

KNOWLEDGE FAIR ON SDGs SRHR 2019

PROGRAMME BOOK

SRHR: KEY TO GENDER EQUALITY

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ABOUT SHARE-NET BANGLADESH

Share-Net Bangladesh is the country hub of Share-Net International, a Knowledge Platform focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), based in the Netherlands. The platform aims to contribute significantly to policy and program development in the field of SRHR in developing countries. Share-Net Bangladesh is the first of its global node, drawing on the years of experiences and interventions by practitioners, researchers, and policymakers in the field of sexual reproductive health, especially placing at the centre of human rights.

Share-Net Bangladesh aims to bring together this dynamic community of practice (CoP) that consists of social and medical researchers, development practitioners, government officials, legal experts, students, and members of vulnerable and under-served groups to engage with one another to find solutions and take critical issues forward. Share-Net Bangladesh has more than 1000 individual members.

While Bangladeshi practitioners have been working on SRHR issues for an extensive period of time, creating best practices and generating knowledge through rigorous research, SRHR remains a possible thrust area in establishing greater human rights. Key functions of the network include:

1. Establishing links with key national, global partners, stakeholders and networks working on SRHR
2. Sharing and stimulating the use of existing SRHR knowledge
3. Generating new knowledge to address priority research and intervention gaps
4. Disseminating knowledge through effective communication tools
5. Creating space for finding solution and supporting advocacy
6. Bridging the gap between all involved in SRHR policy and services

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SRHR KNOWLEDGE FAIR 2019

SRHR: Key to Gender Equality

Welcome to the 4th SRHR Knowledge Fair by Share-Net Bangladesh. The fourth Knowledge Fair will put the spotlight on SRHR and most importantly, Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

The subject matter for the discussions in SRHR Knowledge Fair 2019 is SRHR: Key to Gender Equality. The overall theme is #KnowledgeEmpowers.

This goal aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls to reach their full potential. The central question therefore is: How to reach women's full potential through SRHR?

Gender equality and women's empowerment require eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against them. Three targets of SDG 5 are related to SRHR:

Target 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking, sexual and other types of exploitation

Target 5.3: Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child and forced marriage

Target 5.6: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights in accordance with the Program of Action of the ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

TIME	EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
09.30	Registration & Goody Bag Distribution
<i>Opening Session: SDG 5, SRHR: Key to Gender Equality and Everybody's Business</i>	
10.00	<p>5-years achievement of Share-Net Bangladesh Kishore Kumer Basak, Coordinator, Share-Net Bangladesh</p> <p>WELCOME NOTE Arnob Chakrabarty Project Director, Share-Net Bangladesh</p> <p>SPEECH BY GUEST OF HONOUR Dr Asa Torkelsson Country Representative at United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</p> <p>SPEECH BY SPECIAL GUESTS Trina Oviedo First Secretary (Development), High Commission of Canada</p> <p>Quazi A K M Mohiul Islam Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)</p> <p>Selima Ahmad MP President, Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce & Industries</p> <p>SPEECH BY CHIEF GUEST Nasima Begum ndc Chairman, National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh</p> <p>SESSION CHAIR Dr Abul Hossain Chair of the Steering Committee, Share-Net Bangladesh; and Project Director, Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women, MoWCA</p>
11:00	Tea Break

Plenary: Role of Donors, Government and the Private Sector in Advancing SDG5 Focusing on SRHR

11:15

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Dr Ubaidur Rob

Country Director, Population Council Bangladesh

DISCUSSANTS

Liesbeth Zonneveld

Chief of Party Bangladesh Counter Trafficking-in-Persons Project
Winrock International

Trina Oviedo

First Secretary (Development), High Commission of Canada

Dr Abul Hossain

Project Director, Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women, MoWCA

Selima Ahmed MP

President, Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce & Industries

MODERATOR

Ella de Voogd

Senior Advisor- SRHR and Gender, RedOrange Media and Communications

Research Presentation by Young Researchers

12:15

Violence Against Trans-women in Dhaka

Sanjida Bintey Ali

Urban and Regional Planning (URP), Jahangirnagar University

MHM for Women and Girls with Disabilities in Dhaka

Md Arif Chowdhury

Dept. of Water Resource Development, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

