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Baridhara , Dhaka.
3. Age : Fifty Four Years (Date of Birth 04.05.1955)
4. Work Experiences : 30 Years
5. Academic Qualifications : Ph.D Development Studies, University of Wales, Swansea, UK, 1991.
M.Sc (Econ) Social Sector Planning and Management, University of Wales (Centre for Development Studies), Swansea, UK, 1987.
M.A Politics and Administration, University of Chittagong, 1978. Bangladesh.
B.A (Hons), Politics and Administration, University of Chittagong, 1977. Bangladesh
6. Specialisation as a career researcher, trainer, teacher and development practitioner (consultant) : **Decentralisation, Local Government (Urban & Rural), Politics, Governance, Public Sector Management, Development Administration with specialisation in Social services Planning and Management in rural and urban settings, Institutional aspects of Water Sector Management, Water Management and Poverty, Public Relations, Micro-Credit, Rural Development, Co-operatives, NGO Activities and Community Mobilization**
Teaching career began in 1981 as Faculty member of BARD, Comilla as trainer, later it has been extended to various dimensions, such as preaching and teaching to Development Activists ranging from illiterate villager, local govt leader, NGO worker and grass root level beneficiary to high level development professionals from home and abroad; academic teaching in Under Graduate and Post Graduate classes, supervision and guidance to M. Phil and Ph. D research from Bangladesh, India and the UK.
As **consultant and activist**, most of the contributions were made in the in broader field of Local Government (Urban and Rural), Institutionalisation of community participation, poverty alleviation, grassroots level groups, Organizing NGO activities, coordination of GO and NGO activities, capacity development of public sector agencies in designing and implementing community level projects.
7. **Current Consultancy Assignment (January 2008 onward).** :
 - **Governance Advisor, Economic Empowerment for the Poorest-Challenge Fund (EEP)(A DFID Supported Poverty Program under Implementation with the Rural Development & Cooperative Division , Government of Bangladesh).**
Renamed in Bangla as Shiree
 - House-5, Road-10, Baridhara, Dhaka.
 - **ADB Consultant (PPTA): for preparing the Third SSWRDSP** for 3 man month from March – July, 2008, at LGED (intermittent input with leave from EEP).

8. **Employment & Consultancy Records and Experiences** :
- 8.1 **International Assignments:** :
- a) **Community Development and Cooperative Expert:**
- b) **Staff Consultant** by Asian Development Bank
- c) Completed short-term orientation assignments on the VDCs of Nepal and Local government and community development in Sri Lanka under the sponsorship of FMIST Nepal and Strommy Foundation of Norway in 2003 and 2006 respectively.
- 8.2 **National Level Consultancies** :
- Community / Institutional Expert in BWDB
 - Local Governance Expert
- 8.3 **Consultant Sociologist and Institutional Expert:** Advisory Technical Assistance Team, **Small Scale Water Resources Development Project-2** 1997-2000 implemented by LGED with ADB-Govt of Netherland's assistance. :
- 8.4 **Professor**, Department of Public Administration, University of Chittagong, March, 2000
- 8.5 **Consultant Sociologist**, Advisory Technical Assistance Team, **Small Scale Water Resources Development Project-1 (An ADB-GON Funded Project)**, LGED, LGED Bhaban (Level 11) Agargaon, Dhaka. (October 2002 to December 2007)
- c) To assist the government of **the Republic of Maldives** to set-up cooperative in 15 islands under Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project under the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources. Appointed by **Asian Development Bank, Manila**, from January to July 2006.
- Participated in Mid Term Evaluation Mission Jamuna-Meghna River Erosion Mitigation Project as **Institutional Expert** twice in 2004 and 2006 and produced 'Aide Memoirs' with the team and also separate specialized reports for the ADB and the project's future institutional Framework.
- I myself was oriented on the structure and functions of the LGIs there and in course of interaction provided with some of our experiences from Bangladesh.
- Engaged as **Independent Member of Panel of Expert (POE)** for 5 weeks in a BWDB project called *Januma-Meghna-River Mitigation Project* since December 2005(**Asian Development Bank**).
 - As Governance and Training Specialist completed three works for Democracy Watch (1) and Power and Participation Centre (2) in 2005 on Local Government
 - Participated LGI orientations of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives .
- Providing all sorts of technical assistance regarding social and institutional aspects of a water sector project being implemented in 61 districts of Bangladesh. Research, evaluation, planning and organizing training courses, organizing publicity liaison among LGIs, local administration and NGOs, conflict mitigation and public relations are also some of the key responsibilities associated with the position.
- Course teacher of the courses such as, **Constitutional and Administrative Law, Local Government, Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, Public and Private Sector Development Administration and Planning and Management of Social mobilization/Services.**
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- Responsibilities and Job Performed.**
- a) Assisted LGED and Project manager in managing people's organisation in 300 subprojects at different unions of 249 upazils/thanas under 37 districts of the western half of Bangladesh..
 - b) Designed and implemented training programmes for elected *Union Parishad* executives, Water Management Co-operative Associations (WMCAs) and field level staff of LGED.
 - c) Designed and implemented a system for monitoring social and institutional progress of 300 WMCAs and also 350 field staff.

