

Resume of Mohammad Abdul Malek, PhD

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Education

PhD in Rural Economics (Course: Bio-production Sciences), Tottori University, Japan, September 2010.

Doctoral Dissertation

Title: Non-farm Employment and Poverty in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Advanced Villages

MAG in Rural Economics (Course: Agriculture), Yamaguchi University, Japan, 2007.

MSS in Economics, Dhaka University, Bangladesh, 2000.

BSS (Honors) in Economics, Dhaka University, 1998.

HSC (Humanities), Dhaka Board, Bangladesh, 1994.

SSC (Social Sciences), Dhaka Board, Bangladesh, 1992.

Research Fields

Rural economics (Program evaluation of microcredit programs/credit programs for tenant farmers, microenterprises, social safety net programs, rural consumption demand, etc.), Applied econometrics.

Teaching Interest

Rural and agricultural economics, development projects planning, monitoring and evaluation, microfinance and micro-enterprises, basic econometrics, statistics/mathematics for economics or business, microeconomics, development research methods,

Work in progress

- Impact evaluation of credit programs for tenant farmers (Sharecroppers development programme) for Brac and GDN/3ie as Principal Investigator.
- Improving the targeting effectiveness of social safety nets in Bangladesh for Brac and FAO as Principal Investigator.
- Other involvements:
 - Baseline report for Borgachashi Development Program.
 - Programme Impacts of microfinance and Rate of Returns of the Microenterprises.
 - Significance and Growth Linkages of Household Non-farm Enterprises in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Advanced Villages`. A paper under review by the Bangladesh Journal of Agricultural Economics.
 - Non-farm Employment and Poverty in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Advanced Villages`. Submitted for LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing GmbH & Co. KG.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

- Kashem, M. M.; Guha, R. K. and Malek, M. A. (2009). Micro Enterprises in Rural Bangladesh: Entrepreneurial Process, Problems and Prospects. *Journal of Rural Development*, 36(1), January 2009, BARD, Comilla, Bangladesh. Published in March 2011.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2010). Do the Non-farm Incomes really matter for Poverty among Small Households in Rural Bangladesh? A Case of Advanced Villages. *Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics*. Vol. 2(7):250–267, July 2010. Academic Journals.

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 - Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2009). Determinants of Non-farm Income Diversification in Developed Villages of Bangladesh: A Case of Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. *American Journal of Economics and Business Administration*. 1 (2): 141-149, 2009. Science Publications.
 - Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2007). State of Micro-enterprises in Rural Bangladesh: A Case in Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. *Journal of Rural Problems*. 43 (1): 228-233, The Association for Regional Agricultural And Forestry Economics: Kyoto, Japan, June 2007.
 - Roy, Mihir Kumar and Malek, Mohammad Abdul (2002). Human Development through Building Social Capital in Rural Areas: Some Experiences. *Journal of Rural Development and Administration*, 34, (1-4): 37-59, Pakistan Academy for Rural Development: Peshawar, Pakistan, December 2002.

Book Chapters

- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2010). Determinants of Non-farm Employments in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. In *Bangladesh in the 21st Century: The Harvard Conference Papers – Issues in Economic Development and Finance*. University Press Limited (Forthcoming).
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul (2002). New Development Thinking: A Global Perspective. Current Thoughts on Rural Development, BARD, Comilla, Bangladesh.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Mamun, Abdullah Al (2002). Experience of BARD in Community Health and Nutrition. Current Thoughts on Rural Development, BARD, Comilla, Bangladesh.

Miscellaneous

- Roy, Mihir Kumar, Malek, Mohammad Abdul, and Syed, Salahuddin Ibn. Rural Development: Crisis in Social Capital. *The Observer Weekly Magazine*, Dhaka, 25 June 2003.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Kabir, M. Khairul (2004). An Action Research Initiative in the Functioning of Union Parishad for Sustainable Local Development through Practicing Good Governance (ARIFUP)- Brief Introduction of an Action Research. *45th Anniversary of BARD Special Bulletin*, BARD, Comilla, May 2004.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Kabir, M. K. (2004). Action Research Activities of BARD-Four Decade's Experiences. *45th Anniversary of BARD Special Bulletin*, BARD, Comilla, May 2004.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul (2001). The Role of SFDP¹ in Women Empowerment: A Case Study. *43rd Anniversary of BARD Special Bulletin*, BARD, Comilla.

