

**Curriculum Vitae  
of  
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**OVERVIEW**

Public Health Physician with research and evaluation background. Have professional expertise in designing and conducting clinical and public health research. Extensive field experience on public health problems of Bangladesh and low- and middle-income countries. Experienced in implementing programmes on operation research issues. Efficient in research management and mentoring in multi-disciplinary, multi-ethnic environment. Proficient in the use of computer in data management and analysis. Published extensively in peer reviewed journals and authored book chapters, research monographs and working papers.

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**ACADEMIC TRAINING**

<b><u>Degree</u></b>	<b><u>Discipline</u></b>	<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
<b>PhD</b>	Public Health	Karolinska Institutet University, Sweden	2005
<b>MPH</b>	Community Medicine	NIPSOM (U of Dhaka)	1991
<b>MBBS</b>	Medicine & Surgery	Dhaka Medical College (U of Dhaka)	1978

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

<b>Fellowship in Population and International Health (David E Bell fellow)</b>	Harvard University (HCPDS)	1997
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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
1	Research Coordinator	BRAC Research and Evaluation Division	Apr. 2003 till date
2	Senior Medical Officer (Research)	BRAC Research and Evaluation Division	Sept. 1995 - Mar.2003
3	Medical Officer (Research)	BRAC Research and Evaluation Division	June 1992 - Aug.1995
4	Medical Officer	MOH, Govt. of IR Iran	Feb. 1984 - Feb. 1989
5	Clinical Research Fellow/ Physician	ICDDR,B	Sept. 1980 - Dec. 1983
6	Medical Officer	Diabetic Association, Bangladesh	Feb 1980 - Aug.1980
7	Medical Officer	MOH&FW, Govt. Bangladesh	Sept.1979 - Jan 1980
8	Asstt. Surgeon (In-service Trainee)	Dhaka Medical College Hospital	Sept. 1978 - Aug.1979

## **INVOLVEMENT IN MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PAST TEN YEARS INCLUDING ON-GOING ONES**

<b><u>Project/ Program</u></b>	<b><u>Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
Strengthening health system for improving maternal, neonatal and child health in rural areas	DFID, UNICEF and AusAid	10 districts of Bangladesh	2008-2012
Bangladesh Health Watch	SIDA	Bangladesh	2007-
MANOSHI (Maternal, neonatal and child health among slum population)	Gates Foundation	Slums in metropolitan cities of Bangladesh	2007-2011
BRAC Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Programme	Govt. of Netherlands	150 sub-districts (out of 480 total) of Bangladesh	2006-2010
Primary Health Care in Later Life (PHILL Study)	European Commission	Sweden, UK, Vietnam, Bangladesh	2002-2005
Bangladesh Health Equity Watch (BHEW)	Rockefeller Foundation	Bangladesh (BRAC, ICDDR,B, BIDS, BBS/NIPORT)	2002-
Indepth (Watch)	Rockefeller/Gates Foundation	African and Asian countries (DSS Sites)	1998-
BRAC-ICDDR,B Joint Research Project at Matlab	Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation ICRW	Bangladesh	1992-2002

## **RESEARCH and TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Varied experiences in Clinical and Public Health research. Designed and conducted clinical trials on the efficacy of different types of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS). Currently involved in studying the impact of microcredit-based development interventions on the health and well-being of the poor especially the ultra-poor, and exploring the mechanisms of such impact; gender and health; health equity and improving health system's ability to reach the poorest-of-the poor and other disadvantaged populations in the society; and the problems of human resources for health (HRH) in terms of shortage, inequitable distribution and quality of care.
- Experienced in coordinating and managing multi-disciplinary, multi-ethnic research teams towards achieving the common goal
- Mentoring junior and mid-level researchers and international interns at BRAC Research and Evaluation Division
- Adjunct faculty at James P. Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University; guiding MPH students in research and dissertation writing
- Experienced in large data base management. Skills in analyzing data using common statistical packages e.g., SPSS/Stata for Windows

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Thesis (PhD): **Ahmed SM**. *Exploring health-seeking behaviour of disadvantaged populations in rural Bangladesh*. Stockholm, Sweden: Karolinska University Press, 2005. (Available from: <http://diss.kib.ki.se/2005/91-7140-435-X/>)

