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Education	2014–2018	Ph.D., Applied Economics , University of Florida, USA.
	2010 – 2011	M.S., Economics , University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
	2006 – 2010	B.S., Economics , University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Affiliations	2019 –	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) , Rome, Italy. Senior Consultant; (2021- present) Post-doctoral Researcher; (2019- 2020)
	2023 –	Monash University , Australia. Non Resident Fellow
	2021 – 2022	World Bank , Washington DC, USA. ST Consultant (Poverty GP)
	2014 – 2018	University of Florida , Florida, USA. Instructor, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant
	2012 – 2014	BRAC , Dhaka, Bangladesh. Senior Research Associate
Academic Journal Articles	10.	COVID-19, Employment, and Gender: Evidence from Nigeria . 2024. <i>Journal of African Economies</i> . (conditionally accepted; with Md Hossain).
	9.	Political Affiliation and Conflicts: Evidence from Nigeria . 2024. <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> . (conditionally accepted; With Md Hossain).
	8.	Occupational and Asset Adjustment among the 2004 Tsunami Affected Households in India: Role of Access to Finance . 2024. <i>World Development</i> . (with Conner Mullally and Athur Mabiso).
	7.	Migration, Remittances, and Economic Activity among Origin Households: The Role of Female Household Headship . 2023. <i>Empirical Economics</i> (with Conner Mullally and Gulcan Onel).
	6.	The Role of Access to Finance in Disaster Recovery: Evidence from Coastal Communities in India . 2023. <i>Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> . (with Tisorn Songsermsawas and Robinson Toguem)
	5.	Matching Grants and Economic Activities among Horticultural Entrepreneurs: Long-term Evidence from Rwanda . 2022. <i>World Development</i> . (with Athur Mabiso and Alessandra Garbero).
	4.	Food Systems and Structural and Rural Transformations: A Quantitative Synthesis for Low and Middle-income Countries . 2021. <i>Food Security</i> . (with Aslihan Arslan and Romina Cavatassi).
	3.	Using Evaluation Data to Predict Loan Performance among Poor Borrowers: The case of BRAC’s Asset Transfer and Microcredit programmes . 2021. <i>Development Policy Review</i> . (with Conner Mullally).

2. [Agricultural Microcredit for Tenant Farmers: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Bangladesh](#). 2019. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. (with Mohammad Malek, Md Hossain, Md Reza, Md Ahmed).
1. [Alternatives to Calorie-based Indicators of Food Security: An Application of Machine Learning Methods](#). 2019. *Food Policy*. (with Conner Mullally and Niaz Asadullah).

Papers Under Review/ in Submission

4. Adapting to Thrive: Training and Access to Finance to Reduce Climate Vulnerability Among Smallholder Farmers in Nepal. (With T. Songsermsawas and G. Venkateswaran). Available [here](#).
3. Training, credit, and infrastructure for improving market access among small-scale producers in the Philippines. (With V. Mendiratta, A. Mabiso, and T. Songsermsawas). Available [here](#).
2. Poverty Dynamics over Time and Space: Evidence from Nigeria. (with L. Jackering, C. Mullally, and P. Winters). Available [here](#).
1. Agricultural and Rural Development Interventions and Poverty Reduction: Global Evidence from 16 Impact Assessment Studies. (With V. Mendiratta and S. Savastano). Available [here](#).

Ongoing work

3. The Impact of "Goal Setting" on Financial Resilience among Remittance Senders and Recipients. Co-PIs: Dean Yang (Michigan) and Alexander Fertig (Michigan). Status: Baseline survey and Implementation completed; Endline Survey: Q1 2024. Study type: Randomized Control Trial (RCT).
2. Role of Training and Input supports on Resilience of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh. Co-PIs: Maria Cotofan (KCL), Asad Islam (Monash), and Sutanuka Roy (ANU). Status: Baseline survey ongoing; Study type: Randomized Control Trial (RCT).
1. Extension and Infrastructure for Agricultural Transformation in Cambodia. Co-PIs: Athur Mabiso, IFAD. Status: Data collection completed. Study type: Quasi-experimental.

Teaching and Training

2014–2018	<p>University of Florida, USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Instructor (2017–2018) AEB4334 Price Analysis AEB2014 Economic Issues, Food, and You ▶ Teaching Assistant (2014–2018) AEB6933 Labor Economics AEB4334 Price Analysis AEB3281 Macroeconomics
2022	<p>Bintek Consulting and Bingol University, Turkiye. Lead trainer on program evaluation and data collection</p>
2021	<p>National Bureau of Statistics, Tanzania. Lead trainer on data analysis and visualization</p>

- 2021 | **Solomon Island National Provident Fund**, Solomon Islands.
Lead trainer on big data harmonization and visualization
- 2021 | **Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study**, Philippines.
Lead trainer on program evaluation and data collection

Selected policy writings

7. Applying a Gender Lens to Digital Remittances: Insights from UNCDF’s research on how digital remittance services can advance women’s financial inclusion and health. FinDev GateWay [Blog](#).
6. Access and usage of digital remittances: A case study of Ping Money in The Gambia. UNCDF [Blog](#).
5. Access to and usage of digital remittances: A case study of SentBe. UNCDF [Blog](#).
4. Applying migrant-centric and gender-smart approaches for digital remittance product design: Lessons from demand-side research in Bangladesh. UNCDF [Blog](#).
3. Empowering communities back home: A case study of SympliFi’s diaspora back loan in Senegal. UNCDF [Blog](#).
2. Grant-based development interventions are worth it. But how – and when? IFAD [Blog](#).
1. The labour market dynamics of COVID-19. IFAD [Blog](#).

Conference Presentations (selected)

Texas A & M University; University of Florida; Texas Tech University; University of Washington, Seattle; United Nation Capital Development Fund; Innovations for Poverty Actions; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, USA; Technical University of Munich; NEUDC- Northwestern University, USA; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, USA (Selected poster); International Fund for Agricultural Development, Italy; Northwestern Development Rookiefest, Northwestern University, USA; International Conference of Agricultural Economist, Canada; Asian Agricultural Economic Association Annual Meeting, Thailand

Professional Services

► Peer reviews: American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Development Policy Review, Environmental Development, Food Policy*, Food Security, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, PLOS One, Social Indicator Research, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting. (* indicates multiple reviews).

References

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