¹ Small farmers landless laborers development program

Conference Presentations/Proceedings

- Malek, Mohamamd Abdul malek (2010). Linkages among household male members` out-migration, farm level land-use intensity and biodiversity in rural Bangladesh-Could it be a research/policy issue? 2nd Tele-Conference on Environmental Aspects (TCEA), Bangladesh Environmental Network, Japan (BENJapan), 3rd July 2010.
- Malek, Mohamamd Abdul malek (2009). Participation of micro-credit borrowing households in household based enterprises in rural Bangladesh. Institute of Microfinance (InM), PkSF Building, Agargoan, Dhaka, Bangladesh dated 22 October 2009.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2009). Do Non-farm Employments Really Matter For Poverty Among Small Households In Developed Villages Of Bangladesh? A Case Of Comilla Sadar Upazila. Symposium in Economics, Economics Research Group (ERG), Dhaka, Bangladesh dated 27 August 2009.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2009). Effects of Non-farm Employments on Poverty among Small Households in Developed Villages of Bangladesh. 111 EAAE-IAAE Seminar `Small Farms: decline or persistence` University of Kent, Canterbury, UK during 25th-28th June 2009.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2008). State and Growth Linkages of Non-farm Activities in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. Poster paper presented at Doctoral Seminar during 15-17 October 2008, Daisen, Tottori University, Tottori, Japan.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2008). Determinants of Non-farm Employments in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. BDI Conference *Bangladesh in the 21st Century* dated 13-14 June 2008 at Harvard University, Boston, USA.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2007). Determinants of Non-farm Income Diversification in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. Paper presented at the 57th Annual conference of the Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics, 19-21 October 2007, Kanazawa Prefectural University, Kanazawa, Japan.
- Malek, Mohammad Abdul and Usami, Koichi (2006). State of Micro-enterprises in Rural Bangladesh: A Case in Comilla Sadar *Upazila*. Paper presented at the 56th Annual conference of the Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics, 26-27 October 2006, St. Andrew`s University, Osaka, Japan.
- Roy, Mihir Kumar and Malek, Mohammad Abdul (2002). Human Development through Building Social Capital in Rural Areas: Some Experiences. Paper presented at the 14th Biennial Conference of the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA), 18-20 September 2002, Engineers` Institute of Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Research study completed

- `Non-farm Employment and Poverty in Rural Bangladesh: A Case of Advanced Villages`. Graduate research study project from October 2005 to September 2010.
- `Women`s` Development in Bangladesh: A Historical and Practical Analysis for Future Directions` funded by Social Science Research Council (SSRC)/Bangladesh from July 2002 to June 2003.
- `Impact on Human Development of Various DYD² Programs under Chittagong Division: An Evaluation` funded by DYD, the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) from January 2002 to July 2004.

Action research projects involved (May 2001-September 2005)

- Wider replication of the project `Comprehensive Village Development Program (CVDP)` funded by the GOB.
- Wider replication of the project `Small Farmers, Landless and Laborers Development Program (SFDP)` funded by the GOB.
- Project planning, formulation and processing stage of the project `An Action Research Initiative in the functioning of Union *Parishad* for Sustainable Local Development through Practicing

² Department of Youth Development.

Good Governance (ARIFUP)`.

Training courses/sessions accomplished (May 2001-October 2005)

Topics covered as resource person for Bangladesh Civil Servants and other development executives

- Development Project Planning, monitoring and evaluation:
Development project: definition, cycle, characteristics and classification, cost benefit analysis, logical framework, concept and application of Gantt Chart, CPM and PERT, filling different project formats, action research activities of BARD: four decade's experiences.
- Economics and Development:
Market structure, characteristics of market economy, exchange rate analysis, recent trend of Bangladesh Economy, an outline of economic history of Bangladesh: post independence perspective, concept of economic development: background and evolution, entrepreneurship: types, characteristics and process, entrepreneurship development in Bangladesh: problem and prospects, human development index: with special reference to Human Development Report.

Brochure development of BARD self-initiated training courses as a core Team member

- Monitoring and evaluation of development projects
- Development project planning and management
- Research methodology for social science researchers
- Entrepreneurship development.