- d) Trouble shooting and conflict resolution at the field level.
 - e) Promotion of social development and income generating /livelihood improvement activities among the WMCA members.
 - f) Promotion of people's participation for the construction of various water management structures such as embankment, regulator, sluice gate, box culvert etc and also help to evolve a completely user- managed operation and maintenance system for those structures.
 - g) Defined PRRA system of SSWRDSP and followed-up the PRRA for two years (1999-2000)
 - h) Assisted Project Director in implementing the project specially by giving inputs through evaluation and research.
 - i) Assisted Project Director during Review and Evaluation Mission.
 - j) Designed research and evaluation programs for outside/ independent consultants and liaison with the officials of donor agencies such as Asian Development Bank and Govt of Netherlands.
 - k) Assisted and guided 5 other consultants working in different aspects of the project such as land acquisition, cooperative development, gender and development, sociologist and poverty alleviation, livelihood improvement, operation and maintenance of hard structure.
 - l) Publication and editing of various publications, training materials and a quarterly bulletin.
 - j) Supervised production of four documentaries on water resources.
- 8.6 **Associate Professor**, Dept. of Public Administration, University of CTG. From July 1994–Sept. 1997.
- a) Taught Local government, Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation and Management of Social Services at Under Graduate level and Development Administration and Administrative Law at Post Graduate level.
 - b) Completed some consultancy assignments on local Government sponsored by UNICEF, UNDP, WB, CHTDB and NGOs during the period institutional development.**
- 8.7 **Joint Director**, Public Administration and Local Government Division BARD, Comilla 1991-1994
- a) Designed, organised and directed training courses for the officials of local government, local administration and NGOs.
 - b) As Project Director, implemented a pilot project known as Comprehensive Village Development Programme for two years (1992 – 1994) concerning LGI and Rural Civil Society organizations.
 - c) Completed a good number of research, evaluation and consultancy works many of which have been published (may be seen in the publication list).
- 8.8 **Deputy Director**, Public Administration and Local Government Division, BARD, Comilla (1988-1991)
- a) Worked as the Deputy Project Director of a project known as Model Village for Rural Development for 18 months.
 - b) Contributed in various training programmes of BARD as resource person and training manager on LGI and Rural Development.
 - c) Took part jointly and individually in various research programmes & projects (Publication list may be consulted) LGI and Rural Development.
 - d) Part of the period was spent in UK for higher studies.
- 8.9 **Assistant Director and PRO** , Public Administration and Local Government Division, BARD, Comilla (1980 – 1988)
- a) Looked after the activities of Public Relations, Protocol and publications sections under the supervision of Director General and Director Administration of BARD.
 - b) Attached to Comilla Pourashava, Kotowali and Burichang TTDCs/UZPs, two *Union Parishads* (the lowest tier of LGI in Bangladesh) and exclusively with one village to observe long term Socio-economic changes for three years (1983 – 86).

- c) Part of the period was spent in UK for higher studies in the University of Wales.
- 8.10 **Assistant Public Relations Officer, Chittagong Port Authority Chittagong (1979 – 1980)**
 - a) All public relations functions such as issue of press release, features, stories and arrangement of institutional publicity in the media.
 - b) Publication of year book and monthly news letter.
 - c) Looking after the programmes of distinguished visitors at port.
- 8.11 **Junior Officer – Agrani Bank 1977-1979** Performed Normal Banking functions in two of the branches.

