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#### **Summary of Experience:**

Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha is a professor in the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. She did her bachelor's as well as master's from the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. She did her MSc. from the University of Bath, UK and PhD in Labour Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK under Commonwealth Scholarship scheme. Her research interest lies on labour economics, development economics, and microeconometrics. Her work involves both empirical analysis as well as policy focused research with emphasis on developing countries. In the context of Bangladesh, she worked on various research projects on labour market, demographic dividend and youth population, skill and education, gender and women empowerment, gender budgeting, migration and remittance earning, credit and food security, poverty and vulnerability, SDG financing, financial inclusion etc. In addition, Dr. Bidisha also contributed in preparing various policy documents and government flagship objects. She has worked with various international and UN agencies. She has published a good number of scholarly publications including journal articles, book chapters and scientific reports.

#### **Education:**

PhD in Economics: School of Economics, University of Nottingham, UK (2009)

MSc., Economics: University of Bath, UK (2003)

MSS, Economics: University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (2000)

BSS, Economics (Hon): University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (1998)

## Work Experience:

- Professor, Deptt of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 12/2018-08/2024.
- Associate Professor, Deptt of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 12/2013-12/2018.
- Research Director (Hon), South Asian Network on Economic Modelling, Dhaka, Bangladesh: 12/2016-08/2024.
- Visiting Scholar, Deptt of Economics, Concordia University, Canada: 01/2014-05/2014.
- Assistant Professor, Deptt of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 11/2009-11/2013.
- Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh: 10/2003-10/2009.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Economics, University of Nottingham: 10/2006-05/2009.
- Research Analyst, World Bank, Dhaka University: 10/2000-06/2002.

**Research Interest:** Labour Economics, Development Economics, Applied Econometrics.

## Selected Publications:

Hasan, M. **Bidisha, S. H.**, Mahmood, T. and Raihan, S. (2024) "Political Economy of Private Bank Governance in Bangladesh", chapter 5 in Raihan, S., Bourguignon, F. and Salam, U. (eds), "Is the Bangladesh Paradox Sustainable?: The Institutional Diagnostic". Cambridge University Press.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Mahmood, T. and Rahman, M. (2022) "Bangladesh: Employment and Inequality Trends" chapter 8 in Gradin, C. et al. (eds) "Tasks, skills, and Institutions: The Changing Nature of Work and Inequality" Oxford University Press.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Faruk, A. and Mahmud, T. (2022) "How Women are Faring in the Bangladeshi Labour Market: Evidences from Labour Force Survey Data", *South Asia Economic Journal*, vol. 23, issue 2.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Hossain, B. and Mahmud, T. (2022) "Occupation based Poverty and Vulnerability in Bangladesh: Insights from COVID-19", *Journal of Poverty*, vol. 26, issue 5.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Hossain, B. and Mahmud, T. (2021) "Assessing Food Poverty, Vulnerability and Inequality in the context of COVID-19 in Bangladesh", *Social Choice Indicator Research*, vol 155, pp 187-210.

Islam, M.M, **Bidisha, S. H.**, Jahan,S. Biplob, M. B and ., Mahmood, T. (2021) Effects of Remittances on Health Expenditure and Treatment Cost of International Migrant Households in Bangladesh. *Journal of Governance Security & Development*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.52823/XFRY1732>

Raihan, S. and **Bidisha, S.H.** (2021). "Bangladesh Labour Market: Trends and Patterns in 50 Years", Chapter 10 in Rahman, S.M.M and Mazid, M.A (eds). Bangladesh: 50 years of Tranformation since Liberation. Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

Islam, M, Alam, Z., **Bidisha, S. H.** and Abdullah, S. M. (2019) “Cesarean Section Delivery in Bangladesh: Trends, Determinants and Inequalities”, *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, vol. 21, no. 2.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Abdullah, S. M. and Islam, M. (2019) “The Long-run Relationship between Dependency Ratio and Economic Growth in Bangladesh: Time Series Evidences.” In *Demography India* vol. 48, no. 2, pp. 105-120

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Abdullah, S. M., Siddiqua, S. and Islam, M. M. (2019) “How Does Dependency Ratio affect Economic Growth in the Long Run? Evidence from Selected Asian Countries”, accepted in *The Journal of Developing Areas*, vol. 54, no. 2, spring 2020.

**Bidisha, S.H.** and Raihan, S. (2018) "Unpaid Family Labor: A Hidden Form of Labor Market Discrimination in Bangladesh", Chapter 5 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh*, Springer, DOI 10.1007/978-981-13-2071-2.

Mahmud, S. and **Bidisha, S.H.** (2018) "Female Labor Market Participation in Bangladesh: Structural Changes and Determinants of Labor Supply”, Chapter 4 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh: Studies on Labor and Employment*, Springer, DOI 10.1007/978-981-13-2071-2.