12:45

Stall Exhibition, Poster Presentations and Lunch Break

[Parallel] Scientific Sessions 1: Making Quality Sexual and Reproductive Health Education available to all

14:00

Effectiveness of BRAC Intervention Regarding Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for Adolescent Club Members

Tanjeeba Chowdhury

Research Associate, BRAC Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University

Increase Knowledge on Family Planning of Newly Married Couples for Delaying Early Pregnancy and Prevent Unwanted Pregnancy

Niajur Rahman

Programme Manager (FSD unit), Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)

Exploring Sexuality and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) in Education Curriculum: A Gender Lens on Bangladesh Secondary Education

Hasne Ara Begum

Gender Specialist, BRAC

DISCUSSANTS

Dr Noor Mohammad

Executive Director, Population Services and Training Center (PSTC)

Dr Alia El Mohandes

Senior Family Planning Advisor, USAID

MODERATOR

Mahmuda Rahman Khan

Senior Program Development Specialist, USAID

[Parallel] Scientific Session 2: Advancing Justice and Equity in Sexual and Reproductive Health in Health Care

14:00

SRHR as Entry Point in Advancing Gender Equality: Critical Reflections on Female Garment Worker's Sexual and Reproductive Health Practices in Gazipur

Dr Runa Laila

Senior Research Fellow, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

SRHR Needs and Challenges of Youth Transgender Women in Bangladesh

Nabakumar Dutta

Project Focal, Bandhu Social Welfare Society

SRHR Demand and Supply Results Secured SRH Right; Quality Health Care: A Comparative Analysis

Farhana Ferdoush

Communication Officer, Marie Stopes Bangladesh

DISCUSSANTS

Dr Julia Ahmed

Independent Consultant

Oxford Policy Management (OPM), ResInternational, Pathfinder International, Gonoshastho Kendra

Dr Md Sarwar Bari

Line Director, Field Services Delivery Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)

MODERATOR

Imrul Hasan Khan

Senior Advisor- Public-Private Partnerships, RedOrange Media and Communications

[Parallel] Scientific Session 3: Prevention and Protection from Sexual Harassment in Public and Work Places

14:00

Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights (SRHR) of Bangladeshi Women Migrant Workers in Saudi Arabia

Aadeeba Kaareen
Individual consultant

The Campus Hero Café: Promoting SRHR Addressing Masculinities While Preventing Gender Based Violence

Minhaz Uddin Shibly
Programme Officer, Center for Men and Masculinities Studies,
University of Dhaka

Soft-Law and Educational Approach to the Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace in Bangladeshi Organizations

Shahanaz Parven
People's Friendship University of Russia

DISCUSSANTS

Md Azmal Hossain
Programme Analyst—Urban Health, UNFPA

Sharmin Islam
Women's Economic Empowerment Specialist and the Gender focal,
UNDP

Taposhi Rabaya
Assistant Director (Mediation & Gender), BLAST

MODERATOR

Ruchira Tabassum Naved
Senior Scientist, icddr,b

15:00

Tea with Cultural Session

Drama: "I Won't Hide Anymore" by Medicine sans Frontier
Dance: "Beauty of Bangladesh" by Essence of Soul

Closing Session

15:45

Knowledge Fair Youth Declaration

by Youth Representatives

SPEECH BY SPECIAL GUEST

Mushfiqua Satiar

Senior Advisor, SRHR and Gender

Embassy of The Kingdom of The Netherlands

SPEECH BY CHIEF GUEST

Dr Ashrafurnnessa

Line Director, IEM, Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)

'WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TODAY' & VOTE OF THANKS

Arnob Chakrabarty

Project Director, Share-Net Bangladesh, and

Managing Director, RedOrange Media and Communications

16:45

Networking

THOSE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

CHIEF GUEST (OPENING)



Nasima Begum ndc

Chairman, National Human Rights Commission Bangladesh

Nasima Begum ndc is the first woman to be appointed as the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission. She has been deeply engaged in mainstreaming the backward and marginalized classes into development activities and conducted research on inclusive education, special schooling and comprehensive autistic children learning system.

