

1996d: Consultant and co-author of the report: *Rural Communication Program Follow-up Survey 1996*. Mitra and Associates, Dhaka and CCP/JHU, Dhaka.

1996e. Consultant and Co-author of the report: "Socio-Economic Background of Child Domesticity in Dhaka City", Save the Children Fund Australia, Dhaka.

1995a: Consultant and co-author of the report: *The 1995 National Media Survey*. Mitra and Associates, Dhaka and CCP/JHU, SMC and UNICEF.

1995b: Consultant and co-author of the report: *The 1995 National VDP Survey*. Mitra and Associates, Dhaka and UNICEF, Dhaka.

1995c: Consultant and co-author of the published report: *Clients Exposure of different Media on IEC activities*. Mitra and Associates, Dhaka; Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, GOB; and World Bank Dhaka.

1994a: Consultant: *Rural FP Communication Program Baseline Survey-1994*. CCP/Johns Hopkins University and Mitra and Associates, Dhaka.

1994b: Consultant: *The Baseline Survey of the NGO Family Planning Services Projects of CARE- Bangladesh*. CARE and Mitra and Associates, Dhaka.

1994c: Co-author of the Village Studies Project's (VSP) manual, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Dhaka.

OTHER CONSULTANCY/ACADEMIC WORK:

1995: *Sociology*. A textbook (Bengali) for graduate and undergraduate classes (Co-author), Kathakali Printers, Dhaka.

1990b: Consultant in a study of drug addiction among the students of Dhaka University. Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka and Association for Social Advancement (ASA), Dhaka.

1989a: Completed an Advance Research Thesis on '*Social Change in Bangladesh from 1972- 1990 (A Marxian Analysis of the Political Economy of Bangladesh)*' as a partial fulfillment of Masters degree.

1989b: Consultant, Baseline Survey on Water Development Board Projects in Bangladesh (Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka).

1988: Prepared Honors Monograph on 'Urbanization in Bangladesh', Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka.

DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN MANAGING SOCIAL SURVEYS/PROJECTS:

- Preparation of research designs/projects
- Preparation of guidelines for implementing research/projects and inception report
- Undertaking qualitative and quantitative research on projects relating to health, nutrition, communication, FP-MCH etc.
- Assisting in developing new research projects within the framework and on the priorities decided by the donors/commission agents
- Identifying research, education and support strategies for the risk population including sex workers and IDUs, based on harm minimization strategies
- Training and supervision of research staff and managing resources
- Providing a range of services including the development and evaluation of client services across all HIV/AIDS and communication related program areas
- Co-ordination, design, implementation and evaluation of HIV/AIDS and BCC programs
- Developing strategies and programs to reduce the risk practices related to non-use of condoms use of drugs and alcohol by the SWs and their clientele
- Arranging individual and group counseling for risk practicing groups
- Establishing and maintaining links and referral mechanisms with local health agencies and GO/NGOs

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN MANAGING SOCIAL SURVEYS/PROJECTS:

- Writing of technical and financial proposals. Overall responsibility for planning and implementation of surveys
- Developing sample design/Drawing of samples

-Recruiting and Training of survey personnel. Planning and co-ordination of computer data processing work of surveys/studies

-Planning and Reviewing of output tables

-Developing questionnaires. Preparation of tabulation plans. Development of coding plans and code instruction

-Supervision of the editing, coding, and tabulation works. Supervision of fieldwork and conducting quality-checks

-Data analysis (both statistical and descriptive) and writing of draft and final reports

SEMINARS/TRAINING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

Attended various **national and international** seminars/trainings/workshops on:

- HIV/AIDS and Condom use
- Cultural construction of HIV/AIDS
- Behavior Change Communication (BCC)
- Research Methodology (Quantitative/Qualitative/RRA/PRA etc.)
- Applied Statistics in Social Research
- Priorities of Health & Environmental Studies of Bangladesh
- Shifting Media Habits in Bangladesh
- Research priorities in Health and Population
- Diarrhea Morbidity and Treatment
- Strategies of Rural Development
- Formal and Non-formal Credit Management
- Risk-communication
- Child Domesticity
- Gender and Health Human Resources
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Determinants of Fertility Control in Bangladesh
- Adolescents Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh
- Youth and HIV/AIDS and other STDs

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

- Completed training on Summer Science Course in Anthropology organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka, April 1995.
- Awarded certificates after successful completion of a training program titled "Research and Reporting of Scholarly Information in Social Sciences", organized by American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), Pen-State University (USA) and Center for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB), December 1994.
- Participated in 'RRA and PRA Research Methodology' and 'Anthropometric Measures in Development Research' training organized by Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), August 1994.
- Received training on various computer packages such as Windows 98, 2000; HG; Microsoft Excel; and SPSS-PC+.

LANGUAGE AND DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY:

<u>Language</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Speaking</u>
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Bengali	Mother tongue		
Urdu/Hindi	Functional		

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

- i) Member, Bangladesh Sociological Association (BSA), Bangladesh
- ii) Member, Bangladesh Population Association (BPA)
- iii) Member, Dhaka University Teacher's Club
- iv) Member, Rotary club, Gulshan Lake City
- v) Ex. Member SUST Teacher's Association
- vi) Trustee, Amina-Atique Social Welfare Trust, Hobiganj, Sylhet

COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE:

Australia, Bangladesh and India

COMPUTER LITERACY:

Windows 98, 2000-xp; HG; Microsoft Excel; Microsoft Access, Microsoft PowerPoint, Ethnograph, SPSS-PC+, and Internet Browsing etc.

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