9. Involvement with Different Organisations as Activist

- 9.1 Chairman
Board of Trustees
Coastal Association for Social Transformation (COAST Trust), an NGO Work with 60,000 households of the coastal areas of Bangladesh (since 1998).
- 9.2 Member, *Asiatic Society Bangladesh (An Academic Research Institution)*
Member, *Bangladesh Society for Training and Development (BSTD)*
Member, *Community Development Library (NGO)*
Member, Board of Directors, *Polly Bikash Kendra (NGO)*
Member, **Local Government Support Group** led by Professor Mohammad Younus, Managing Director, *Grameen Bank*.
- 9.3 Chief Advisor – *Campaign for Good Governance* – a network of 600 small NGOs of the country.
- 9.4 Member, **Committee on Urban Local government and Chairman, Municipal Act Amendment sub-Committee.**
- 9.5 Member (executive body), *Citizen for Good Governance (SUJAN)*

10. Experiences as Project Manager:

Since my joining in the Public Administration Division of BARD in 1981, I have been contributing to the institutional aspects of local government and rural development vis-à-vis poverty alleviation programmes in various capacities. Some of those contributions are recorded as publications, which may kindly be seen in the list of publications. Beside these, I also worked for two years (1992-94) as Project Director of an Action Research Project known as *Comprehensive Village Development Programme (CVDP)* being implemented in four different locations of four *upazils* (Sub-district level administrative unit) under Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet Divisions.

The CVDP is basically an institution building programme which ultimately incorporated empowerment, capacity building, legal literacy, credit, income generation, employment creation and development of social services such as health, education, housing, family welfare from within. So far the project achieved remarkable successes in beneficiary coverage (12000 persons), capital formation (Tk. 1.8 million), income generation, employment creation and various social development programmes such as health, education, family planning, women's participation and children's development with community participation (1994)

The project has become National program of the Govt. of Bangladesh since 2004.

11. Experiences Research Manager and Consultant

- i. Member of a 10 member Task force Constituted by Ministry of Water Resources since April 2000 and produced a Participatory Guidelines for Water Sector Development in Bangladesh.
- ii. Prepared a report for World Bank, Dhaka on the Institutional arrangement of all future water sector projects with the involvement of *local government at district, upazila and union levels* (June, 1999).
- iii. Prepared a report for Cord-AID (a Dutch NGO) on the Conceptual and Interventional aspects of hardcore poor in Bangladesh. Title of the report, "*The Hard Facts of Hardcore Poor – New Challenges for NGOs*", May 2001.
- iv. Prepared a study report for a LGED project (RRMIMP-II) supported by World Bank and SDC on "*Local Resources Mobilization by Union Parishad*", June 2001.
- v. Worked for UNICEF, Dhaka as local consultant in conducting a National Level Survey and producing a survey report on Child Survival Development (Jointly published by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and UNICEF, Dhaka) under the title *progther pothey* (Road to progress) for three consecutive years since 1994.

- vi. As UNICEF consultant completed another sample survey on the Primary School Sanitation in Chittagong and Sylhet Divisions in 1995 and as follow up of the survey also designed a pilot programme to help UNICEF in implementing a *school sanitation and water supply project* with greater community participation. Currently the school sanitation and water supply system of UNICEF (Bangladesh) is being implemented on the basis of the institutional design recommended in the report.
- vii. Completed an evaluation on the *Integrated Community Development Programme* (An UNICEF assisted programme) of the Chittagong Hill Tract Development Board in December 1995 in which Hill District local Government Council and Union Parishad got special emphasis.
- viii. Prepared a *comprehensive training manual for District, Thana Union and Village level LG officials and public representatives* to make them able to plan, monitor, implement and evaluate social development Programmes. UNICEF supported the Project. (March - June 1996).
- ix. Worked in a three-member research team headed by prof. Harry W. Blair on *Democracy and Civil Society* in Bangladesh for Development Associates Inc. (Management and Govt. consultant 1730, North Lynn st arting ton Virginia) and US - AID, Washington in 1994.
- x. Worked for a UK based television company (Insight News Television Ltd. London SE 8 3TV) in three of their documentary productions on Bangladesh in 1992 and 1993.
- xi. Organised a national seminar entitled *participatory District Planning: A Suggested Model for Action* in July 1995 at BARD Comilla and Seminar proceeding has also been published on the same title jointly supported by GOB and UNICEF.
- xii. Prepared a mid-term evaluation report on the project entitled "*Sustainable Embankment maintenance programme*" implemented by Action Aid Bangladesh (September 1997) with the assistance from Asian Development Bank and GOB.
- xiii. Prepared a report on the future funding arrangement for *South Asia Poverty Alleviation Project* (Kishoregonj, Bangladesh) under the sponsorship of UNDP Dhaka and UNOPS (Kuala Lumpur) in August 1997.
- xiv. Worked for Public Administration Reform Commission as expert on *Decentralisation and the Local Government* (May – October, 1999) and produced a report.
- xv. Member Fact Finding Mission of ADB on Jamuna-Meghna River Erosion mitigation project of Water Board in 2002 and Mission Member in 2004, 2005,&2006,

12. **Participation in Voluntary Social Activism on governance in general and local government in particular**

As member of *Local Government Support Group*, "Advisor" of *Campaign for Good Governance (SUPRA)* and Member Central Committee of *Citizen for Good Governance (SUJAN)* participated in various nationwide lobbying, roundtable conferences and campaign activities for strong effective local governance systems that include *Union Parishad, Upazila Parishad, Zila Parishad, Pourashava* and City corporations in Bangladesh, participatory PRSP, pro-people budget, free and fair election, reform towards democratisation of political parties, gender sensitive budget, Independent Anti Corruption Commission, etc.

