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Personal Data

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- Academic Qualifications** : M.Sc. in Applied Sociology and Anthropology
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines, 1980.
- : M.A. in Sociology, 1st Class First Position
University of Dhaka, 1970.

Professional Experience

- Child Sector Specialist** : Review of Existing Services Relating to Street Children in Dhaka Region, for Appropriate Resources for Improving Street Children's Environment (ARISE) project funded by UNDP, Department of Services, Ministry of Social Welfare Social, GoB, August -October 1999.
- Program Coordinator** : Pilot Project for Police Training on Women and Child Rights and Community Sensitization of CWCS, August 1998 to date, funded by The British Council, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Program Coordinator** : Advocacy Project to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children, March 1997 to August 1998, funded by The Asia Foundation.
- Principal Researcher** : Child Trafficking: The Underlying Dynamics, sponsored by Red Barnet, Bangladesh, September 1997-January 1998.

- Consultant** : Evaluation of JOICFP Project Sustainable Community-based FP/MCH project with Special Focus on Women (FPAB), sponsored by Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning, Inc. (JOICFP), Japan, February-March 1998.
- WID Consultant** : Eliminating Gender-Based Discrimination in Employment in South Asias: Bangladesh Country Profile, sponsored by ILO, South Asia Multidisciplinary Advisory Team (SAAT), New Delhi, October–November 1997.
- Consultant** : Effect on Children of the Selected CIDA Projects in Bangladesh, sponsored by Program Support Unit, CIDA, Dhaka, October 1997-January 1998.
- Principal Evaluator** : An Evaluation of BODC’s Community Based Children’s Education and Skill Development Project, sponsored by Radda Barnen, December 1995-March 1996, Dhaka
- Principal Evaluator** : Project Evaluation of Nadi Shikasti Gono Adhikar Forum (A Forum for the Rights of River Erosion Affected People), sponsored by Bangladesh Development Partnership Centre (BDPC), December 1995-January 1996.
- Team Leader** : Study on Designing a Suitable Lower Secondary Educational Program for UCEP and Exploring the Possibilities of Establishing Networking Relationship with other NGOs, sponsored by UCEP, October-December 1995.
- Principal Researcher** : Domestic Child Workers in Dhaka, Phase II, sponsored by Save the Children Fund Australia, February-June 1995.
- Principal Researcher** : Domestic Child Workers in Dhaka, Phase I, sponsored by Save the Children Fund Australia, April-December 1994.
- WID Consultant** : Need Assessment of ADAB’s Women Development Centre, sponsored by Nova Consultancy Bangladesh, August-September 1994.
- WID Consultant** : Annual Review of Mymensingh Aquaculture Extension Project, sponsored by Royal Danish Embassy, Dhaka, 3rd-23rd June 1994.
- Team Leader** : Bangladesh Country Study on Girls in Especially Difficult Circumstances, sponsored by United Nations Children’s Fund Regional Office for South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal, January-June 1994.
- Consultant** : Mid-Term Evaluation of UCEP Programme in Bangladesh, sponsored by SDC/DANIDA, Dhaka, November 1993.
- Consultant** : Bangladesh: Environmental Issues and Poverty Reduction Study, sponsored by CIDA, Dhaka, April-September 1993.
- Consultant** : External Evaluation of the Foster Programme Component of the CTRDW in Bangladesh, Part B Foster Family Side, sponsored by SKIP Stiftung Kinderdorf Pestalozzi, Switzerland, February-August 1993.
- WID Consultant** : Profile of Women’s Situation in the Project Area, Working Paper 5, IFAD, Rome, December 1992.
- WID Consultant** : Social and Gender Issues in Disaster Management, Working Paper 11, UNDP, Dhaka, August-October 1992.