Abdullah, S. M. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2018). “The Long Run Relationship Between Youth Population and Economic Growth: Evidences from Time Series Data of Bangladesh”, *Research in Applied Economics*, vol. 10, no. 2.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Raihan, S. and Jahan, I. (2018). “Unpacking Unpaid Labour in Bangladesh”, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41027-018-0115-6>.

**Bidisha, S.H.**, Hossain, A., Alam, R. and Hasan, M. (2018). “Credit, Tenancy Choice and Agricultural Efficiency: Evidences from the Northern Region of Bangladesh”, *Economic Analysis and Policy*, vol. 57, pp 22-32.

Razzaque, M.A., **Bidisha, S. H.** and Khondker, B.H. (2017) “The Exchange Rate and Economic Growth: An Empirical Assessment on Bangladesh”, *Journal of South Asian Development*, vol. 12, issue 1.

**Bidisha S. H.** and Khondker B. H. (2017) “Does Agricultural Credit Help in Raising Agricultural Production? Empirical Evidences from Bangladesh”, chapter 17 in Raihan, S. (ed) *Let's Think Aloud, Shall We?*, SANEM Publication: Dhaka [ISBN: 978-984-34-2254-5].

Raihan, S., **Bidisha, S. H.** and Iftakhar, N. (2017) “Does Rise in Per Capita Income in South Asia Promote Female Labor Force Participation?” chapter 61 in Raihan, S. (ed) *Let's Think Aloud, Shall We?*, SANEM Publication: Dhaka [ISBN: 978-984-34-2254-5].

**Bidisha S.H.** et al. (2017) “Role of Credit in Food Security and Dietary Diversity in Bangladesh”. *Economic Analysis and Policy*, vol. 53, pp. 33-45.

**Bidisha, S. H.** et al. (2016) “Returns to Agricultural Microcredit: Quasi Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh”. *Bangladesh Development Studies*, vol. 38, no. 4.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2016) “Fostering Systems Thinking for Youth Leading Environmental Change: Multinational Exploration”. *Ecopsychology*. vol 8, no. 3.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2016) “The Youth Leading Environmental Change Project: A Mixed Method Longitudinal Study across Six Countries”. *Ecopsychology*. vol 8, no. 3.

Uddin, G.S., **Bidisha, S.H.** & Ozturk, I. (2016) “Carbon Emissions, Energy Consumption and Economic Growth Relationship in Sri Lanka”, *Energy Resources, Part B: Economics, Planning and Policy*, vol 11, no. 3, pp. 282-287.

**Bidisha, S. H.** and Jahan, I. (2015). “Women’s Unrecognized Work and the Impact of Awareness Raising Programme”, Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha [ISBN: 978-984-91120-1-3].

**Bidisha, S. H.** and Jahan, I. (2015). “Orthnitite Narir Osikrito Obodan o Narir khamotayone Sochetonota Briddhi Karjokromer Probhab” in vol. 11, no. 21, *Naari O Progoti*, Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha [ISSN: 2313-0040].

Robert, E., Hajjzadeh, M., El-Bialy, R., and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2014) “Globalization and the Diffusion of Ideas: Why We Should Acknowledge the Roots of Mainstream Ideas in Global Health”, *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 7-9.

**Bidisha, S. H.** (2012) “Human Development Progress and Prospects”, chapter 9 in *Leading Issues in Bangladesh Development*, edited by Ahmed, S., University Press Limited.

জেন্ডার সংবেদনশীল বাজেট ও এর পরিবীক্ষন এবং মূল্যায়ন (২০১২) বিদিশা, এস, এইচ এবং সোহরওয়ার্দী, জি, এম, বাংলাদেশ মহিলা পরিষদ জার্নাল, ইস্যু ১, বছর ২। [Bidisha, S.H. and Suhrawardy, G. M. (2012) “Gender Sensitive Budget and its Monitoring and Evaluation” Bangladesh Mohila Porishod Journal, issue 1, year 2]

Razzaque, M. A. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2011). “Women’s Empowerment and Intra-household Gender Relations in Bangladesh”, Chapter 3 in Razzaque, M. A., Khondoker, B. H., and Raihan, S. (eds), *Poverty, Intra-household Distribution and Gender Relations in Bangladesh: Evidence and Policy Implications*, University Press Limited.

Razzaque, M. A. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2009). "Migration and Development: The Bangladesh Case", Chapter 13 in Razzaque, M. A. (ed). *Trade, Migration and Labour Mobility*, Cameron May, London.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Alam, M. and Zaman, A. (2006). “How Volatile are the Stocks of the Pharmaceutical Companies of Bangladesh? Some Evidences from the Market Model” *Bank Parikrama, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management*, vol. 30, no.2.