13. **Membership in National Level Expert Committees (Bangladesh)**

- 1. Member, **Committee on Urban Local government (CULG)** headed by the LG Minister of Bangladesh formed in 2005.
- 2. Convenor, of the Sub-committee to formulate, review and the amendment of the **Local Government (Pourashava) Ordinance 1977** and the draft completed and submitted.
- 3. Member, Task Force for formulating **Guidelines for Participatory Water Management**. Report prepared and approved by **the National Water Council in 2001**.
- 4. Member. National committee on Reorganization of Community/Village Police system in 2005. Report submitted for the consideration of the government in 2006.

14 **International Exposures on various Governance issues**

- ❑ Presented academic papers in the Philippines (ADB), South Korea (Seoul Association of Public Administration), Nepal (FMIST), India Kolkata University and Govt of Kerala), The UK (European Network of Bangladesh Studies and University of Bath) from time to time.
- ❑ Visited Academic institutions of Singapore, Thailand,, Malaysia, South Korea and The Netherlands.
- ❑ Worked in Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal and India.

- Visited Saudi Arabia twice for Haj and France, Belgium and the Netherlands as tourist

LIST OF THE KEY PUBLICATIONS

A. BOOKS

1. Ahmed, T (1993) *Decentralisation and the Local State under Peripheral Capitalism: A study on the political economy of local government in Bangladesh*, Academic publishers Ltd., Dhaka (ISBN- 984-050091) 400 pp.
2. Ahmed, T (1993) *Background, Principles and Strategies of Comprehensive Village Development Programme: A Theoretical Discussion* (in Bangla) BARD, Comilla. 96pp.
3. Ahmed, T and Abdul Quader (1993) *Local Government at the Crossroads: Some Recommendation for Structural Reorganisation* (in Bangla) BARD, COMILLA, 70pp.
4. Ahmed, T (1987) *Decentralisation and People's Participation in Bangladesh: A Political Perspective*, BARD, COMILLA, 117pp.
5. Ahmed, T and Das, R.C (1994) *Participatory Village Development Planning*, Comilla, BARD (in Bangla) 48pp.
6. Ahmed, T and Others (1994) *Democratisation of Family Structure for Solidarity and Development*, Comilla, BARD (in Bangla) 38pp.
7. Ahmed, T. (1998) *Two Decades of Local Government Reform Thinking in Bangladesh*, (in Bangla) COAST Trust, Bholra, 150 pp.
8. Ahmed, T. (1998) *Comprehensive Village Development: Institutional Restructuring of Comilla Model*, BARD, Comilla, pp 170.
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2. Ahmed T. and others (1993) *Rural Administration and Rural Local Government in the Interim Period (1991-92): A Study of two unions and Thanas of Comilla Districts* Comilla, BARD (mimeo), 68 pp.
3. Ahmed T. Obaidullah, A.K.M. and Hoq, M.A. (1984) *Problems and Prospects of Decentralised Administration: Views of Trainees and Case Studies*, BARD, Comilla, 41 pp.
4. Masreque, M.S. Islam M.N. and Ahmed T. (1995) *Empowerment of Women: A Study of Integrated Community Development Programme in Chittagong Hill Districts* UNICEF Chittagong (unpublished).
5. Ahmed T. and Alam, Syed Ahsanul (1994) *Status of Primary School Sanitation in Primary School: A Complete Survey in 14 Thanas under Chittagong Division*, (unpublished), UNICEF, Chittagong Divisional Office (unpublished).
6. Ahmed T. (1995) *A Study on the Implementation of Latrine and Water Supply System in Primary school Through school managing committees: An Experiment in moulvibazar*, UNICEF, Chittagong Divisional Office (await publication).
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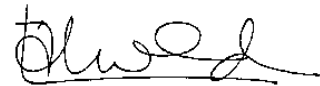
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In addition to the above list I have produced as many as 10 more journal articles in *Bangla on Urban and rural local governments* and published in various Bangladeshi journals. Besides, I regularly contribute articles as guest columnist in the daily newspapers(The Daily Ittefaq, Prothom Alo and Ammader shomoy) of Bangladesh ..

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