

**Curriculum Vitae of
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Overview

Public health specialist with expertise in designing and conducting public health including social science research. Experienced on public health issues of Bangladesh and low and middle income countries. Extensive experience in implementing programmes on operation research issues, research management and mentoring in multi-disciplinary, multi-ethnic environment. Published in peer reviewed international journals, authored research monographs and working papers. Graduated from Z.H. Sikder Medical College, Dhaka Bangladesh. Post-graduation in healthcare quality from University of Helsinki, Finland. Attended and presented papers in many international seminars, conferences and workshops. Research interest includes health system, health workforce, health equity, marginalized population, universal health coverage, anti-corruption in health sector, pharmaceutical promotion, infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

Academic qualification

- Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health and Hygiene from Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, Delhi, India. From April 2012 to April 2013
- Masters in Healthcare Quality Improvement and Leadership Development (MQI) from Department of General Practice and Primary HealthCare, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland. From September 2004 to November 2008
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from Z. H. Sikder Medical College, Dhaka, Bangladesh. From January 1996 to April 2002

Present Position

Senior Research Fellow at Centre of Excellence for Health System and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC), BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Previous Positions:

Position	Institution	Dates
Assistant Director, CoE-HS&UHC	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University	Apr. 2021-till date
Senior Research Fellow, CoE-HS&UHC	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University	Jun. 2019 – Mar.2021
Research Fellow, CoE- HS&UHC	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University	Jun. 2017 – Jun.2019
Senior Research Associate, CoE-HS&UHC	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University	Jan.2015-May 2016
Research Associate, CoE- HS&UHC	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University	Jan.2009- Dec.2009
Healthcare Coordinator	Nitexpo International Bangladesh	Apr.2004-Sep.2004
Medical Officer	Oncology Hospital, Dhaka	Jan. 2004- Mar.2004
Medical Officer	Ayesha Memorial Hospital, Dhaka	May 2003- Dec.2003

Major Research Projects (As Co-Principal Investigator/Coordinator/Co-Supervisor)

- A Global Social Science Network for Infectious Threats and AMR (SoNAR-Global), 2019-till date
- The development and implementation of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Singapore. (Donor/partner-Asia Pacific Observatory on Health System and Policies), 2021.
- Exploring the health care seeking behavior of street dwellers/floating population in Dhaka City Corporation area, Bangladesh: A pilot study: January 2019- till date
- Assessment of post-crash care system following road traffic accidents in selected areas of Bangladesh, 2020 till date
- Irregularities, provider practice, motivation and health system performance in Bangladesh: August 2017-till date
- Skills Demand Analysis of Institution and Home-based Supplementary Health Care Services in Bangladesh, 2020
- Model Pharmacy initiative in Bangladesh, exploring the compliances- Summative Learning Project, 2019
- Exploring pathways of antibiotic use among people and animal: an in-depth study to inform antibiotic prescribing policy development in Bangladesh: July 2017- August 2018
- Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of antimicrobial use and resistance among slum dwellers in Dhaka, Summative Learning Project, 2018
- Leave No One Behind: Putting marginalized people into the centre for achieving Universal Health Coverage in Bangladesh: August 2018-October 2018
- Feminization of medicine in Bangladesh- Summative Learning Project, 2017
- Systems for Improved Access to Pharmaceuticals Services (SIAPS) in Bangladesh: Findings from a baseline study of drug shops in the private sector, 2015: Dec 2014 to April 2015
- Mapping private sector drug shops and pharmacies in seven selected districts and one thana of Dhaka city, Bangladesh: January 2016–June 2016

- Building awareness for Universal Health Coverage (UHC): Advancing the agenda in Bangladesh: March 2016–September 2017
- Creating UHC momentum in Bangladesh: the challenges and opportunities: January 2015 – December 2015
- Pharmaceutical promotional practices in Bangladesh, 2015

Teaching Experiences

- Course Coordinator, Health System Management Module, BRAC JPGSPH, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Mentor & Teaching Fellow, Health System Management Module, BRAC JPGSPH, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Co-Supervisor, Summative Learning Project, Master of Public Health (MPH) Students for last three academic years, BRAC JPGSPH, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Fellowship, awards and presentations

