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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 'Lecturer' at Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka [ November 2023 - Present]
- 'Regional Monitoring & Evaluation (M & E) Coordinator' for Gender Responsive Resilience & Intersectionality in Policy & Practice (GRRIPP) South Asian Region, collaborative knowledge sharing project led by University College London (UCL), United Kingdom & University of Dhaka [ August 2021- Present] funded by GCRF (UKRI)
- 'Assistant Project Officer' at "Bangladesh Red Crescent Society" for UKAID Match Livelihoods & DRR Program [1st April 2021 - August 2021] as a supporting staff of British Red Cross Bangladesh Delegation
- 'Technical Project Assistant' at "Bangladesh Red Crescent Society" [1st September 2019 - March 2021] of "Dhaka Earthquake & Emergency Preparedness- Enhancing Resilience (DEEPER)" project funded by ECHO
- 'Research Associate' at "Acted Bangladesh" to conduct the Situation Analysis for building 'Joint Emergency Operations Centers' in Cox's Bazar District, Bangladesh.
- 'Intern' at "Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief" to support Social Safety Net Program Assessment (July 2016- December 2017)

## EDUCATION

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- M.Sc in Climate Change and Development at Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) -under Co-creating Knowledge for Local Adaptation to Climate Change in the LDCs (COLOCAL) Scholarship from Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) - Professional Masters in collaboration with ICCCAD
- Master of Disaster Management, 2018 (CGPA 3.78 on a scale of 4.00; Class Rank: 2 out of 44), Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka
- Bachelor of Disaster Management, 2017 (CGPA 3.86 on a scale of 4.00; Class Rank: 2 out of 45), Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Published/Accepted-

- 2022 Prodhan. S, Nasreen. M., **Chowdhury, R. I.**, "Causes and Consequences of River Pollution: An Exploratory Study Along the Turag River Area, Tongi, Bangladesh" EM International, ISSN 0257-8050, DOI No.: <http://doi.org/10.53550/PR.2022.v41i04.004>
- 2020 **Chowdhury, R. I.**, & Nasreen, M. (2020). Humanitarian response for improving quality of life of persons with disabilities: A study on Rohingya Camps of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Journal of Human Rights and Peace Studies, 6(1), 60-88. <https://so03.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/HRPS/article/view/241771>
- 2019 Aziz. T., **Chowdhury, R. I.**, "Disability, Disaster and Difference: A study on person with disability facing challenges during disasters in Bangladesh" [https://disastercell.blogspot.com/2019/11/research-and-publications\\_9.html?m=1](https://disastercell.blogspot.com/2019/11/research-and-publications_9.html?m=1)

### **Book Chapter:**

**Chowdhury, R. I., & Nasreen, M.** "Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Improving the quality of life of refugees with disabilities at Kutupalong Rohingya camps of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh" in Disaster, Vulnerability and Resilience" in 'Disaster, Environment and Health'.

### **Conference Reports:**

Farid, Z. I., **Imran, R.** (2019). Applicability of Contemporary Tools to Increase Surge Capacity: A Study Identifying the Major Themes of Emergency Health Management Based on Lesson Learned from Recent Urban Disasters of Dhaka City. ISEDH 2019

Aziz. T., **Chowdhury, R. I.**, "Disaster Insurance: A New Horizon of Climate Change Adaptation in Bangladesh" at 'International Conference on Climate Change' organized by BACSAF, AAGUB, University of Dhaka

### **Blog Posts:**

**Title:** Early Warning & Action: A message (and a mime!) from University of Dhaka;  
<https://www.gripp.net/post/early-warning-action-a-message-and-a-mime-from-u-of-dhaka>

**Title:** Engaging with the Feminist City: Reflections from South Asia, <https://www.gripp.net/post/engaging-with-the-feminist-city-reflections-from-south-asia>

<https://www.gripp.net/post/three-grippers-in-the-spotlight>

<https://www.gripp.net/post/summary-report-of-gripp-south-asia-s-final-dissemination-event>

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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- Professional Online Certificate Course on "Humanitarian Leadership" – six (06) months
- Successfully completed a "TOT (Training of the trainers) Program" on "Disaster Management" in Chennai by 'CIRDAP' and "Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development".
- Successfully completed a certificate course on "Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS)" from Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT), University of Dhaka.
- Received training on "Inclusion of Disability Issues in DRR" conducted by 'Center for Disability in Development' in Savar
- Received training on "First Aid and Preventive Medicine" from "Dhaka University Health Club".
- Received training "Open Street Mapping" from "Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)"
- Received training on "Active Citizens Youth Leadership Training" from "British Council".