- Consultant** : Environmental Issues in Natural Resource Management in Bangladesh, sponsored by Winrock International, 1992.
- Consultant** : Sexual Exploitation of Children in Bangladesh: Reflection and Strategies, sponsored by Radda Barnen, Dhaka, 1991.
- WID Consultant** : Case Study on Violence in the Family, sponsored by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations, Vienna, 1989.
- Consultant** : Sexual Exploitation of Children in Bangladesh : Reflection and Strategies, sponsored by Radda Barnen, Dhaka, 1990.
- WID Consultant** : Women, Social Compulsion and Dowry : A Comparative Study of Urban Delhi and Dhaka, sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 1987.
- WID Consultant** : Women's Work : A Study of Attitudes Towards Women's Livelihood Activities in Bangladesh, sponsored by the United Nations University, Tokyo, 1987.
- Consultant** : Women's Water Use and Sanitation, a research report for the Socio-Economic Study, sponsored by UNICEF/DANIDA, Dhaka, 1984.

Research Publications

- Author:** "Violence Against Women: Rethinking Strategies" in the *Proceedings of the Second Asia Regional Workshop on the Elimination of Violence Against Women*, organized by Match (Canada) and Women Awareness Centre Nepal, Kathmandu, April 1-7, 1996.
- Co-author** : *Rural Women in Poverty: NGO Interventions for Alleviation*, Women for Women, Dhaka, February 1996.
- Co-author** : *Child Domestic Work in Dhaka: A Study of the Exploitative Situation*, Save the Children Fund Australia, Dhaka in collaboration with Anti-Slavery International, London, December 1995.
- Co-author** : *Widows in Rural Bangladesh: Issues and Concerns*, Centre for Women and Children Studies, Dhaka, August 1995.
- Author** : "Women Facing Violence: Birds in a Cage?" in *Towards Beijing and Beyond: Women Shaping Policies in Areas of Concern*, Centre for Women and Children Studies & PACT Bangladesh/PRIP, Dhaka, August 1995.
- Author** : "Trafficking in Women: Bangladesh Perspective", in *Report of the Regional Workshop on Platform of Action*, Bangladesh National Preparatory Committee Towards Beijing NGO Forum '95, Dhaka, July 1995.
- Co-author** : *Abandoned Children : Better Home Better Future*, Centre for Training & Rehabilitation of Destitute Women (CTRDW), Dhaka, January 1994.
- Co-author** : *Energy and Water Crisis in Rural Households: Linkages with Women's Work and Time*, Women for Women, Dhaka, November 1994.

- Author** : *Riverine Hazards, Erosion and Displacement: Coping Mechanisms of Rural Women as Managers of Households*, Winrock International, Dhaka, May 1993 (mimeo).
- Author** : "Natural Hazards in Bangladesh : Social Impact, Survival Strategies and Policy Implications", in *Environment and Development Series 1993*, Winrock International & Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, Dhaka, 1993.
- Co-author** : "Poverty Rural Women : Challenges for Survival", in Husain, A.M.M. et al., edited. *Challenges of Rural Poverty by the Year 2010*. Winrock International and Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, Dhaka, 1993.
- Author** : *Child Trafficking and Sale*, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Dhaka, August 1993 (mimeo).
- Co-author** : *Homeless and Powerless : Child Victims of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation*. Bangladesh Sociology Association, Dhaka, February 1993.
- Co-author** : *Women's Work: A Study on Attitudes Towards Women's Livelihood Activities in Bangladesh*. Centre for Psycho-Social Research and Training, Dhaka, January 1993.
- Author** : "Slavery and Traffic in Women and Children: Recent Trends in Bangladesh," in *Eshon Collected Articles*. Women for Women, Dhaka, 1992.
- Author** : "Dowry and Women's Status: A Study of Court Cases in Dhaka and Delhi," in Emilio C. Viano, edited *Intimate Violence: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Washington: Hemisphere Publishing Corporation, 1992.
- Author** : "Social and Gender Issues in Disaster Management," in *Eshon Collected Articles*. Women for Women, Dhaka, 1992.
- Co-author** : *Women in the Urban Informal Sector: Employment Pattern, Activity Types and Problems*. Women for Women, Dhaka, 1992.
- Co-author** : *Environmental Issues and Natural Resources Management in Bangladesh*, First edition, July 1990, Second edition December 1992, BARC & Winrock International, Dhaka.
- Author** : "Rural and Urban Prostitution in Bangladesh: Its Causes and Suggestions for Remedies," in *Exploitation of Women and Children: its Causes and Effects*. Asian Regional Conference, New Delhi, November 1992.
- Author** : "Prostitution in Urban Bangladesh," in *Promotion of Community Awareness for the Prevention of Prostitution*. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations, New York, 1991.
- Author** : "Trafficking of Asian Women: A Case Study of Bangladesh." in *Prostitution : A World Problem A Threat to Humanity*, 29th International Congress of IAF, Stuttgart, Germany, 1987.
- Author** : "Cultural Tradition and Women's Position in Rural Households," in *Bangladesh Sociological Review*, Vol. 1 No. 1, September 1986.

