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Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

Academic Education

- PhD in Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA. August 2011.
- MA in Economics, York University, Canada. April 2000.
- BS in Economics, North South University, Bangladesh. December 1998.

Field of interest

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Urban Economics.

Dissertation

Three Essays on the Economics of Corruption.

Supervisory Committee *Chair*: Fahad Khalil. *Members*: Hendrik G. Wolff, Lan Shi, Jacques Lawarree.

Professional Experience

- Specialist, Policy Analysis, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Canada. January 2019 - .
- *Research Fellow and Head*, Governance and Politics Cluster. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University. January 2016 – May 2018. (Major outputs listed in report section).
- *Consultant*, CARE Bangladesh, for leading the proposal development for the project Local Economic Development (LED) at District Level. Dec 01, 2017 – Dec 15, 2017.
- *Consultant*, Graduation Model-Ecuador, UNHCR & Trickle-Up, USA, for leading the statistical analysis of the Endline survey report for the project Graduation Model. Sep 2017 – Dec. 2017.
- *Research Fellow*, RESOLVE Network, United States Institute of Peace. March 2017 – Sept. 2017.
- *Principle Investigator*, International Growth Centre (IGC), LSE, London, UK, for writing a working paper on The Effect of Electronic Filing System on Bureaucratic Efficiency and Public Service Delivery. March 2016 – June 2016.
- *Consultant*, Graduation Model-Ecuador, UNHCR & Trickle-Up, USA. I lead a research team to prepare the midline survey report for the Graduation Model project that I led preparation of its baseline report (See below). March 2016 - April 2016.
- *Training Consultant*, Public Procurement Reform Project II (PPRP II): Social Accountability Component. Ministry of Planning, World Bank and BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD). For conducting the Training of the Trainers (TOT) and facilitating training of the local citizens' committee to monitor local public procurement. Oct. 2015 – Aug. 2016.
- *Economist*, Copenhagen Consensus Center, USA, for conducting a Cost-Benefit Analysis of adapting electronic Procurement across the Government of Bangladesh. Oct. 2015 – May 2016.
- *National Expert*, Anti-Corruption Assessment for Bangladesh Democracy and Governance Program Evaluation project, USAID and Social Impact Inc., VA, USA. May 2015–July 2015.
- *Consultant*, Graduation Model-Ecuador, UNHCR & Trickle-Up. For leading a research team to prepare the baseline survey report for the project. March 2015 - April 2015.
- *Principle Investigator*, International Growth Centre (IGC), LSE, London, UK. I wrote a working paper for the IGC on effect of electronic procurement on procurement price. Jan 2014 – Aug 2014.

- *Principle Academic Partner*, Doing While Learning Project, BRAC Social Innovation Lab. March 2013 – November 2014.
- *Affiliated Researcher*, BRAC Development Institute, Dhaka. For leading the primary analysis of Endline report of UNWFP's Food Security of Ultra-Poor (FSUP) Project. July 2012 –Jan 2013.
- *Consultant*, World Bank, Dhaka. April 2012 – June 2012. For coauthoring a background paper for the Poverty Assessment Report 2010, Bangladesh.
- *Research Consultant/Visiting Research Fellow*, Institute of Microfinance, Dhaka. October 2011 – January, 2012.
- *Summer Intern*, Enterprise Analysis Unit, IFC. Summer 2009.
- *Research Associate*. Project: Sustainable Flood Management in Bangladesh. Economic Research Group, Bangladesh. September 2004 – August 2005.

Teaching Experience

- *Assistant Professor*, Economics, BRAC University, Bangladesh. December 2011 – December 2015. *Courses* include Game Theory for Applied Economics, Industrial Organization, Topics in Econometric Analysis, Cost Benefit Analysis and Research Methods.
- *Teaching Associate/Instructor*, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. USA. Sep 2005 – Aug 2011. *Courses* include Industrial Organization, Cost Benefit Analysis, Game Theory with Applications to Economics, Environmental Economics.
- *Lecturer*, North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Eleven semesters (Winter 2008, Winter 2004 – Summer 2005 and Fall 2000 – Summer 2002).

Also taught as an adjunct faculty at East West Univ., BRAC Institute of Governance and Development and United International Univ. of Dhaka, Seattle Univ., WA, USA, and York University, ON, Canada.

Working Papers, other Research papers and Reports on Governance and Public Policy

- *Digitization, Simplification of Bureaucratic Procedures and Quality of Public Services: Evidence from Administrative Records*. (BIGD working paper and CESifo working paper Under Process)
- *Does Quality of Service Delivery Influence Tax Evasion? Evidence from Housing Tax Evasion in Bangladesh*. (With Zeeshan Ashraf). (BIGD working paper Under Process)
- *Baseline Survey Report for Advancing Womens' Rights to Access to Information in Bangladesh* Commissioned by The Carter Center, USA and funded by USAID. (Team Leader).
- Leading the preparation of the *Baseline Survey Report for Community of Practice (COP) Phase II* Commissioned by Cabinet Division, Government of Bangladesh and Funded by the World Bank. (Team Leader).
- *Electronic Filing System, Bureaucratic Efficiency and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from Bangladesh*. London: IGC Working Paper No. S-31308-BGD-1. May 2017.
- *State of Governance 2016, BIGD*. Leading a team of researchers on one of the BIGD's flagship report. December 2016. (Team Leader).
- *The Economics of System Loss*. (With Hendrik Wolff). Dhaka: BIGD Working Paper: 35. December 2016.
- *Benefits and Costs of Introducing e-Procurement in Bangladesh*. Bangladesh Priorities. Copenhagen Consensus Center. 2016.
 - The paper was mentioned in World Economic Forum and Project Syndicate which was later translated into other European and Latin American languages. The Economist magazine also discussed findings of the paper.