## **CONSULTANCY/RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

<b>Name of the Project/Study</b>	<b>Role/Designation</b>	<b>Funded By/Organization</b>
<b>Strategic Process Documentation on HBE: "Strengthening systems for the enrolment, retention and support of children with disabilities at primary level of mainstream education in Bangladesh"</b>	Research Associate	Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)
<b>Implementation of Dhaka Declaration 2015+1 in Reducing Disaster Risk for Persons with Disabilities: A comprehensive study on the roles of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief</b>	Research Associate	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh

<b>REACH: Improving Water Security for the Poor (Bangladeshi Partner with IWFM-BUET), Led by University of Oxford, UK</b>	Assistant Investigator	Funded by Department for International Development (DFID), UK
<b>Prospects and Challenges of Cotton Production and Development in Bangladesh</b>	Research Assistant	Cotton Connect and PRIMARK, UK
<b>Strengthening Disability Inclusive DRR in Urban and Rural Areas</b>	Research Assistant	Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)
<b>Baseline Study on School based Disaster Risk Reduction</b>	Research Assistant	American Red Cross – Bangladesh Delegation
<b>Needs Assessment on migration information in Bangladesh for Migration Resource Centre (MRC)</b>	Research Assistant	International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
<b>Sustainability Research on V2R (Vulnerability to Resilience) Interventions (Climate-Resilient Livelihood and WASH) in Coastal Belt of Bangladesh</b>	National Research Associate	British Red Cross (BRC) and Integrated Risk Management Associates (IRMA), Calgary, Canada
<b>End-line survey and Evaluation of Effective Participation for ssTransparent and Accountable Local Governance’ (EPTALG) project</b>	Research Assistant	DIAKONIA, SIDA and European Union (EU)

#### **PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP (SELECTED)**

- Participated at the International Seminar on ‘Gender and intersectionality approaches to resilience’ organized by the Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP), IRDR Centre for Gender and Disaster, University College London, UK. 22-28 March, 2023
- Participated in the 3rd NEEDS conference in Copenhagen, Denmark from 1-3 November 2022 as the panel speaker of the session titled “Assessing intersectionality: theory, policy, practice - and realities?”
- ‘Rapporteur’ in ‘2nd International Conference on Disability and Disaster Risk Management’ Organized by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), Ministry of Social Welfare and Center for Disability in Development (CDD)
- ‘Rapporteur’ in “Symposium on Adaptive Social Protection: Technical and Policy Considerations” Organized by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR)
- ‘Volunteer’ in “National Workshop and Knowledge Fair on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), 2015” organized by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) and Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP)
- ‘Participant’ in ‘1st International Conference on Disaster Risk Management’ organized by BUET JIDPUS in collaboration with Urban Resilience Project.
- ‘Participant’ in “International Conference on Climate Change” organized by BACSAF, AAGUB, University of Dhaka.

#### **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHPS**

- COLOCAL Scholarship and Research Fellowship – covering full time MSc in Climate Change in Development and research on Community Based Adaptation in the Coastal Areas of Bangladesh
- Winner of “Youth Leadership Prize 2016” organized by “Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC)” for idea generating competition. “Prostut- Urban resilience Project” came out as a result of the idea

implementation

- Winner of “Joy Bangla Youth Award 2020” for “Youth Environment and Social Development Society (YESDS)” in ‘Environment and Climate Change Activity’ Category
- Awarded with “**Government’s General Scholarship**” in 2017 for graduating with higher grades.
- Awarded with “**General Scholarship**” in Higher Secondary Certificate Exam from the Ministry of Education in 2013.
- Awarded with “**General Scholarship**” in Secondary School Certificate Exam from the Ministry of Education in 2011.

**Technical Skills:** MS application, SPSS, Kobo Collect Tools, Illustrator, Photoshop, Canva

**Language Efficiency:** Bangla – Native, English – Fluent (IELTS Score: 07)

**Hobbies:** Photography, video-documentary, Story writing (Community-based), Travelling

Referee 1	Referee 2	Referee 3
<b>Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen</b> Regional Lead; GRRIPP-South Asia Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Bangladesh Open University Professor & Former Director, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka <a href="mailto:mnasreen@du.ac.bd">mnasreen@du.ac.bd</a>	<b>Dr Virginie Le Masson</b> Global Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator for GRRIPP Co-Director, IRDR Centre for Gender and Disaster, University College London <a href="mailto:v.lemasson@ucl.ac.uk">v.lemasson@ucl.ac.uk</a>	<b>Ekram Elahi Chowdhury</b> Director Disaster Risk Management & Training Dept., Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) <a href="mailto:ekram.elahi@bdracs.org">ekram.elahi@bdracs.org</a>



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