**Bidisha, S. H.** (2005). “Types of Capital and Economic Growth: Some Cross-sectional Evidence from the 1990s,” *Social Science Review: Dhaka University Studies*, Part D, vol. 22, no. 1.

### Selected Published Reports/Working Papers:

Raihan, S., **Bidisha, S.H.**, Sharmin, E., Asaduzzaman, M., Das, D. (2024). “Report on the Study on the potentials and barriers for the women’s participation in construction sector and STEM based career in Bangladesh”, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2024). “Report on Nutrition budget analysis of JANO project”, CARE International in Bangladesh, SANEM.

Raihan, S., **Bidisha, S.H.**, Hossain, I., Tiasha, A.M., Zabbar, A. (2023). “Report on Baseline survey and create evidence on perceptions, knowledge, and attitude towards MHPSS issues among adolescents and youth in Rohingya camps and host community”, UNFPA, Bangladesh, SANEM.

Khondker, B.H., et al. (2023) “Report on End Evaluation on 7th Five Year Plan (FY2016-20) Implementation”, General Economics Division, Bangladesh Planning Commission, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2022). “Report on Reviewing Skills Development Sector of Bangladesh”, Swisscontact Bangladesh, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2022). “Report on Estimating costs of LNG-based power generation and devising alternatives pathways towards green and clean energy”, Tara Climate Ltd., SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2023). “An investment plan assessing the investment needs for transition to clean and renewable energy by 2041”, Tara Climate Ltd., SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2022). “Care work and Gender Responsive Budgeting in the Context of social Protection, household care economy dynamics in Bangladesh: A Policy brief”, Munusher Jonno Foundation, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2022). “Vulnerability and Fragility of Youth in Bangladesh”, ActionAid Bangladesh, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Khondker, B.H. and Sharmin, E. (2021) “Integration of the care Economy in policy formulation and analysis: A Policy paper”, Munusher Jonno Foundation, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2021). “Economic case for women: how economic empowerment of women may contribute in the economy of Bangladesh”, World Vision Bangladesh, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2020). “Report on Youth Perspective on Covid-19 Crisis in Bangladesh”, ActionAid Bangladesh, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2019). “Realizing the Demographic Dividend through Investing on Young People: Reflection on National Budget 2019-20”, ActionAid Bangladesh, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** et al. (2019) “Recognition of Women’s Unaccounted Work in National GDP and Inclusion in Gender Responsive Budgeting”, Policy Paper, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), Bangladesh, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S. H.**, Mahmood, T. and Rahman, M. (2021) “Earnings Inequality and the Changing Nature of Work: Evidence from the Labour Force Survey Data of Bangladesh”, UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 7/2021.

**Bidisha, S. H.** and Sen, K. (2020) “Is there a Gender Bias in Deal Making? Evidence from Firm level cross Country Analysis”, ESID Working Paper No. 161, University of Manchester, UK.

Raihan, S. and **Bidisha, S. H.** (2018) “Female Employment Stagnation in Bangladesh” *A Research Paper on Inclusive Growth in Bangladesh, EDIG Research Paper No. 5.*

Raihan, S., **Bidisha, S.H.** and Jahan, I. (2016) "Unpacking Unpaid Labor in Bangladesh", Chapter 5 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh: Studies on Labor and Employment*, SANEM.

Mahmud, S. and **Bidisha, S.H.** (2016). "Female Labor Market Participation in Bangladesh: Structural Changes and Determinants of Labor Supply”, Chapter 4 in Raihan, S. (ed), *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh: Studies on Labor and Employment*, SANEM.

**Bidisha, S.H.** (2015). “Demand Assessment in the ICT Sector for Realizing Digital Bangladesh”, *Asia Foundation*.

**Bidisha, S. H.** (2009). “Labour Market Experience of Male Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK”, *University of Nottingham Discussion Paper No. 2009/08*

**Bidisha, S. H.** (2009). “Intergenerational Earnings Mobility of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK”, *GEP Research Paper No. 2009/10.*

**Bidisha, S. H.** (2008). “Saving Behaviour of the Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in the UK: Evidence from Panel Data”, *University of Nottingham Discussion Paper No. 2008/08.*

“Poverty-Environment Nexus: People’s Perception” (with Razzaque M.A.), prepared as a background paper on *People’s Report 2005 on Environment*, UNDP, Dhaka.

**Bidisha, S.H.,** Hossain, A. and Hasan, M. (2016) “Dynamic Impact of Remittances on Poverty: Evidences from PRIME Data”, *Institute of Microfinance Working Paper*, forthcoming.

**Bidisha, S. H.** (2021) “Analysis of Public Budget Allocation for the Effective Implementation of the National Action Plan to End Child Marriage”, UNFPA Bangladesh Country Office.

