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Career Goals: To work with a national or an international development/humanitarian organisation, or a development project or a research and academic institute to effectively utilise my knowledge, experience, efficiencies, and capabilities to inform, aware, and engage relevant people for the social, economic, political and cultural development of people, and further development of my skills and qualifications.

Core Competencies:

1. Excellent in communications, media, outreach relations and civil society engagement;
2. Excellent in press release and report writing, editing, translation, preparation of materials, printing and publications and also creative writing;
3. Proven capacities in organising and facilitating of events, such as conferences, launching ceremonies, seminars, public lectures, round-tables, dialogues, press conferences and other meetings and also in public speaking;
4. Excellent in networking, and have very good contacts among journalists, communications experts, politicians, human rights activists, civil society members and NGO leaders all over Bangladesh;
5. Excellent in organising and facilitation of focus group discussions, consultation meetings, interviewing key informants, in-depth interviews, and analytical skills in qualitative research;
6. An excellent presenter, motivational speaker, motivator and trainer, especially on communication and human rights;
7. Successful in planning, budget preparation, managing and implementing projects/programmes;
8. Thorough knowledge of local government and administration, human rights and justice systems in Bangladesh.
9. A keen observer of Bangladesh society and politics for 50 years.

Editing/Publications/Translation/Presentations:

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| 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Worked as a National Consultant—Communications with DRRF project of UNDP.- Translated the “Regional Guide and Management System for Pre-Employment Orientation in Abu Dhabi Dialogue Countries, published by Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD), supported by SDC and IOM.- Edited HR Training Manual and other document of Amnesty International South Asia Office.- Translated the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights of the United Nations.- Translated a set of documents on Disaster Risk Reduction in Rohingya response programme of UNDP and other International humanitarian organisations.- Translated the Gender Framework of LoGIC project of UNDP.- Translated the draft Resettlement Action Plan and Framework for Char Development and Settlement Project IV, Additional Financing (‘bridging’) Project, prepared by IFAD and others. |
| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Preparation of a drawing album titled “River of Life” for Centre for Peace and Justice, BRAC University under Empowered Women—Peaceful Communities project of UN Women.- Translated the Capacity Development Framework for Local Government Institutes in Bangladesh prepared by EALG project, UNDP.- Translated the training manual of UN Women titled United Nations Course on Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Authority. |
| 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Edited/rewritten the Municipal Orientation Handbook prepared by SPGP, Jica and LGD. |
| 2011- to 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Editor of monthly updates and the quarterly newsletter of BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University. (former IGS and BDI)- Responsible for major BIGD publications since June 2014 to August 2018 such as The State of Governance, State of Cities.- Editor of the bilingual “Public Procurement Watch”, a regular quarterly newsletter of Public-Private Stakeholders Committee (PPSC) headed by the Planning Minister. PPSC activities were facilitated by BIGD, under the PPRP-II project of CPTU, IME Division, Ministry of Planning, funded by The World Bank. |
| 2008- to 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Translated the Policy Notes of Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University on ACC, Election Commission, C&AG, PSC and the Judiciary from English to Bengali.- Served UNDP as its <i>Manuscript Editor</i> for a number of research reports of LGSP-LIC projects in 2010-2011. |
| 2000 -2004 | Editor of the bilingual Transparency International Bangladesh (“TIB”) quarterly newsletter, “Waves”. Editor, “News Scan Database Report”, a yearly/half-yearly research report of TIB. Edited a number of TIB research reports including i) “Fact Finding on Bureau of Anti-Corruption”, ii) “Diagnostic Study on Comptroller and Auditor General’s Office”, iii) “Report Card on Primary Education”-2002, iv) “Report Card on |