- Presented on ‘Vulnerability assessment testing and evaluation’ at SoNAR Global General Assembly on April 15, 2021.
- Received Women Mentorship Program award by Health System Global and the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (the Alliance), in partnership with Health Policy and Planning, 2020
- Panellist at 6TH Health System Global Conference (virtual) Women Mentorship Program Launch session on 10th November 2020
- Presented at SoNAR Global Annual Conference, 2021.
- Presented at National Road Safety Programme, November **2020**, Post-crash care assessment
- Presented at 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Satellite Session ‘Achieving progress on anti-corruption and accountability: towards policy options that recognise power and politics’ November 25, 2020
- Presented at 16th World Congress on Public Health, September 2020, ACE Project
- ACE Bangladesh study-based abstracts accepted and presented as digital poster in Health System Global 2020 conference entitled ‘Drives of Absenteeism Among Physicians in Primary Healthcare Setting in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Exploration’
- Participated and presented at ACE partners conference in London, UK from 17-20th September, 2019
- Anti-corruption Evidence Consortium (ACE) , Bangladesh Health Research Project Methodology and Key findings, BRAC JPGSPH, February 19, 2019
- Participated and presented at ACE partners conference in London, UK from 6-7th July, 2018.
- Participated 2 days ‘Outcome Mapping Training’ in London, UK from 6-7th July, 2018.
- Participated at Anti-corruption Evidence Consortium (ACE) research session at Health System Research Symposium 2018 in Liverpool, UK from 8-12 October
- Awarded for abstract presentation grant at Health System Research Symposium 2018 in Liverpool, UK from 8-12 October
- Presented ‘Fighting health sector corruption in south and south-east Asia: ‘carrot and stick’ or time for innovation?’ at Fifth Global Health System Research Symposium. October, 2018.
- Awarded The University of Helsinki Grants for International Students, Annual Grant of the year 2006.

- Selected for oral presentation on ‘Learning from community health workers (CHWs) driven programmes in different context in Bangladesh: a scoping review’ at 2nd International Symposium on Community Health Workers Bangladesh 2019.
- Selected for poster presentation on ‘Challenges of anti-corruption research in LMICs: innovative approaches to research in Bangladesh’ at Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2020 | UHC Forum 2020 on “Accelerating Progress towards Universal Health Coverage”.
- Selected for poster presentation on ‘Who are left behind in the race for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh?’ Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2020 | UHC Forum 2020 on “Accelerating Progress Towards Universal Health Coverage”.

Proposal writing in 2020-till date

- Feasibility of implementing Trauma Registry and Trauma Systems Improvement Program in four District Hospitals of Bangladesh with high RTI burden, 2021
- A Frugal Technological Approach to the Reduction of Unintentional Injuries Caused by Traffic Accident, Right Call, 2021
- Proposal for Tracer study of graduates from BRAC Institute of Skills Development, BRAC SDP BISD, 2021
- New Business Model, Research and Development, Open Society University Foundation, Global Call Centre, 2021
- The development and implementation of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Singapore. Asia Pacific Observatory on Health System and Policies, 2020
- Skills Demand Analysis of Institution and Home-based Supplementary Health Care Services in Bangladesh, BRAC SDP, 2020
- Assessment of post-crash care system following road traffic accidents in selected areas of Bangladesh. The World Bank, 2020

Project Grants in 2020

- Skills Demand Analysis of Institution and Home-based Supplementary Health Care Services in Bangladesh, BRAC SDP, 2020
- Assessment of post-crash care system following road traffic accidents in selected areas of Bangladesh. The World Bank, 2020
- The development and implementation of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Singapore. Asia Pacific Observatory on Health System and Policies, 2020.