Training courses organized as Assistant Course Director

- Monitoring and Evaluation of Poverty Focused Rural Development Program (M&E-PFRDP)
- Development Project Planning and Management (DPPM)
- Foundation Training Course
- Management Development and Rural Economy.
- Leadership Creation and Management Development

Summary of skills

- Research and presentation skills on rural and agricultural economic issues including writing proposal, survey set-up, data management and writing/reviewing scholarly papers,
- Training/teaching skills on rural economics/rural development projects, research methodology, research design and proposal writing, etc.
- Developing project planning, monitoring and evaluation skills,
- Desktop management with MS office and econometric software skills (STATA, SPSS, E-views, etc.),
- Language skills: fluent in English and Bengali, survival level in Japanese.
- Interpersonal communication, networking, liaison and leadership skills.

Previous appointments

- Assistant Director
Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD),
Comilla, Bangladesh
May 2001 – December 2010 (On study: May 2001-September 2010)
- Visiting PhD Fellow (As part of Doctoral Internship),
Institute of Microfinance (InM), Dhaka, Bangladesh
August-October 2009
- Part-time Junior Researcher
BARD-Poverty Elimination through Rice Research
Assistance (PETRRA) Collaboration on Monitoring and
Evaluation (M&E) for PETRRA, International Rice
Research Institute (IRRI), Dhaka, Bangladesh
August 2003-August 2004
- Research Intern
Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dhaka, Bangladesh
January-March 2001

Professional Training Received /Workshop Attended

<u>Sl. no.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Institute</u>	<u>Type of Training Received/ Workshop Attended</u>	<u>Duration</u>
01	Brac and Hurvest Plus	Addressing Micronutrient Malnutrition in Bangladesh: A Case of Zinc Fortified Rice	11-12 May 2011

02	Brac, IGC and IIG	Entrepreneurship and Development: Policies, Practice and Experiences	27-28 March 2011
03	Brac RED and Center for Development Research, Bonn University, Germany	System Dynamics for Marginality Analysis	20, 22-23 February 2011
04	Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad, India	Managing Micro-enterprise and Micro-finance Development	Nov. 08- Dec. 17 2004
05	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), Dhaka	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reviewer's Course	11-22 July 2004
06	Academy for Planning and Development, Dhaka	Development Project Monitoring and Evaluation	18 April - 28 April 2004
07	Academy for Planning and Development, Dhaka	Globalization: Its Impact on Bangladesh Economy	28-30 October 2002
08	Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka and World Bank Institution	Introduction to Poverty Analysis	15-25 July 2002
09	Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Savar, Dhaka	Fist Project Management Course	23-27 March 2002
10	Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), Dhaka	Filling-up of Different formats and Fund Release Related to Development Projects	02-03 January 2002
11	Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla	Training on Preparation of Project Profile/ Project Concept Paper/ Technical Assistance Project Proposal/ Project Proforma	04-05 October 2001
12	The Hunger Project, Bangladesh	Animator Training	03- 06 September 2001
13	Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla	Orientation Programme to Rural Development	31 May – 30 August 2001

Awards, fellowships and scholarships

- 2007 – 2010 The Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for three years Doctoral Course
- 2009 InM Fellowship for working as Visiting PhD Fellow
- 2009 IAAE Travel Grants for 111 EAAE-IAAE Seminar 'Small Farms: decline or persistence' at University of Kent, Canterbury, UK.
- 2005 – 2007 The Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for two years Master Course
- 2004 Indian Technical Cooperation (ITEC) Fellowship
- 1995-1999 Dhaka University Scholarship
- 1992-1994 National Merit Scholarship, The Government of Bangladesh

Affiliations with professional bodies and voluntary organizations

- International Association for Agricultural Economists (IAAE)/ January 2008 to onwards.
- Japan Society for Rural Economics/April 2009 to March 2010.
- The Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics, Japan/April 2006 to March 2008.
- South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)/ 2009 to

onwards

- Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA), Dhaka, Bangladesh/Life Member from January 2002 to onwards.
- Bangladesh Young Economists (B_Y_E) Association/ March 2008 to onwards.
- Dhaka University Economics Department alumni Association/ Life member from 2004.
- Bangladesh Society for Training and Development (BSTD), Dhaka, Bangladesh/January 2002 to December 2004.
- Aste Aste-Cooperation and Partnership with Bangladesh as an Associate Member/April 2008 to onwards.
- Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad as an Alumni/December 2004 to onwards.
- Faculty Council of BARD, Comilla, Bangladesh/ May 2001 to December 2010.
- Several Online Groups.

References

On requests

Personal Information

- Date of Birth : 01 January 1978
 - Marital Status : Married and father of a daughter
 - Nationality : Bangladeshi (by birth)
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