

Roster of National Gender Experts in Bangladesh

BACKGROUND:

This roster is developed by the UN in Bangladesh's Gender Equality Theme Group (GETG), contributing to the overall objective to provide technical assistance, capacity building support, and resources (including data, tools, and guidance) to UN in Bangladesh in order to enhance system-wide accountability to advance the gender equality and women empowerment agenda. The roster lists national gender equality experts across different thematic areas, based on their expertise.

Note: Appearance on this list does not equal an endorsement by the UN Country Team in Bangladesh.

CRITERIA:

The gender experts in this list¹ were included based on the following criteria:

- Proven record of work on gender equality and the relevant focus area for (at least 8-10 years) at the national, regional and/or international level
- Proven record of working with development community, broader alliances, part of other networks in Bangladesh and globally
- At least a master's degree or equivalent in gender studies, development studies, social sciences, public policy, human rights, law, or other related disciplines
- Broad understanding of global best practices as they relate to gender responsive programming

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¹ Some experts' names may appear in more than one theme, based on their areas of expertise.

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Communication

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Ms. Tasaffy Hossain has been involved in the development sector for over ten years, specializing in private sector development, poverty alleviation, gender empowerment and prevention of gender-based violence. She has extensive experience in project management, including sub-sector assessments, designing strategies and implementation of interventions focusing on M4P and gender inclusion. Furthermore, she is experienced in monitoring & evaluation, knowledge management, communication, and advocacy. Since 2010, she has been actively involved in Bangladesh's gender rights activism, focusing on creating awareness around gender issues. She is the founder of the feminist platform "Bonhishikha – Unlearn Gender" and has experience working with various organizations, including Helvetas Bangladesh, IFPRI, and iDE-Bangladesh. She holds an MSS in Development Studies from Independent University Bangladesh.

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Asif Munier

Mr. Asif Munier has 28 years of experience in the development sector in Bangladesh, including 13 years working on labour migration issues. His experience further includes a focus on human rights, gender, and child rights. Moreover, he has a strong background in strategic planning, community and organisational assessments, project development, facilitation and training on human rights and rights-based approaches, migration, and displacement. Development communication and Theatre for Development are also areas of interest and expertise. Currently, he is a media commentator on migration and Rohingya refugees. Mr. Munier has previously worked for and with organisation such as ILO, UNDP, IOM, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, BLAST, and Save the Children Sweden-Denmark. He holds an MA in Development Studies from University of Sussex, United Kingdom, and an MSS in Public Administration from University of Dhaka.

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Hassan Imam

Mr. Hassan Imam is a development practitioner with over 24 years of experience in areas such as strategic planning, programme management, capacity building, and social & behaviour change communications. His thematic expertise include migration, public health, human trafficking, social enterprise development, human rights, youth development, gender, and women's empowerment. He currently works as the Managing Director of Center for Development Communications DEVCOM Ltd. Previously, he has worked with the Government of Bangladesh, UN Agencies, Donor Agencies, and NGOs, including IOM, ILO, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), UNDP, UN Women, Save the Children, CARE Bangladesh, among others. Mr. Imam holds a Master of Public Health from State University of Bangladesh, Dhaka.

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Mr. Rufas Rafi Sircar has more than 10 years' experience working with youth groups and marginalized, women-led communities in the humanitarian field. He has experience in facilitating dialogue and cooperation among diverse groups and engaging with vulnerable communities, including people with disabilities, female headed households, ethnic minorities, and displaced people from Rakhine. He also has experience working as Accountability to the Affected People-delegate as well as for the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS). Furthermore, he has participated in global networks and alliances to exchange knowledge and share best practices. Mr. Sircar holds a Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies from TCA College, Singapore.

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Economic Empowerment

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Mr. Md Ashfike Khalaque has over 13 years of experience in the development sector. His expertise is centred around women's entrepreneurship and livelihoods, value chain and market development interventions, and private sector engagement. Moreover, he has experience in providing capacity development trainings and advisory services to the private sector on UN Women and UN Global Compact's Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs). He has worked with organizations such as UN Women, iDE, and Care Bangladesh. He holds a master's degree in Development Studies from Islamic University, Bangladesh and an MSS in Sociology from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh.

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Mr. Md. Mosfequr Rahman has more than 13 years of experience working on gender equality and women's empowerment, with a focus on decent work and social and labour standards for the private sector. Additionally, he has experience with issues related to political participation and governance. He has previously worked with organisations such as ActionAid, The Hunger Project, German Development Cooperation (GIZ), BRAC, GoodWeave International, among others. Mr. Rahman has a master's degree in Development Studies from East West University, Bangladesh.

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Sarah Zita

Ms. Sarah Zita has over 15 years of experience of working on gender issues and women's economic empowerment, specifically focusing on women's entrepreneurship and digital inclusion. Furthermore, she has an extensive entrepreneurial background in the field of ecommerce in Bangladesh working with platforms such as OLX, Monihari and ekShop. She also has competency in advocating for micro-merchants and rural and/or marginal entrepreneurs, having worked with multiple UNCDF projects and multinational companies. She has experience working with organisations, among others UNDP and Joyeeta Foundation. She holds an MBA from University of Dhaka, majoring in banking. She also has a BBA from University of Dhaka, majoring in finance.

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Mr. Afsan Chowdhury has over 35 years of experience working with media, social- and behavioural change campaigns, social communication, advocacy, and social mobilization, focusing on gender and women's empowerment issues. More specifically he has worked on issues related to diversity, child rights, prevention of sexual abuse, women's economic empowerment, and disaster risk reduction. He has experience working with many organisations, for example UNICEF, BRAC, Panos South Asia, BBC, UNDP, UNFPA, UNAIDS, Bangladesh Human Rights Commission, MoWCA, Disaster Management Bureau, ActionAid, and Save the Children. He has a master's degree in History and a L.L.B from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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Ms. Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury has extensive research experience in the areas of Labour Market Dynamics, Gender, Covid-19 and Tourism Industry, Energy, Financial Technology and MSMEs. She is currently working as a research associate at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). She has previous experiences teaching economics at BRAC University and East West University. Ms. Tahreen has previously worked with UNDP (SWAPNO Project), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education, UN-ESCAP, IFPRI, IUCN, and FAO. She is currently working on two research studies for UNDP on women entrepreneurs. She holds a degree in economics from Dhaka where her fields of interests were Macro Economics, Microeconomics and Development Economics

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Ms. Maheen Sultan has over thirty years of experience working as a development practitioner, activist, and researcher. She is knowledgeable in the areas of programme management, policy formulation, communications, and advocacy. She is currently serving as Head of the Gender Studies Cluster and Coordinator of the Centre for Gender and Social Transformation (CGST) at BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, BRAC University. She is working on the thematic areas of women's leadership and organising, local governance, gender norms and masculinities, and women's employment and care work. Ms. Sultan has experience working for NGOs, donors, UN agencies, Grameen Bank, and the Bangladeshi government in a range of capacities. Furthermore, she has a License in Sociology from the University of Geneva.

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Ms. Shahnila Azher has 15 years of experience working for the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID), out of which the last 7 were in senior management/advisory roles. She specializes in growth and economic development and broader governance issues. She has ample experience working on advancing women's economic empowerment across market development and value chains, entrepreneurship development, and financial sector inclusion. Furthermore, she has experience in leading teams, across various countries in Asia and Africa, on cutting-edge policies and programs. Previous to working in DFID, she worked in a development financial institution, focusing on women and SMEs, and ran her own small business. Ms. Azher is currently based in Vietnam, working as a freelance consultant. She holds an MBA in Finance and International Business from Columbia Business School in New York, US.

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