Publications

Journal Articles

- The influence of corruption and governance in the delivery of frontline health care services in the public sector: a scoping review of current and future prospects in low and middle-income countries of south and south-east Asia. Naher et al. BMC Public Health (2020) 20:880

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-08975-0>

- Do social accountability approaches work? A review of the literature from selected-low and middle-income countries in the WHO South-East Asia region. **2020**. Health Policy and Planning, 35, 2020, i76–i96. doi: 10.1093/heapol/czaa107. Supplement Article
- Targeting anticorruption interventions at the front line: developmental governance in health systems. **2020**. BMJ Global Health.
- Tackling antimicrobial resistance in Bangladesh: A scoping review of policy and practice in human, animal and environment sectors. PLOS ONE, **2020**.
- Health, illness and healthcare seeking behavior of the street-dwellers of Dhaka city, Bangladesh: qualitative explorative study. **2020**. BMJ Open.
- Connecting the dots’ for generating a momentum for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh: Findings from a cross-sectional descriptive study. BMJ Open **2019**.
- Irregularities, informal practices, and the motivation of frontline healthcare providers in Bangladesh: current scenario and future perspectives towards achieving universal health coverage by 2030. ACE-SOAS. **2018**
- Feminization’ of physician workforce in Bangladesh, underlying factors and implications for health system: Insights from a mixed-methods study. PLOS ONE. **2019** Jan 11.
- Pathways of antibiotic use in Bangladesh: qualitative protocol for the PAUSE study. BMJ Journal. Volume 9, Issue 1. **2019**.
- Exploring the status of retail private drug shops in Bangladesh and action points for developing an accredited drug shop model: a facility based cross-sectional study. Journal of pharmaceutical Policy and Practice. **2017**.
- Qualitative insights into promotion of pharmaceutical products in Bangladesh: how ethical are the practices? BMC Med Ethics. **2015** Dec 1.

Working Papers, Monograms, Reports

- Skills demand analysis of institution and home-based supplementary health care services in Bangladesh, **2020**. Skills Development Programme (SDP), BRAC.
- Where are the doctors? A study of absenteeism among doctors in rural Bangladesh. ACE Working Paper 029. **2020**.
- Consensus-building Workshop Report: Irregularities, provider practice, motivation of the frontline healthcare providers and health system performance in Bangladesh: 2017
- A systematic review of published and unpublished literature in LMICs of the WHO SEARO and WPRO regions: Irregularities, provider practice, motivation of the frontline healthcare providers and health system performance in Bangladesh: 2017
- Reviewing current AMR scenario from One Health perspective and its containment: Addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Bangladesh: Now More Than Ever: 2017
- Executive summary from a dissemination workshop: Progress on Policy and Actions on antibiotic resistance in humans and animals in Bangladesh: 2018
- CoE-HS&UHC Working Paper- Leave No One Behind: Current scenario of the marginalized population in Bangladesh: identifying data gaps for action towards Universal Health Coverage by 2030: 2018
- CoE-HS&UHC Working Paper- Building awareness for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh: Advancing the agenda forward in 2016: 2016

- CoE-HS&UHC Working Paper-Mapping private sector drug shops and pharmacies in seven selected districts and one thana of Dhaka city, Bangladesh: 2016
- CoE-HS&UHC Working Paper- Creating UHC momentum in Bangladesh: the challenges and opportunities: January 2015 –December 2015: 2016

Blog

- Let's talk about Universal health Coverage. Vital Signs, Official blog of BRAC JPG School of Public Health.2016.
- Bringing a human being into the world: at the cost of maternal health. Vital Signs, Official blog of BRAC JPG School of Public Health.2016.
- One Health Approach: We Just Can't Ignore Anymore. Vital Signs, Official blog of BRAC JPG School of Public Health.2017.

Newspaper

- In mainstream Bengali and English daily national newspapers e.g. Samakal, Jugantor, Daccapost.

Trainings received

- Ethics in Research. ICDDR,B. 2017
- Training of the assessment of staffing need through workload analysis. IEDCR, WHO, Bangladesh. 2017.
- 2ND Bangladesh Flagship Course on Health System Strengthening and Universal health Coverage, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 2016
- Training on Universal Health Coverage, Bangkok, Thailand, 2016
- Health System Research and Development (HDRS) organized by BRAC University and International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) in 2009.
- Scientific Research Writing organized by Population Council, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2009.

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Father's name : (Late) Major General Md. Motiur Rahman
Mother's name : Mina Rahman
Present Address : House#B154, Road#22, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka
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