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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master of Science in Sociology

Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, Oklahoma [21/08/2023 – Current]

City: Stillwater

Country: United States

Website: https://cas.okstate.edu/department_of_sociology/

Field(s) of study: Environmental Sociology

Bachelor of Social Science

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) [16/01/2019 – 29/12/2022]

City: Dhaka

Country: Bangladesh

Website: <https://www.bup.edu.bd/>

Field(s) of study: Disaster and Human Security Management

Final grade: CGPA: 3.98 out of 4 – Level in EQF: EQF level 6

NQF Level: Bachelor – Type of credits: BD Credit Hours – Number of credits: 130.5

Thesis: Mass Media and Disaster Management: A study on Bangladesh perspective

Natural Hazards, Climate Change, Public health, Mass Media, Natural Resource Management, Disaster Management, Geography, Community Vulnerability and Resilience, Risk Perceptions, Human Security, Migration, Crisis Management, Crisis Communication, Social Resilience, Environment Impact Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Sustainable Development, Gender Study, Human Behavior, Environmental Sociology, Loss and Damage Assessment

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Vice Chancellor Merit Scholarship (2022)

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)

BUP Scholarship (2019)

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)

Dean's letter of Appreciation, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University (OSU) [21/08/2023 – Current]

City: Stillwater

Country: United States

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Teaching Assistant Assignment

- Social Stratification
- Environmental Inequality

Research Assistant

CRRIC –Conflict Resilience Research Institute Canada [02/01/2023 – Current]

City: Manitoba

Country: Canada

Research Assistant

Human Dimensions and Disaster Management Research Group [01/09/2020 – Current]

City: Dhaka

Country: Bangladesh

Co-author and Executive Team Member

Research Intern

International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) [01/03/2023 – 31/07/2023]

City: Dhaka

Country: Bangladesh

International Relations Intern

SQS Global Network [14/12/2021 – 14/03/2022]

City: Dhaka

Country: Bangladesh

Communicated and attended virtual meetings with international clients for E-book and foreign universities. Wrote proposals, social media contents, developed sites and communicated with relevant internal and external stakeholders.

Event Intern

Travel Bangladesh [01/02/2021 – 31/05/2021]

City: Dhaka

Country: Bangladesh

Published contents in social media platforms, contacted with guests for weekly Facebook live program and ran the program from Streamyard.

Education Officer Intern

Ignite Youth Foundation [01/10/2020 – 05/03/2021]

City: Dhaka

Country: Bangladesh

Gathered education and stationary sponsors for the children, wrote sponsorship letters, mailed, made Action Plan for school activities, contacted with students' parent and did a Facebook live on 'Sponsor a Child' program. Under my guidance there were some volunteers who had the responsibility to carry out the plans. Handled and published contents in all social media platforms.

Joint Secretary

BUP Disaster Management Forum [Current]

Arranged Disaster Management Exercise at national level on Earthquake (2021) and Fire Prevention (2022). Also arranged different seminars on higher education, webinar on "Climate Change Vulnerability and Local Adaptation Strategies in Bangladesh", workshop on 'Introduction to OpenStreetMap', raised donation for Sylhet Flood victims 2022, handled social media accounts, made budgets for program, distributed works and monitored them.

PROJECTS

Mass Media and Disaster Management: A study on Bangladesh perspective

[Current]

Heatwave responses among people of Bangladesh: Assessment of status and individual view towards Heatwave

[Current]

COVID-19 related Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) among the Social Workers of Bangladesh

[01/05/2021 – 17/10/2022]

Published in Public Organization Review (Springer Link)

Effective Public Health Adaptation to Climate Change in Urban Community: A Case Study on Vector Borne Diseases in Dhaka City.

[01/09/2020 – 31/08/2021]

Funded by: University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh

Worked as Field Data collector and Enumerator

Knowledge, Attitude and Practices towards Dengue Fever among Slum Dwellers: A Case Study in Dhaka City, Bangladesh

[01/05/2021 – 17/10/2022]

Considered for publication in International Journal of Public Health

UNICEF Beneficiary Selection Checklist for Flood Anticipatory Action (CERF 2021)

[13/06/2021 – 18/07/2021]

Project led by IDMVS, University of Dhaka

Collected data from households situated in the flood prone areas of Bangladesh.