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| | Primary Healthcare"-2002, v) "Corruption in Bangladesh"-2003, vi) "Survey on Union Councils"-2004, vii) "Report Card on Corruption in Land Administration"- 2004, viii) "Diagnostic Study on Police Station"- 2004 |
| 1997-1999 | Associate Editor, <i>Unnayan Podokkhep</i> (steps for development), Bengali & English journal of "Steps Towards Development", were also responsible for other publications at the "Steps". |
| 1994 | Delivered lectures on the "Role of Police in Preserving Human Rights" in 15 sessions of weeklong Junior Leadership Course (JLC) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. |
| 1993 | 6 large reports published in the progressive Weekly "Ekota" (the Unity) on the situation prevailing in Bangladesh in the wake of communalism following the demolition of the <i>Babri</i> mosque in India. Later the reports were included in the book "Ekhono Gelona Andhar--Bangladesh Press Response to 1992 Communalism", edited by Prof. Shafi Ahmed and Ms. Purobi Basu, published by <i>Shahitya Shamabay</i> , Dhaka. |

Involvement with Research and others

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| 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked for Amsterdam University (UvA), the Netherlands, for a study on shrinking space for civil society organisations in Bangladesh under dialogue and dissent project. - Worked for Amnesty International on Press Freedom and Freedom of Expression in Bangladesh. - Evaluation of "Jukta Hoe Mukta" (United We Stand) project funded by EU, implemented by MJF, Phullki, Shobujer Ovijan Foundation (SOF) and Occupational Safety, Health and Environment (OSHE) Foundation through <i>Terre des homes</i>, Italy. |
| 2014 | - Midterm evaluation of Upazila Governance Project (UzGP) and Union Parishad Governance Project (UPGP) of UNDP Bangladesh. |
| 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of <i>Performance based Grants for Union Parishads and Upazila Parishads</i> of UNDP's UPGP. - Jointly researched and prepared the annual report of ACC. |
| 2012 | - Research on <i>Cooperatives in Bangladesh</i> with Dr Sanaul Mostafa, sponsored by VSO Bangladesh. |
| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Assessment of the LGSP-LIC Performance-Based Grant System</i> and co-author of a UNDP commissioned research report on the title. - <i>Impact evaluation of LGSP on UPs and its citizens in Badalgachi and Mohadevpur Upazila</i> under Naogaon district as part of IGS work. |
| 2010 | - <i>Working of Upazila Parishad in Bangladesh--A Study of Twelve Upazila</i> , a UNDP commissioned research led by Dr Nizam Ahmed, Dr Tofail Ahmed et. al. |
| 2009 | - <i>Prioritisation of Governance Issues in Bangladesh</i> by IGS for UNDP. |
| 2008 | - <i>National Integrity Strategy (NIS) for Bangladesh</i> by IGS, funded by ADB. |
| 2007 | - A Stakeholder Political-Economy and Institutional Analysis of Transport (Bus) Sector of the Dhaka city, a World Bank study. |
| 2006 | - Political Participation, Decision-making and Gender Norms, a World Bank research. |

Work Experience:

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| 2020 | <p>June 2020 to date Awareness Campaign Expert, Capacity Building for Sustainability (CBS), Dhaka Water Supply Network Improvement Project (DWSNIP), Dhaka WASA, funded by ADB. Task and Responsibilities included: (i) preparing and implementing public awareness campaign in demand control (water conservation), hygiene, and health in close coordination with the firm who is engaged in the campaign under the project; and (ii) preparing, institutionalising, and implementing demand control plan under corporate business plan. Planning and designing the campaign, and assist DWASA in implementing the campaign by engaging media firms and NGOs, provide support to improve access of water supply to low-income communities with the firm through interaction with community to gain public support for the project and DWASA in general, and assisting other expert in handling information disclosure and social interactions.</p> |
| 2019 | Worked with CPJ, Brac University as Communications Consultant to organise public lecture by Honourable Bob Rae, Canada's Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Myanmar; Dr. Alistair D. B. Cook, Research Fellow, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Mr M Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh on Rohingya Creses; supported, especially in media relations, in organizing an International Conclave on Justice and Accountability for Rohingya in The Hague, the Netherlands. |
| 2012-2018 | <p>October 2012 to Aug 2018 Senior Manager--Communications, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University (former IGS and BDI, BRAC University), 66 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.</p> <p><i>Successfully reached and popularised the BIGD to the policy-makers, academics, researchers, media, civil society members and relevant others as the country's one of the leading think tanks through many important events, publications, website and social media, and networking; helped in formulating the draft strategy on how to involve citizens in public procurement for the Ministry of Planning.</i></p> |
| 2011-2012 | <p>October 2011 to September 2012 Senior Project Officer, "Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University". The job description remains the same as it were before as Project Officer with IGS.</p> |

