

# Brief CV of Dr. Mohammad Mainul Islam

Dr. Mohammad Mainul Islam is Professor & Chairman of the Department of Population Sciences of the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is also the Project Director of the Strengthening the Capacity of Teaching and Research Facilities at the Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka (Second Phase, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh. He had held the position of elected Member of the Syndicate –the highest decision-making body of the University of Dhaka for two consecutive terms between 2010 and 2014.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Mainul Islam received his PhD in Demography from the Institute of Population Research at Peking University, China, specializing in Population Health in 2009. He got his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Sociology from the University of Dhaka. Before that he passed the Secondary and Higher Secondary School Certificate Exams from the Mirzapur Cadet College, Tangail. Dr. Islam completed a Global Health Research Capacity Strengthening Program (GHR-CAPS) Postdoctoral Fellowship at McGill University, Canada, between 2013 and 2014. He also got training at the Johns Hopkins Fall Institute at Barcelona, Stanford University, Brown University, and the University of Bergen.

He was awarded the First Prize of Academic Excellence Award 2018 of Peking University, China and later he was named as the Nick Simons Scholar of the New Investigator in Global Health (NIGH) program of the Global Health Council (GHC), Washington, DC, USA in 2010. He is a two-time winner of the 10 best abstracts of the New Voices in Global Health (NVGH) program, receiving these accolades in 2014 and 2016 at the World Health Summit (WHS) in Berlin, Germany. His work broadly focuses on population and development, reproductive health, child health, urban health, health communication, global health and social demography.

Professor Islam has attended and presented his research at more than 82 international meetings and academic conferences around the world. He was the Keynote plenary speaker and invited plenary speakers of various international and national scientific meetings. He was the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) at Workplace, 2018 and 2019, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dr. Islam has contributed to over 40 peer-reviewed publications, including publications of research findings as first author in *The Lancet*, *Journal of Global Health*, *PloS ONE*, *BMC Women's Health* and others. He has also authored and co-authored conference papers and other publications. He contributes to the widely circulated national daily newspapers on population, health and other educational issues. On various occasions he was interviewed by many international and national broadcast/electronic and print media. Dr. Mohammad Mainul Islam has authored a book (2016) entitled on *Communication and Change in Health Behavior in Bangladesh: Realities at the grassroots*. He is a reviewer for reputed international scholarly journals including *Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal*, *Journal of Population Research*, *Asian Population Studies*, *Population Review*, *PloS ONE*, *BMC Public Health*, *BMC Women's Health*, *BMC Pregnancy and Child Birth* and *Journal of Urban Health*. Professor Islam is Demography and Population Studies Advisory Board Member of the Cambridge Scholars

Publishing, UK. He was a Member of the Editorial Board (2017-2019) of the *Social Science Review*, Dhaka University Studies. Professor Dr. Islam is a Contributor and one of Editors of the *Report on Bangladesh Population Situation Analysis (PSA) -2019* under UNFPA 9<sup>th</sup> Country Programme.

Professor Dr. Islam is a 'Member' of the Population Expert Group/Committee (PEC) of the General Economic Division's Planning Commission within the Ministry of Planning of the Government of Bangladesh since November 2017. He worked as a member of the Task Team of Action Report on Population and Development of Bangladesh and attended the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, ESCAP, Bangkok, November 26-28, 2018 as a Member of Delegation of the Government of Bangladesh. He has the professional involvements in various associations including the International Union of Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), the International Sociological Association (ISA), the Asian Population Association (APA), the American Population Association (PAA), the Canadian Coalition of Global Health Research (CCGHR), the Center for Health Trends and Forecasts (CHTF) affiliate network of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington. He was inducted as a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan, Dhaka on September 12, 2019.