The Youth Press and Development Organization (YPDO)

[05/2021]

UN Online Volunteering Organization

Contribution towards Sustainable Development Goals (4.Quality Education), Zambia.

Helped in raising funds for food and other supplies by developing fund raising strategies and attracting potential donors (individuals and organization) to the GoFundMe fundraiser. Witnessed the sufferings and poverty issues faced by youths and other vulnerable groups in Zambia.

Community Development and Sustainability Organization (CDS)

[04/2021]

UN Online Volunteering Organization

Strengthening capacities and Community Nurturing to prevent, resolve conflicts, rights promotion protection in Kenya.

CDS works with Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development in Kenya to tackle the community challenges people face on a day-to-day basis, providing structure and unity. Also worked for Women and Girls Education Scholarships (WAGES) and Elderly COVID-19 project, developed research proposal, project plan, fund raising strategy, successfully applied at GlobalGiving for fund raising. Had the chance to learn from and work with individuals of different countries.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

National Conference on Disaster, Climate, and Sustainability, March 14, 2022

[Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), Dhaka University]

Published a conference paper on "Mass Media and Disaster Management" and received significant appreciation for the work being unique in its field.

Disaster Response Exercise and Exchange (DREE), Bangladesh 2021

[Ministry of Disaster and Relief, Bangladesh & Armed Forces Division, Bangladesh]

DREE is the the largest exercise on earthquake management in South Asia, participants joined from different organizations, ministries and foreign countries. I was in the Damage Assessment Cell where the Table Talk Exercise offered me an immense opportunity to share knowledge and gather knowledge from different distinguished speakers of different countries and organizations for better preparedness to deal with disasters.

Disaster Management Exercise (DMX), 2021

[Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)]

Earthquake Management Exercise- Communication and Media Cell

Disaster Management Exercise (DMX 2.0), 2022

[Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)]

Fire Prevention and Management

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office / Arc Catalog / QGIS / Kobo toolkit / Tableau / Zotero / Mendeley / Python / Google Suite

VOLUNTEERING

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC)

Volunteer

- Trained on financial reporting and fundraising techniques for future business or initiative.
- Trained on Tools and techniques of data collection and filling out a survey
- Completed course on Excel for Beginners
- Completed course on Writing with Clarity and Purpose
- Collected online data over telephone

United Nations Youth and Students Association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB)

Associate Member

- Actively participated in and contributed at Eid for Street Children
- Collected funds for distributing dry groceries and dry foods to 400+ families to the most Amphan affected regions
- Actively participated in the Shadow Youth Parliament

WeMen View

Campus Ambassador- Conducted Online Workshop on Gender Based Violence at Workplace.

Project Pothchola

Wrote work book contents for children of sex workers in Bangladesh.

AMI Initiative

Campus Ambassador

Trained on Leadership & Project Planning

Contributed in "Sobar Jonno Boi 2022" to collect and distribute books in non-profit, non-government, and government schools for underprivileged students. The goal was to set up a library in each school.

Hope Foundation

Volunteer

Completed the Workshop on "Project Planning and Event Management".

Distributed foods and winter cloths among daily labors, underprivileged children and celebrated special days with them.

Ashia Foundation

Collected funds for people in remote area during Covid-19.

ONLINE WORKSHOP

UNICEF

1. Community Engagement in Emergencies Preparedness and Response
2. Emergency Preparedness and Response
3. Humanitarian System in Emergencies Preparedness and Response
4. Resource Mobilization to Meet Nutritional Needs in Emergencies
5. Situation Analyses in Emergencies Preparedness and Response

Save the Children

1. Effects of Emergencies on Health & Nutrition: An Introduction
2. Effects of Emergencies on Health & Nutrition: An Advanced Guide
3. Humanitarian Information Management, Communications and Media

CDAC Network- Communication is Aid

RECOMMENDATIONS

Assistant professor

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