SPECIAL GUESTS (OPENING)



Selima Ahmad MP

President of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce

Selima Ahmad MP, an entrepreneur and business leader, is a Member of Parliament of the People's Republic of Bangladesh elected in the 11 th National Election held in December 2018. As the President and Founder of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) and Vice Chairperson of Nitol-Niloy Group, Selima Ahmad is the developing world's personification working for the private sector development for the last 30 years.



Quazi A K M Mohiul Islam

Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)

Kazi A K M Mohiul Islam has previously served as a Magistrate of Jhenaidah District Administrator's office, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Poland and Kuwait Ambassador's Office under the Foreign Ministry of Bangladesh, Deputy Secretary of Cabinet of Bangladesh.



Trina Oviedo

First Secretary (Development), High Commission of Canada

Prior to coming to Dhaka, Trina worked at Global Affairs Canada's Headquarters in Ottawa, Canada in the Peace and Stabilization Operations (PSOPs) section providing programming for Colombia, where she travelled extensively and put in place 12 projects in the areas of SGBV, police reform, army reform, landmine action, support for the Government of Colombia in the peace negotiations and training for journalists.

GUEST OF HONOUR



Dr Asa Torkelsson

Country Representative at United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Prior to her appointment in Bangladesh, she served and acted in several UN Women positions, as advisor for economic empowerment in Eastern and Southern Africa region, based in Nairobi, and in the Asia Pacific (AP) region, based in Bangkok, as well as deputy representative for the UN Women Multi Country Office for India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka, based in Delhi.

SESSION CHAIR



Dr Abul Hossain

Project Director, Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women, MoWCA

Dr Abul Hossain is the Project Director of Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. Dr Hossain is a career bureaucrat with excellent educational and research background commanding over issues on national and international importance.

CHIEF GUEST (CLOSING)



Dr Ashrafurnessa

Director (IEM) & Line Director (IEC), Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)

Dr Ashrafurnessa is a highly experienced public servant and social researcher with over 30 years of experience in a broad range of disciplines including: administration, training, planning, teaching, human resource management, policy analysis and research.

SPECIAL GUESTS (CLOSING)

Mushfiqa Zaman Satiar
*Senior Advisor, SRHR and Gender
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*



Mushfiqa Zaman Satiar has been working with the SRHR and Gender Sector of the Embassy for last ten years. She has initiated a many comprehensive portfolios pertaining to issues such as CSE, YFS, menstrual regulation (abortion), menstrual hygiene management, child marriage, GBV, and HIV/AIDS.

KEYNOTE PRESENTER

Dr Ubaidur Rob
Country Director, Population Council Bangladesh



Dr Ubaidur Rob provides leadership and technical guidance in the development, management, and evaluation of research projects implemented by the Government of Bangladesh, development partners, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

DISCUSSANTS

Liesbeth Zonneveld
*Chief of Party Bangladesh Counter Trafficking-in-Persons Project,
Winrock International*



Liesbeth Zonneveld has spent most of her career on creating a more just and peaceful world, caring about social change, and working on issues of youth, democracy and civil society, environment, conflict and humanitarian response. She is a native of the Netherlands.

Dr Noor Mohammad
Executive Director, PSTC



Dr Noor Mohammad has previously worked with UNFPA as Assistant Representative in Bangladesh and led two components: Gender and Population & Development. He has wide experience of working with government, NGOs, INGOs, research organizations, development agencies.



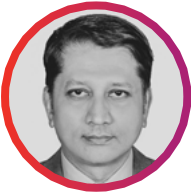
Dr Alia El Mohandes
Senior Family Planning Advisor, USAID

Prior to joining USAID, Dr El Mohandes had 18 years of experience with international NGOs as implementing partners promoting sustainable capacity building of both civil societies and host country ministries for community mobilization services while establishing policy design and roll-out to support institutional capacity building in the Middle East.



