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Objective:

To work as a research analyst or project manager in development organization or any other related organization.

Present Work Details:

- Currently employed at Research and Evaluation Division (RED) at BRAC as a Staff Researcher since August 2007.
- Worked on a study of ELA, Employment and Livelihood for Adolescents, a project with Nike Foundation and published a working paper called “Providing Microfinance and Social Space to Empower Adolescent Girls: An Evaluation of BRAC’s ELA Centres” this year.
- Involved with a randomized study of Adolescents Programs, namely ELA-ADP study. These are two of BRAC’s adolescent programs, ADP and ELA, which are in rapid expansion mode. These programs mainly attempt to provide micro-finance and social learning opportunities on scale.
- Involved with another randomized study of ADP in the border areas of Bangladesh.
- Involved with an adolescent project called Social and Financial Empowerment of Adolescents (SOFA)
- Involved with BRAC Enterprises and did a qualitative analysis on a project called South Asia Pro Poor Livestock Policy Program (SAPPLPP)
- Involved with the study of Small Business Employees’ Wages and Poverty Status (BRAC Bank Small Business Clients), a collaborated study of BB, RED and Shorecap Exchange.
- Associated with a randomized study on mentoring by BRAC Education Program
- Involved in the CFPR-TUP Micro finance program of BRAC and another study with Microfinance Summit
- Responsible for writing project proposals for BRAC Southern Sudan

Education:

2007 - Bachelor of Economics and Social Science - BRAC University
CGPA-3.7/4.0

Selected project: Thesis on Socio Economic Profile of Street Children in Dhaka, Valuation of Diarrhea in affecting Children’s Health in selected Slum Areas of Dhaka, Human Resource Management in BAT (British American Tobacco), Women in Natural Resource Management, East Asian Financial Crisis.

2001 - H.S.C - Viqarunnisa Noon School

1999 - S.S.C - Viqarunnisa Noon School

Experience:

- Consultancy work for many Independent Researchers and organization like Novartis.
- Research Assistant and Internship at ATSEC Bangladesh in a 3-month project on Human Trafficking in Bangladesh.

- Assisted in preparing a TIP (Trafficking in Persons) Report for ATSEC Bangladesh on behalf of IOM, BNWLA and UDDIPAN.
- Worked on developing and updating the official website of ATSEC Bangladesh.
- Teacher, part time, since 2000
 - Teach Math, English, Science and Economics to students of Class 4 to 10.

Computer Skills:

- Microsoft Windows (98, 2000, XP); Microsoft Office 2003 (Power point, Word, Excel, Publisher), Internet use (e-mail, internet fax, web browsing, web page updating etc.)
- Econometric analysis using SPSS, Microfit and Stata
- Mathematica

Language Skills:

- Fluent in spoken and written English & Bengali

Interests/ ECA:

- Participated in an international conference organized by **UNESCO** in Paris, 1999 called the World Parliament of Children.
- Volunteered in a three day long workshop on acid victims organized by **Action Aid** in August 2001
- Participated in many inter school and TV debates during school and college as team leader. 2nd runner up in the 4th National Parliamentary Debate Competition in Bangladesh Television.
- As a member of BRAC University Debating Club, participated in many Inter and Intra College and University Debating Competitions.
- President of the BRAC University Economics Club (BUEC), 2005-06.
- Participated in the talk show on National Television called “Agamir Kantha” on Bangla Vision as a Panelist in December 2006.
- Free lance research on bonded child labor in Bangladesh for the famous Iranian photographer Abbas in January 2007.
- Voluntary service in a street children based local NGO, **Streetwise**.
- Member of Oikos International, a student run organization on sustainable economics and management and participated in an annual conference at St Gallen in Switzerland in 2007
- Participated in the Copenhagen Consensus Youth Forum 08 held in Denmark, May 2008 and presented on topics like Education and Climate Change in the conference.

Reference:

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