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## SUMMARY

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- 7 years of experience in developing and implementing Public Health projects and conducting research in women's and child health, adolescent health, immunization, and nutrition within low- and middle-income countries in the process to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Knowledgeable of advocacy tools and tactics, with a research-based MPH degree in Reproductive and Child health and an MSc degree in Global Health, actively stays up to date on global health advancements.
- Proficient in conducting research, policy analysis, monitoring and analyzing global health programs and financing, including government initiatives and multilateral instruments.
- Proven expertise in effective written and oral communication for diverse audiences, showcased through 20 peer-reviewed publications, presentations at 6 international conferences. ([Available here](#))
- Skilled in project planning, strategy development, action plan implementation, and leading large-scale initiatives, demonstrating strong organizational and project management skills.
- Proven ability to engage and build strategic partnerships with diverse stakeholders, including government officials, decision-makers, and volunteers.
- Proficient in utilizing various software and tools, including Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Zoom, Slack and social media platforms.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Education and Advocacy Fellow

September 2020 – Present

#### Results Canada

Ottawa, Canada

- Engaged in political advocacy activities alongside volunteers Leverage the voices of volunteers to create impactful programs and policies that promote people's rights to health, education, and economic opportunity.
- Collaborated with high-impact civil society groups to execute virtual advocacy and communication efforts with Canadian Members of Parliament, advocating for domestic and global investments in initiatives targeting pressing global health issues.
- Conducted research on significant developments related to tuberculosis (TB) and identifies new/emerging opportunities for impactful advocacy.
- Performed virtual communication and advocacy platforms such as Twitter, LinkedIn Instagram, Slack and emails.

### Intern, NTEAM

September 2020 – March 2021

#### Nutrition International

Ottawa, Canada

- Conducted thorough research and analysis for planning and implementing an e-learning training project on Vitamin A immunization, collaborating closely with multi-country teams.
- Provided strategic assistance to the Program Director in conducting country analysis, scope and needs analysis, and training material analysis.
- Collaborate with the Knowledge Translation team to prepare and ensure quality assurance of Adolescent Anaemia course materials, promoting accuracy and relevance.

### Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)

Dhaka, Bangladesh

#### Research Program Manager

January 2017 – June 2019

- Led the advocacy activities for capacity building training program designed by Department of Public health and resulted in scaling up the training all over Bangladesh.
- Successfully interfaced with national and international stakeholders on more than 10 projects specializing in, fostering collaboration and achieving project milestones.

- Ensured seamless policy analysis, research and project management and implemented quality improvement measures for various health services, including women's and child health, Human Papilloma virus (HPV) Immunization and adolescent health and nutrition programs.
- Coordinated and executed a robust communication and advocacy strategy and knowledge dissemination plan for the HPV immunization Program, including synthesizing research findings, policy briefs, and insights, peer-reviewed articles, ensuring effective information flow and stakeholder engagement.
- Supported the Department of Public Health and Informatics, UNICEF, and Ministry of Health in developing a comprehensive project plan for the HPV vaccine pilot program funded by GAVI, The Vaccine alliance.
- Managed the process documentation research for the pilot Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) immunization program in Bangladesh, overseeing project activities, monitoring timelines, and coordinating efforts to ensure the timely achievement of deliverables.

### **Program Manager**

**January- December 2016**

- Developed, planned and implemented of research projects funded by Global Affairs of Canada in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh, UNICEF, and Johns Hopkins University.
- Led the training team and managed and organized events including 23+ training programs for 150 health and family planning managers in 10 districts and sub-districts in Bangladesh.
- Managed and tracked the project activities, including developing project timelines, identifying risks, and writing quarterly and annual reports, while managing budgets of 1.3M \$ and ensuring the dissemination of reports and protocols.
- Co-authored 3 training curriculums and contributed to the creation of training materials, including conducting key informant interviews and developing case studies.
- Engaged with the Ministry of Health and Family Planning, Bangladesh to manage the selection and invitation of participants for training sessions, maintained continuous communication with stakeholders.

### **Research Officer**

**June 2014- December 2015**

- Assisted in the development of research protocols, ensuring adherence to research methodology standards and ethical guidelines.
- Developed comprehensive data collection methodologies and tools including survey questionnaire, optimizing data quality and efficiency in primary data collection from schools and Adolescent Health facilities in 12 different districts.
- Analyzed research findings to generate comprehensive reports, highlighting key insights, trends, and implications for recommendations for the Government policy for adolescent health care service.
- Engaged with media platforms and utilized digital and social media platforms to increase the visibility and impact of research findings, promoting awareness and understanding of public health issues.

### **EDUCATION**

<b>Project Management Certificate</b> University of Waterloo, ON, Canada	Ongoing
<b>Master of Science in Global Health (MSc)</b> , Concentration in Globalization and Equity McMaster University, ON, Canada	June 2021
<b>Master of Public Health (MPH)</b> , Major in Reproductive and Child Health Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka, Bangladesh	January 2015
<b>Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), Professional Degree for Dental Surgeons</b> Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh	June 2010