Dr Julia Ahmed
Independent Consultant

Dr Julia Ahmed is an independent consultant who has been working in the field of SRHR for the last 25 years. She is currently working with the Pathfinder International and the Oxford Policy Management.



Dr Md Sarwar Bari
Line Director, Field Services Delivery Unit, DGFP

Dr Md Sarwar Bari is a Joint Secretary to the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh. Now he is working as Director (Finance) and Line Director (FP-Field Service Delivery) in the Directorate of Family Planning. He passed MBBS from Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka under the University of Dhaka. He did his Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of New South Wales, Australia. As Hubert Humphrey Fellow he studied Global Health in Emory University, USA.



Md Azmal Hossain
Programme Analyst—Urban Health, UNFPA

He has nearly 20 years of professional experience in development sector with government, donors, INGOs, NGOs and private sectors following a highly successful background including strategic planning, program design, resource mobilization, leadership, technical, advisory roles in health, education, WASH, humanitarian and development contexts with USAID, INGOs and Foundations in Bangladesh.



Taposhi Rabaya
Assistant Director (Mediation & Gender), BLAST

Taposhi Rabaya has expertise on Implementation of community legal services related activities which include: mediation, legal advice and legal capacity improvement especially on Woman and Child Rights.

MODERATORS



Ella de Voogd

Senior Advisor- SRHR and Gender, RedOrange Media and Communications

Ella de Voogd has worked as the first secretary in Bangladesh for the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands for 5 years. She worked for the development cooperation section on Sexual and reproductive health and rights and introduced SRHR in Bangladesh. She also worked for 4 years at the Dutch ministry of foreign affairs at the Gender department where the focus was on violence against women.



Mahmuda Rahman Khan

Senior Program Development Specialist, USAID

Mahmuda Rahman Khan has served as a Third Country National Gender Specialist in USAID/Afghanistan for one year (2012-2013). Prior to her current position, Mahmuda served as Social Development Advisor in DFID Bangladesh. Working on gender issues across all sectors is her passion.



Imrul Hasan Khan

Senior Advisor- Public-Private Partnerships, RedOrange Media and Communications

Mr Imrul Hasan Khan has been working in the development sector for around two decades in Bangladesh and 3 South Asian countries in different bilateral, international and national organizations. His key areas of expertise are in advocacy and policy influencing, health system strengthening, public private partnerships, demand creations and development of sustainable, equitable and quality SRH and FP service.



Ruchira Tabassum Naved , PhD

Senior Scientist, icddr,b

Dr Ruchira Tabassum has been conducting research and extensively publishing on gender, SRHR and violence against women and girls for the last 25 years. She is an adjunct faculty at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University.



Sharmin Islam

Women's Economic Empowerment Specialist and the Gender focal, UNDP

Sharmin Islam has worked in 3 different organizations in the past 13 years. Her previous work focused on feminist researches, empowerment of women and human rights of most marginalized people in Bangladesh.

ABSTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE



Dr Hosna Shewly
Research and Teaching Fellow
Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Dr Hosna Shewly earned her MA and PhD from the Durham University, UK. She works on gender, rights, activism and reproductive justice. She worked at VU University Amsterdam in a NWO funded research on Migration, livelihood and SRHR.



Dr Papreen Nahar
Senior Research Fellow (Medical Anthropology and Global Health),
University of Sussex

Dr Nahar has been conducting numbers of interdisciplinary research on diverse global health issues using medical anthropological and gender perspectives. Dr Nahar has been awarded a PhD and a Master's in Medical Anthropology from the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.



Dr Ubaidur Rob
Country Director, Population Council Bangladesh

Dr Ubaidur Rob provides leadership and technical guidance in the development, management, and evaluation of research projects implemented by the Government of Bangladesh, development partners, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

ORAL PRESENTERS



Dr Runa Laila
Senior Research Fellow, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Dr Laila pursued her PhD degree in Development Studies with specialization in Gender and SRHR. Before joining at VU, she worked for ten years as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Women and Gender Studies at Dhaka University in Bangladesh.