- Co-author** : *A Dictionary of Sociology* (in Bangla) Bangla Academy, Dhaka, February 1986.
- Author** : "Report Writing," in *Proceedings of the Training Course on Research Methodology and Women's Issues*, Women for Women, Dhaka, 1985.
- Author** : "Women as Business Entrepreneurs," in *Eshon, Collected Articles*, Women for Women, Dhaka, 1984.
- Author** : "Bangladeshi's Acculturation to Filipino Ways of Living," in *Bangladesh Journal of Sociology*, Vol. II, No. 1, Dhaka.
- Co-author** : *Women and Violence: A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Violence Against Women in Bangladesh*, 1st edition November 1984; 2nd edition, December 1985, Women for Women, Dhaka.
- Author** : "Bangladesh Village: Study of Attitudes." in *Politics; Administration and Change*, Vol. V No. 2, Dhaka, July-December 1980.
- Co-author** : "Married Female Students in Higher Education," in *Women and Education*, Women for Women, Dhaka, 1978.

Award & Fellowship

Awarded a gold medal for securing first position among girls in the Higher Secondary Examination held in 1966, Dhaka.

Award for securing First Class first position in M.A. Sociology Examination held in 1970 from the University of Dhaka.

Awarded Research Fellowship by the Agricultural Development Council, presently Winrock International, USA, at the Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines from 1977-79.

Membership

Founder President, Centre for Women and Children Studies, Dhaka.

Member, Women for Women : A Research and Study Group, Dhaka.

General Secretary, Rural Social Science Network, Dhaka.

Life Member, Indian Association for Women's Studies, New Delhi.

Life Member, Bangladesh Sociology Association, Dhaka.

Member, Research Committee 32 on Women and Society of the International Sociological Association.

Member, Governing Body of Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra, Dhaka.

Member, International Committee of the International Abolitionist Federation, Paris.

Member, The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women - Asia Pacific, Philippines.

Member, The Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women, Thailand.

Member, Bangladesh Child Care and Rehabilitation Centre, Dhaka.

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Professor Ishrat Shamim of the Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka, has long been involved for more than two decades, both as a teacher and a researcher on gender issues, focusing on disparity and inequality of the women of Bangladesh. Her long experience of national and international participation in conferences and seminars as well as presentation of papers reflect her varied experience in deliberation on women's development issues.

Ishrat Shamim is founder President of the Centre for Women and Children Studies and has been an active member of Women for Women: A Research and Study Group since its early days. Her particular interest is in the field of violence against women in all its forms - from domestic to trafficking in women and children as well as prostitution. She co-authored the book on **Women and Violence: A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Violence Against Women in Bangladesh** in 1985. In 1986, she had the privilege to present a paper on Case Study of Family Violence in Bangladesh at the United Nations' Expert Group Meeting at the Vienna International Centre. The following year she presented a report on **Women, Social Compulsion and Dowry: A Comparative Study of Urban Delhi and Dhaka** based on court cases for the Commonwealth Secretariat. Her paper on the phenomenon of Child Prostitution in Bangladesh was presented at the Working Group on Slavery at the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva in 1987. In recent years, she has co-authored several noteworthy books based on research studies. These are: **Women in Urban Informal Sector: Employment Pattern, Activity Types and Problems; Homeless and Powerless: Child Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Abandoned Children Better Home Better Future; and Energy and Water Crisis in Rural Households: Linkages with Women's Work and Time, Widows in Rural Bangladesh: Issues and Concerns and Rural Women in Poverty : NGO Interventions for Alleviation.**

She actively participated at the 39th Session of the United Nations on the Status of Women last year at New York and attended the NGO Forum on Women Beijing '95 and the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. She also attended the Social Summit for Social Development, in March 1995 at Copenhagen.