

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Rozana Akhter is a community development professional with 15 years of experience in participatory planning, research, building NGO-government partnerships, community managed fisheries, disaster response, and other areas

Skills: Gender and development analysis, Social research in rural and urban areas, Monitoring systems and methods, Training needs assessment and materials development, Training. Organization of seminars and workshops. Strong communication skills in speaking, writing, and fieldwork.

Nationality: Bangladesh

Education: M.Sc. in Demography, University of Dhaka, 1988
M.A. in Philosophy, University of Dhaka, 1984
B.A.(Hons.) in Philosophy, University of Dhaka, 1982

Training courses in: PRA, Sustainable Livelihoods, Research Methodology, Gender and Development, Strategic Human Resource Management, Various computer programmes, and other topics

Languages: Bengali-Mother tongue, English-excellent

Country of work experience: Bangladesh

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate, Planning Alternatives for Change, LLC: a company dedicated to holistic problem solving and people-centered development

Community Development Expert May to August 2006
Final Evaluation: Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation and Water Supply Project
funded by the World Bank

Community Development Expert Dec. 2005 to March 2006
Final Evaluation: United Nations Foundation
Arsenic Mitigation Project, under World Health Organization & UNICEF

Community Management Specialist 2000 to 2005
Fourth Fisheries Project/FFP

Employer: ULG Northumbrian Ltd. & Eusuf and Associates

Socio-Economic Consultant (Senior) 1996 - 1999
Integrated Food Assisted Development Project/IFADEP-SP2

Employer: TRANSTEC in association with Grabowsky, POORT, and
FEMCONSULT

WID Specialist 1992 - 1996
Flood Action Plan, Study No. 17 (Fisheries)

Employer: Development Planners and Consultants, PL., and ICI Consortium

Sociologist April - September 1992
Flood Action Plan Study No. 14 & 16 & 1993 (one month)
(Flood Response Study & Environmental Study)

Employer: Development Planners and Consultants and ISPAN

Sociologist on WID February - April 1992
Flood Action Plan Study No. 20
(Compartmentalization Pilot Project)

Employer: Development Planners and Consultants and BETS

Research Assistant August 1991 - January 1992
Study of Nutritional Consequences of Bio-diversity of Fisheries
Flood Action Plan Study No. 16 (Environmental Study)

Employer: Development Planners and Consultants and ISPAN

Research Assistant May - July 1991
Flood Action Plan Study No. 14
(Flood Response Study)

Employer: Development Planners and Consultants and ISPAN

Research Assistant July 1989 - April 1990
18 District Towns Water Supply, Sanitation
and Drainage Project

Employer: Development Planners and Consultants

Research Assistant January 1988 - June 1989
Centre for Development Research Bangladesh (CRDB)

Lecturer in Philosophy January 1984 - December 1986
Comilla Chowara College

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Bangladesh Philosophical Association, Life Member
Environmental Society of Bangladesh, Member
Dhaka University, Registered Graduate
World Armament for Moral and Hearty Religious Thinking Association (WARMHEART)

TRAINING COURSES COMPLETED

- “Development Perspectives and Approaches to Food Assisted Development,” organised by the Academy for Planning and Development in collaboration with World Food Programme and Economic Relations Division, Dhaka, May 1997
- “Strategic Human Resources Management,” conducted by Consulting and Training Associates Ltd., Dhaka, September-October 1996
- “Gender and Development,” conducted by Bangladesh Management Development Centre, Dhaka, June 1996
- “Research Methodology of Women’s Issues,” conducted by Women for Women, Dhaka, January 1991
- “English Language Course,” Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), Dhaka, June-September 1990
- “Child Development Program in Bangladesh,” conducted by Bangladesh Rural Legal Aid Commission, Dhaka, April 1988
- Computer training programs: word processing, database management, SPSS, and Excel, from various projects

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR REPORTS

“Gender and Society in Bangladesh’s Flood Action Plan” (co-author), in *Water, Culture and Power: Social Struggles in a Global Context*, edited by John M. Donahue and Barbara Rose Johnston. California: Island Press, 1998.

“Case Study on Failure and Success of Fisheries Schemes under Food for Works” (co-author), Integrated Food Assisted Development Project SP-2, April 1997.

“Flood and Women: Guidebook for Flood Response Preparation; Private Agencies Collaborating Together,” published by PACT (funded by USAID), 2nd edition, 1992.

“Drug Addiction and Depreciation of Social Value,” *Customs Review*, 6th Year, No. 7, 1991.

“Aging in Bangladesh: Its Socio-Economic and Health Implications,” thesis submitted for Master’s Degree in Demography, Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT), University of Dhaka, June 1990.

“Anguish: An Existential Concept (in Bengali),” presented in the Sixth General Conference of Bangladesh Philosophical Association and published in the Proceedings of Bangladesh Philosophical Association, Dhaka, 1984.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Interreligious Leadership Training Program, conducted by Interreligious Federation for World Peace, Thailand, 1994
- Third Assembly of World Religions, Seoul, Korea, 1992
- Workshop on Interreligious Action for World Peace, conducted by Religious Youth Service (RYS), Spain, 1988