- *Factors Influencing the Performance of a Public Private Partnership in the Digital Services Sector: Evidence from Bangladesh.* (With M. Wasiqur Rahman Khan and Jaideep Prabhu). Dhaka: BIGD Working Paper: 29. November 2015.
- *Corruption in Health Sector: Evidence from Unofficial Consultation fees in Bangladesh.* (With Shyamal Chowdhury and Kazi Iqbal). Bonn: IZA Discussion Paper No. 9270. August 2015.
- Anti-Corruption Assessment for Bangladesh Democracy and Governance Program Evaluation (BDGPE) project, funded by USAID and implemented by Social Impact Inc., VA, USA. (With Joseph Patrick Meagher, Jonathan Rose, Mobasser Monem and Naim Mostofa).
- *The Effect of Electronic Public Procurement: Evidence from Bangladesh.* London: IGC Working Paper. London. May 2015.
- *Inspection and Compliance in the presence of corruption: Evidence from Bangladeshi Industries.*

Research Papers and Reports on Social Protection

- *Using Human Opportunity Index to estimate equality of opportunity in basic services and assessing impact of poverty using HIES 2010.* (With Iffath Sharif). Washington, DC: World Bank Working Paper Series. 2012.
- *The Outreach-Sustainability Trade-off of MFIs: Evidence from an Ultra-Poor Program in Bangladesh.* (with Monirul Hassan and Atonu Rabbani).
- *The Second Annual Outcome Survey for Food Security of Ultra-Poor (FSUP) Program.* (With Syed Hashemi, A. M. Tanvir Hussain, Bayezid Hassan).
- *UNHCR Graduation Model: Final Evaluation.* (With Anasuya Sengupta).
- *Baseline Survey Report for UNHCR Graduation Model for Ecuador.* (With Syed Hashemi, Tanvir Sobhan and Lauren Whitehead).
- *Midterm Survey Report for UNHCR Graduation Model for Ecuador.* (With Anasuya Sengupta, Janic Galibois and Syed Hashemi,).

On-going research

- A series of research papers under the Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) Programme funded by DFID and led by SOAS. (With Mushtaq Khan).
- Three Research Memos for the project Obirodh: Road to Tolerance, being implemented by Management Systems International (MSI) funded by USAID.
- *Electoral Violence and Electoral Outcomes.* (With Abdul Alim).
- *Effect of Incumbents' Performance on Re-election Probabilities in Bangladeshi Municipalities: Evidence from Mayoral Election.* (with Zeeshan Ashraf).
- *Election Schedule and Probability of Winning: Evidence from Bangladesh.*

Other Published Report

- *Islamic Militancy in Bangladesh: Public Awareness and Attitudes.* RESOLVE Network Research Brief No. 4: Bangladesh Research Series. September 2017. (With Christine C. Fair).
- *The Doing While Learning Project Action Research Report* (With Ishtiaque Hussain and Maria A. May) in *What it takes to have social impact at scale: A Collection of Case Studies from South Asia.* BRAC and Rockefeller Foundation. 2015.
- *Medical Treatment Loan: An Inter-Sectoral Approach for Improving Access to Health Care for the Poor as Innovative Financing Mechanism in Bangladesh.* (With Hossain Ishrath Adib, Moonmoon Shehrin and Shahadat Hossain). Published in "Global Health Post 2015: Accelerating Equity, parallel session 3.2: Results Based Financing in the Health Sector and Equity in Access to Quality Care." Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC). 2015.

Journal Referee

- Journal of Environmental Economics and Management.

Research Grants

- International Growth Center (Located at LSE) Research Grant for “Electronic Filing System, Bureaucratic Efficiency and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from Bangladesh”. 2016-17.
- International Growth Center (Located at LSE) Research Grant for “Effect of E-Government Procurement: Evidence from Bangladesh”. 2014-15.

Honors and Awards

- Grover and Creta Ensley Fellowship in Economic Policy. University of Washington. Spring 2010.
- Graduate Student Fellowship. University of Washington. Autumn 2005.
- York International Scholarship. York University, Canada. 1999 – 2000.
- York Tuition Bursary. York University, Canada. 2000.

Presentation in Conferences/Workshops

- Area Conference on Economics of Digitization. CESifo, Munich. November 2017.
- RESOLVE Network Global Forum. United States Institute of Peace. Washington DC. September 2017.
- 3rd Biennial Public Policy Conference, National University of Singapore. June 2017.
- 7th Australasian Public Choice Conference, Monash University, Melbourne. December 2014.
- Conf’ce on “Exploring the Road Map to Scale”. Rockefeller Foundation. Bellagio, Italy. Nov 2014.
- International Growth Center – Indian Statistical Institute Workshop. Delhi. June 2012.
- 7th Midwest International Economic Development Conference. Minneapolis. April 2010.
- Pacific Conference for Development Economics. Los Angeles. March 2010.
- 6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference. Minneapolis. May 2009.
- Pacific Conference for Development Economics. San Francisco. March 2009.

In addition, presented papers in a number of international conferences organized in Dhaka.

Training Received

Training for the Trainers for Evidence for Policy Design (EPOD) by Harvard Kennedy School.
Research Training by the Summer Institute of RESOLVE Network organized by US Institute of Peace.