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| 2008-2011 | <p>15 January, 2008 to 30 September 2011 Project Officer – “Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University”.</p> <p><i>Successfully helped the IGS team in formulating National Integrity Strategy (NIS), an anti-corruption tools for the government of Bangladesh, as the National Consultant/Field Coordinator, through organising 64 consultation meetings throughout the country, from UP to the Secretariat levels. The project was funded by ADB. Also prioritised the governance issues for the than caretaker government funded by UNDP.</i></p> |
| 2000-2005 | <p>February 2000 – December 2005 Programme Officer and Senior Programme Officer, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Present address: MIDAS Centre (4th Floor), House 5, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1209.</p> <p><i>Fruitfully prepared the criterion of CCC membership and other basic documents such as Memorandum of Understanding, Code of Conduct, CCC Manual, Concept Paper for volunteer’s groups, and successfully identified areas and formed 24 Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs) and young volunteers’ groups in greater Mymensingh region and Rajshahi, Chattagram, Sylhet and Barisal divisions for the first time in the country. Also inducted the committees, oriented the groups and trained the staff members through inductions, orientations, trainings, briefings and organised national conferences and other activities.</i></p> <p>Responsibilities were included: Participating/assisting in the planning, designing and implementation of the National Integrity Programme (NIP), a five year project covering programmes, research and advocacy on different issues pertaining to governance; development of new policies and programmes; monitoring and evaluating the performance of programme staff; organising and facilitating conventions and other events throughout Bangladesh, and liaison with media; preparing, reviewing and editing reports, terms of references, project proposals, press releases and other relevant documents both in English and Bengali.</p> |
| 1997-2000 | <p>June 1997 – January 2000 Programme Associate, <i>Steps Towards Development</i>, 3/4 Block D, Lalmatia, Dhaka 1207.</p> <p><i>Ensured excellent qualities of the two quarterly journals, Bengali and English, both titled Unnayan Padokkhep (Steps for Development) as the Associate Editor on issues of gender, human rights, environment and development.</i></p> |
| 1996-1997 | <p>August 1996 – April 1997 Public Relations Officer, <i>Democracywatch</i>, 7, Circuit House Street, Dhaka 1000.</p> <p><i>Successfully organised lecture sessions on issues such as human rights, governance, democracy, gender issues, sex education and environment by arranging the attendance of leading figures in the concerned areas as keynote speakers.</i></p> |
| 1993-1996 | <p>December 1993 – July 1996 Investigator/Reporter, Investigation Officer, Programme Officer, Co-ordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh—CCHRB.</p> <p><i>Carefully monitored the newspaper reports on violation of human rights (HR); investigated and prepared reports of 35 HR violation incidents throughout Bangladesh in 36 months of service with CCHRB; formed multi-disciplined investigation groups comprising HR activists, journalists and lawyers and liaise with other HR organisations.</i></p> <p>Responsibilities were included: Assisting the victims in lodging police cases, facilitating legal aid, alternative dispute resolution for domestic incidents; editing/contributing to the newsletter as well as forwarding reports to the newspapers; and planning and organising functions to commemorate occasions such as Human Rights Day, Press Freedom Day, World Environment Day.</p> |

Work in Media:

- 1989–1993: Dec 1989–Jan 1993: Sub-Editor, The *Daily Azadi*, 9 Momin Road, Chittagong 4000
- 1992: Presenter, Radio Bangladesh, Chittagong. Prepared and presented on air in the magazine programme “Alokpat” (focus), a weekly review of cultural events taking place in Chittagong.
- 1993: Feb–Aug 1993: Staff Reporter/Special Correspondent, Weekly *Ekota (the unity)*, 31 Topkhana Road, Dhaka. Responsibilities were included preparing investigative and research-based reports especially on attacks on Hindus in all over Bangladesh after the demolition of Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, India in 6 December 1992.