Nabakumar Dutta
Project Focal, Bandhu Social Welfare Society

Nabakumar Dutta enjoys focusing on topics related to human rights, gender diversity, sexual and reproductive health of young people and also doing research in these areas. He has a number of publications including books, articles and blogs.



Farhana Ferdoush

Communication Officer, Marie Stopes Bangladesh

Farhana Ferdoush is passionate to work in the development sector to contribute in bringing positive changes in the life of mass people. She started her career as Humanitarian Trainee in 2016.



Aadeeba Kaareen

Individual consultant

Aadeeba Kaareen graduated from department of Economics, University of Dhaka. She is currently working as a research assistant at the Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka. The main focus of her research work is migration and health.



Minhaz Uddin Shibly

Programme Officer, Center for Men and Masculinities Studies, Dhaka University

Minhaz Uddin Shibly has worked as a Youth Ambassador in Campus Hero Café project on SRHR implemented by CMMS. He is now working on BraveMen Campaign which focuses to raise awareness on Human Rights, Gender equality and SRHR among the adolescent school going boys and girls.



Shahanaz Parven

People's Friendship University of Russia

Shahanaz Parven is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Processes and Analysis, of the People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow. Her scientific interests include the evaluation of demographic and social public policies, and their predicted impact on the population.



Hasne Ara Begum

Gender Specialist, BRAC

Hasne Ara Begum works as Gender Specialist for Gender Justice and Diversity programme of BRAC, Bangladesh. Hasne has 20 years extensive experience working in the areas of gender equality and women's empowerment.



Tanjeeba Chowdhury

Research Associate, BRAC Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University

Tanjeeba Chowdhury has worked as a Research Associate at BRAC Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University. Her research interest includes marginalization in education, teaching-learning process, educational assessment and early childhood education.



Niajur Rahman

Programme Manager (FSD unit), Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)

Niajur Rahman has passed his MSc on Soil, Water & Environment from DU; MPH on Public Health from DU; MPH from Mahidol University Thailand; DPS on Population Sciences from DU; PGD on Development & Planning from Ministry of Planning and is currently doing his PhD on Reproductive Health from Bangladesh University of Professionals.

POSTER PRESENTERS



Ananda Kumar Biswas is engaged as a fellow in Teach for Bangladesh.

His major areas of interest are Research in Social media and SDGs. He is currently doing Masters in Communication at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).



Sadia Afrin Khan is currently working as the Training and Advocacy Officer at BLAST since November 2018, on a project called Legal Empowerment and Gender Diversity (LEGD) which mainly focuses on the development of the gender diverse groups in Bangladesh.



Abdullah Anbar Anan Titir is currently working as Research Specialist at Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST). Her main areas of focus are gender and sexuality and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).



Tasmiah Juthi is working as National Fellow in the LEGD (Legal Empowerment of Gender Diverse Community) project at Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST).



Dewan Tanvir Ahmed has done his BSS in Social Work from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, & MSS in Population, Reproductive Health, Gender & Development from East West University.



Farhana Jesmine Hasan is a Law Professional, specialized in the field of Human Rights, with 16 years of knowledge and experience in the field of women & child rights, gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), education & skills development, governance and social inclusion.



Mst. Farhana Akter is working as a Research and Knowledge Management Specialist for IMAGE Plus project at the Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL), Bangladesh country office. Her key responsibilities include research and evaluation as well as technical input to project implementation activities.



Ms. Khaleda Yasmin is working as National Coordinator at Family Planning-Field Services Delivery (FP-FSD) of Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP). Before DGFP she worked as Team Leader of a Netherlands Embassy supported project Nirapod-2 at Marie Stopes Bangladesh (MSB).



Dr Mahfuza Khanam is the Project Manager at Marie Stopes Bangladesh. She has around 20 years experience in managing and implementing programs/projects.



Abdul Mannan is working as Project Manager of Dalit operated EASRHR project at Khulna. He has completed his Masters in Development Studies and started service from 1989. He has vast experiences on food security, livelihood, DRR, women empowerment and SRHR with different national and INGOS.



