

Technical Review Panel Member

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: **Bangladesh**

Additional languages: Bangla, English

Expertise: Health Financing, Health system, TB

Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Department	Year
Doctor of Philosophy	University of Newcastle, Australia	Community Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology	2016
Masters of Health Economics	University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	Institute of Health Economics	2022
PGD Health Economics	University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	Institute of Health Economics	2021
Doctor of Medicine	Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka University, Bangladesh	Medicine	1999

Employment History

Employer	Position	Place	Year
Damien Foundation	Country Representative	Bangladesh	Nov 2022-present
ThinkWell	Director, Social Enterprise Incubator. USAID's Advancing Universal Health Care Project (AUHC)	Bangladesh	2021- Nov 2022

BRAC	Associate Director Tuberculosis, Communicable Disease Programme	Bangladesh	2018- 2021
BRAC	Program Head, Nutrition and Team Leader, Income support Program for the poorest (ISPP, a World Bank and Government led project) BRAC, Health Nutrition and Population Program	Bangladesh	Feb 2017- Sept 2018
James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University	Assistant Professor, and Coordinator multicounty research- REACHOUT	Bangladesh	Oct 2015 – Feb 2017
University of Newcastle Australia	Lecturer, Global health	Australia	2013- 2015
BRAC	Senior Programme Health Nutrition and Population Programme	Bangladesh	2004-2011
Marie Stopes Clinic Society	Training Officer	Bangladesh	2004

Relevant Publications

- Rifat M, et al. Development of Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis in Bangladesh: A Case-Control Study on Risk Factors. Plos One. August 2014.
- Rifat M, et al. Health System delay in treatment of multidrug resistant tuberculosis patients in Bangladesh BMC Infectious Diseases. November 2015
- Rifat M, et al. Factors related to previous tuberculosis treatment of Multidrug resistant Tuberculosis patients in Bangladesh. BMJ Open. September 2015.
- Rifat M, et al. From mosques to classrooms -mobilizing the community to enhance case detection for tuberculosis. American Journal of Public Health. September 2008, Vol 98, No. 9.
- Rifat M, et al. Why are tuberculosis patients not treated earlier? A study of informal health care providers in Bangladesh. *Int. J. Tuberc. Lung Dis.* May 2011.
- Klinton JS, Rifat M et al. One year of COVID-19 and its impact on private provider engagement for TB: A rapid assessment of intermediary NGOs in seven high TB burden countries, J Clin Tuberc Other Mycobact Dis. December 2021.
- Zaman K, Rifat M et al. Prevalence of smear-positive tuberculosis in persons aged ≥ 15 years in Bangladesh: results from a national survey, 2007-2009. Epidemiol. Infect. Aug 2011.

- Islam QS, Rifat M, et al. Beyond drugs: tuberculosis patients in Bangladesh need nutritional support during convalescence. Public Health Action, Volume 3, Number 2, 21 June 2013.
- Paul S et al. Subjective experiences of stigma related to Tuberculosis: a qualitative exploration at peri-urban, Bangladesh. American Journal of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. January 2019,
- Htike W, Rifat M, et al. Factors associated with treatment delay among tuberculosis patients referred from a tertiary hospital in Dhaka City: a cross-sectional study Public Health Action. 12/2013
- Khanam F, Rifat M, et al. The association between daily 500 mg calcium supplementation and lower pregnancy-induced hypertension risk in Bangladesh. BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. 2018.
- Ara G, Rifat M, et al. Study protocol to assess the impact of an integrated nutrition intervention on the growth and development of children under two in rural Bangladesh. BMC Public Health, 2019.

Additional Information

Review experiences

- Proposal review committee member: TBREACH, Stop TB Partnership (2022)
- Seventh, Fourth and Fifth joint review of the National tuberculosis programme (NTP) of Bangladesh
- Journals: IJTLD, BMJ Open, Public Health Action and PLOS One, Global Health Action
- Abstract reviewer: Global Symposium on Health System Research; International conference on TB and Lung diseases
- Joint Monitoring Mission of TB, India, June 2008

Other affiliations

- Member of the Scientific Committee, Global Symposium on Health System Research (HSR).
- Member of The International Union Against TB and Lung Diseases (The Union)