### ***Peer-reviewed Journals:***

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2. **Ahmed SM**, Hossain MA. (2009). Informal sector providers in Bangladesh: how equipped they are to provide rational health care? *Health Policy and Planning* (*in press*).
3. **Ahmed SM**. (2009). Capability development among the ultra-poor in Bangladesh: a case study. *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* (*in press*).
4. **Ahmed SM**. (2008). Taking healthcare where the community is: the story of the Shasthya Shebikas of BRAC in Bangladesh. *BRAC University Journal*; V(1):37-43
5. Wahlin A, Anstey KJ, McDonald SWS, **Ahmed SM**, Kivipelto M et al. (2008). The international Network on Public Health and Aging (INOPA): Introducing a Life Course Perspective to the Public Health Agenda. *Journal of Cross-cultural Gerontology*; 23: 97-105 .
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8. Rana AKMM, Lundborg CS, Wahlin Å, **Ahmed SM**, ZN Kabir. (2007). The impact of health education in managing self-reported arthritis-related illness among elderly persons in rural Bangladesh. *Health Education Journal*; 23(1): 94-105.

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10. Nasreen HE, Bhuiya A, **Ahmed SM**, Chowdhury M. (2006). Women focused development intervention reduce neonatal mortality in rural Bangladesh: a study of the pathways of influence. *Journal of Neonatology*; 20(4):304-315.
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13. **Ahmed SM**, Adams AM, Chowdhury M, Bhuiya A. (2003). Changing health-seeking behaviour in Matlab, Bangladesh: do development interventions matter? *Health policy and Planning*; 18(3): 306-315.
14. **Ahmed SM**, Rana AKMM, Chowdhury M, Bhuiya A. (2002). Measuring perceived health outcome in non-western culture: Does SF-36 has a place? *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition*; 20(4 ): 334-342.
15. **Ahmed SM**, Rana AKMM, Chowdhury SM, Mills A, Bennet S. (2002). Substance and drug abuse: Knowledge, attitude and perception of schoolgoing adolescents in Bangladesh. *Regional Health Forum*; 6(1): 59-71.
16. **Ahmed SM**. (2001). Differing health and health-seeking behaviour: ethnic minorities of the Chittagong Hill Tract, Bangladesh. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health*; 13(2): 100-8.
17. **Ahmed SM**, Chowdhury M, Bhuiya A. (2001). Microcredit and emotional well-being: the case of poor rural women from Matlab, Bangladesh. *World Development*: 29(11):1957-1966.
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61. Mainstreaming ageing in health systems. *The Daily Star* 27 Nov 2005.
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2. Clustering of NCD risk factors among selected Asian populations: levels and determinants. Paper presented at "Workshop on Non Communicable Disease Risk factor Surveillance"; Bangkok, Thailand, 4-7 August, 2008.
3. Taking health care where the community is: The story of the Shasthya Sebikas of BRAC. Paper presented at "Second Asia-Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health (AAAHH) Conference"; Beijing, China, October 12-14, 2007.
4. Reaching the poorest of the poor with health services: the case of BRAC's CFPR/TUP programme in Bangladesh. Paper presented at "The Private Sector in Health Care Delivery-Potentials and Challenges"; Jinan/Shandong, China, September 26-28, 2006.
5. How do you measure the concept of poverty: BRAC experiences. Paper presented at "TB and poverty: Are we doing enough?"; Bellagio, Italy, 6-8 December, 2005.
6. Healthcare for the ultra-poor: the case of BRAC's CFPR/TUP programme. Paper presented at "Meeting the health-related needs of the extreme poor"; London, 14-15 February, 2005.
7. Tentative intervention package for Bangladesh. Paper presented at "The Second PHILL Partner Workshop: Intervention design and data analysis strategy"; Hanoi, 7-11 July, 2003.
8. WATCH: The Demographic Surveillance System of BRAC Research and Evaluation Division. Paper presented at "Workshop On Analysis Of Vaccination Data"; Nairobi, November 26-30, 2001.
9. Health-seeking behaviour of BRAC member and non-member households Paper presented at "6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Global Health Council"; Arlington, Virginia, June 20-22, 1999.
10. Community based TB control programmes in Bangladesh – BRAC experience. Paper presented at "International Seminar on Emerging Public Health Issues in South Asia"; Achutha Menon Centre for Health Sciences studies, Trivandrum, Kerala, India, May 22 – 23, 1998.
11. Socioeconomic development and health of the poor: exploring pathways of change. Paper presented at "Workshop on Data Analysis"; Boston, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, April 21-28, 1997.

12. Health-care seeking behaviour of individuals from the BRAC-member and non-member households. Paper presented at '*Fifth Annual Scientific Conference ASCON V*'; Dhaka, 13-14 January 1996.

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