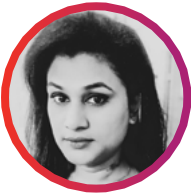
Mohosina Akhter, a development professional with 10 years of experiences and worked more than four years in the field of SRHR; currently involved as a programme officer to coordinate the project initiative of readymade garments sector on behalf of Marie Stopes Bangladesh.



Pronita Rani Raha is working with UNFPA as a midwifery officer to support midwifery education. She has over 20 years of experience working in the government health sectors. She has completed her Master on Advanced Midwifery from Thailand and Master in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right (SRHR) from Dalarna University, Sweden.



Mohammad Rofiqul Islam has been working for the last 22 years with the gender diverse community. His focus is on art & culture. He loves to create peace and compassion at national, regional and international level by using motivational interviewing (MI) approach for enforcing inclusiveness.



Samiul Alim Shammi is working with Hijra community since 2008 to reduce stigma and discrimination against transgender with Bandhu Social Welfare Society. She was trained by world famous hair expert Jawed Habib under Uttaron Foundation. She is currently working for an emerging CBO called- Jibangothn Somaj Kollyan Songtha.



Dr Tamanna Sultana is a solution-oriented public health professional with six years of experience in programme management, SRH issues and forging partnerships. She has an objective-driven attitude with a long-term vision essentially nurtured by continuous research and curiosity.



Tasnia Ahmed has been working on Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and women empowerment to make space for marginalized people and assure grassroots movements with youth advocates across different countries to mobilize and advocate for youth rights.



Dr Fatema Ferdousee is a Medical Doctor Supervisor in Kamrangirchar Project. She is responsible for supervising and functioning all SRH and SGBV activities across the project. She has almost 15 years of experience in the field of reproductive health.



Zakia Haq Neela is currently working as a Project Manager at RedOrange Media & Communications. She has been supervising various development projects and contributed in developing several SBCC and IEC materials for the last 3 years in RedOrange. Neela completed her bachelors and masters in English Literature from Jahangirnagar University. She shows her passion about music and has immense interest about theatre and performance art. She loves to travel in her leisure.



Rabeya Khatun works at Ayat Skill Development Center (ASDC) as Center in Charge. She has received training on SRHR Tailor-made Information to Contribute to Occupational Health and Safety conditions of factory workers in the Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh



Saria Saoman is an integral part of the programme team who works as a Project Coordinator in RedOrange Media and Communications. Currently, she is working on projects related to married adolescent girls empowerment and child stunting. She did her bachelors and masters from English Literature and cultural studies from Jahangirnagar University. She shows her efficacy in project management and content development. She has her eagerness to work in the development sector which adds to her dynamism. She has previously worked as a research assistant, interpreter and creative content writer in various occasions. Apart from her work, she loves to travel and read fiction.



Ruhan Shama works at RedOrange as Project Manager. With an M.S.S. in Sociology from the University of Dhaka, she has more than 7 years of experience as a Social Compliance Auditor and have also worked in the RMG sector with several international brands. At present, she is pursuing an MSc. in Safety, Health and Environmental Management from the University of South Wales. Besides work and academia, Shama is a lover of food and good films.



Tahia Rahman is working as the Executive Director at Center for Men and Masculinities Studies. She is currently working on BraveMen Campaign (Phase 4) which focuses on raising awareness on Human Rights, Gender Equality, SRHR among the school going adolescents of Gaibandha, Sirajganj and Cox's Bazar through self-reflexive sessions while promoting positive masculine practices. She completed her MSS from the Department of Women and Gender Studies in 2013 and then attended a professional Masters course from the Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka.

WINNERS OF THE YOUNG RESEARCHER GRANT

Md Arif Chowdhury

Research Associate, IWFIM, BUET



Md Arif Chowdhury has been awarded the National Joy Bangla Youth Award 2015 for working in the society on environmental issues as a founder of a youth-led organization. His areas of interest are WASH, climate change, governance, disaster management, migration, and adaptation.

Sanjida Bintey Ali

Student, Jahangirnagar University



Sanjida Binte Ali graduated from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. She was ranked first in her batch. She has a great interest in research and wants to build up her future career in the development sector as a researcher.



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