### **Key Awards/Achievements:**

- **Commonwealth Scholarship-** awarded for 3 years doctoral training (2006-2009).
- **Commonwealth Scholarship** for MSc.-awarded for 1 year masters (2002-2003).
- Secured 4<sup>th</sup> position in the **combined merit list** in the HSC Examination in 1994.

### **Selected Academic Training:**

- Completed a 2 weeks advanced certificate training program on *Population and Development-New Approaches to Enduring Problems* at the Brown Institute of

Advanced Research Initiative (BIARI), Brown University, USA (June 2014, Rhode Island, USA).

- Attended a 1week certificate training program on Urban Health at University of Montreal, Canada by *Global Health Capacity Research Capacity Strengthening Program*, Montreal (August 2013, Montreal, Canada).
- Attended a short training course on *Computable General Equilibrium Modeling* (August 2010, Kathmandu, Nepal).
- Attended *12<sup>th</sup> IZA Summer School in Labour Economics* (April 2009, Munich, Germany).
- Attended a *short course on 'Microsimulation'*: (January 2008, IFS, London, UK).
- Attended '*UNICREDIT Summer School in Growth, Development & Inequality*': (July 2007, Rome, Italy).
- Attended a *short course on 'Policy Evaluation Method'*: (February 2007, IFS, London, UK).
- Completed a *three week course on Environmental and Resource Economics organized by 'South Asian Network for Development & Environmental Economics'*: (June 2004, Colombo, Sri Lanka).

#### **Selected Presentation/Publication of Papers in Seminars:**

- Was s panelist in the Global Conclave on Human Development 2024, organized by the Institute of Human Development (New Delhi, 2024).
- Was a country coordinator from Bangladesh in South Asian Economic Students' Meet ([www.saesm.org](http://www.saesm.org)) in 2024, 2023, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2011, 2010, 2009.
- Paper presented in a Conference of ESID, University of Manchester (Manchester, 2019).
- Paper presented in a Symposium of University of Swansea (Swansea, UK, 2019).
- Attended workshop on "Tasks, Skills and Institutions" organized by UNU-WIDER (Cape Town, 2019).
- Presented Keynote Paper on "Youth Population in Bangladesh: Challenges and Prospects" as part of the National Policy Debate in Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Dhaka, 2016).
- Presented paper in Global Conference on Prosperity, Equality and Sustainability, New Delhi, India (June 2016, India).
- Presented paper in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Western Economic Association (January 2016, Singapore).
- Presented paper in the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, Srinagar (October 2015, India).
- Provided a short training to the officers of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics on *Labour Market Analysis and its Projections* organized by IGC, BIGD and BBS (September 2014, Bangladesh).
- Was a discussant in a panel discussion organized by IDRC, Canada on *Dirty Garments: Bangladeshi Workers and Value Chains* (May 2014, Ottawa, Canada).
- Paper presented in the *47th Annual Conference of Canadian Economic Association*: (June 2013, Montreal, Canada).

- Presented research proposal on ‘Generating Youth Employment in the RMG Industry in Bangladesh’, at the 10<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of Partnership for Economic Policy* (May 2013, Cape Town, South Africa).
- Attended Collaborator meeting and presented paper in the *University of Wilfred Laurier*, Waterloo, Canada (January 2012, Waterloo, Canada).
- Presented paper in the Annual Conference of *Department of Work and Pension, UK*: (July 2009, Nottingham, UK).
- Presented paper in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of European Society of Population Economics: (June 2009, Seville, Spain).
- Presented paper in the 42<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Conference of Canadian Economic Association*: (June 2008, Vancouver, Canada).
- Presented poster in the 22<sup>rd</sup> *Annual Conference of European Society of Population Economics*: (June 2008, London, UK).
- Presented paper in the *Annual Conference of Scottish Economic Society*: (April 2008, Perth, Scotland).
- Presented paper in the 7<sup>th</sup> *Annual Post Graduate Conference of GEP, University of Nottingham*: (April 2008, Nottingham, UK).
- Presented paper in the 2<sup>nd</sup> *European Workshop on Labour Market & Demographic Change*: (May 2007, Rostock, Germany).

#### **Experience as a Resource Person:**

- Worked as a resource person for the UN-Women on Gender Budgeting (2021, 2022, 2023).
- As a resource person conducted sessions on Unpaid Domestic and Care Work (2022, 2023).
- As a resource person conducted training on financial inclusion (2023).
- Acted as a resource person on a number of training programs (of the government officials, NGO workers, students etc.) on labour market of Bangladesh (2025, 2026, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023).
- Worked as a resource person on quantitative and qualitative research methodology of social sciences (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023).