Trainings/Workshops (attended):

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| 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 4-day regional workshop on Research Communication from 18 to 21 May 2014 held in Dhaka organised by the <i>Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)</i>, facilitated by Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK. - A 2-day workshop on Policy Engagement and Communications held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in January 2014, organised by IDS, UK, sponsored by IDRC, Canada. |
| 2013 | A 2-day training workshop on Policy Engagement and Communications held in Bangkok, Thailand in September 2013, organised by the IDS, UK, sponsored by IDRC, Canada. |

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| 2011 | A workshop on 'Planning and Proposal Writing' organised by IGS, BRAC University, facilitated by Mr Andrew Jenkins and Ms Victoria Carter. |
| 2007 | Workshop on "Institutions of Accountability: The Anti-Corruption Commission", organised in Dhaka, by Centre for Governance Studies (former name of IGS) at BRAC University. |
| 2004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on "South Asia Local Fund Raising" held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, organised by the London-based The Resource Alliance in cooperation with South Asia Fund Raising Group. - Workshop on "Strengthening the Interface between Journalists and Non-Governmental Organisations" held in Dhaka on 6-7 January, organised by the Southern Illinois University School of Journalism, USA and the Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC). |
| 2003 | Study Circle session on "Role of the MP's", organised in October in Dhaka, conducted by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) for International Affairs based in Washington DC, USA. |
| 2002 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on "Role of Education in Combating Corruption", held at the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, organised by the Transparency International (TI). - Third International Conference on "Sustainable Resource Mobilisation--Developing Local Roots", held in Agra, India on 4-7 March, organised by London-based The Resource Alliance, UK in co-operation with South Asia Fund Raising Group. - Workshop on "Report Card" organised by TIB at BARD, Cumilla. - Facilitated the TIB field staff orientation held at BRAC Training and Resource Centre, Mymensingh. |
| 1997 | Training of Trainers--ToT on "Gender and Development" held in Dhaka on 2-11 September, organised by <i>Steps Towards Development</i> . |
| 1994 | Training on "Fact-finding and Documentation" held at Madaripur Legal Aid Association (MLAA) organised by Ain-O-Salish Kendra (ASK), MLAA and CCHRB. |

Educational background:

2022: Masters in Development Studies, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), Summer 2022, Semester 2
1987: MSS in Sociology, University of Chittagong, Second Class (Examinations held in 1990)
1984: BSS (Hon's) in Sociology, University of Chittagong, Second Class (Examinations held in 1985)
1980: HSC in Science, Dhaka Board, Second Division, Gouripur College, Gouripur, Mymensingh
1978: SSC in Science, Dhaka Board, Second Division, Rajendra Kishore High School, Gouripur, Mymensingh

Organisational Involvement:

Member, Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bangladesh Environment Movement) (BAPA)
Member, Core Group, Compact Township Foundation, Bangladesh

Other information:

Languages: Bengali (mother tongue). English: Professional level. Attended an in-house Advanced English Language Course organised by Transparency International Bangladesh for its staff members designed and taught by the British Council experts and teachers.

Computer : Microsoft Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet

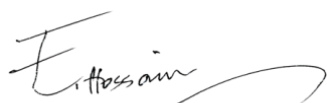
Travel: India, Sri Lanka, China, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal

Interests: People and Power, reading and writing, travelling, enjoying film, theatre and music

References:

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