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EDUCATION

Master of Social Science in Economics

Jan 2024 – Mar 2025

Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka

CGPA: 3.58/4.00

Thesis: Investigating the Determinants of Perceived Importance of Health Insurance: A Study Among University Students in Bangladesh

- Designed and analyzed survey data from 406 university students using Spearman's correlation and multinomial logistic regression
- Identified financial burden and medication costs as key drivers of insurance demand

Relevant coursework: Microeconomic Theory I & II, Macroeconomic Theory I & II, Advanced Trade Theory, Project Planning and Evaluation Technique

Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) in Economics

Jan 2020 – Jan 2024

Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka

CGPA: 3.27/4.00

Project Paper: The Paradoxical Predicament of the Third Gender Community in Bangladesh: Overcoming the Margins

- Recruited 13 participants for in-depth interviews; conducted thematic analysis (NVivo) on 10 completed interviews
- Identified barriers in healthcare, education, and employment; highlighted gaps between policy design and actual access

Relevant coursework: Econometrics I & II, Development Economics I & II, Economics of Poverty, Gender and Inequality, Advanced Mathematical Methods in Economics, Research Methodology

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, Consiglieri Private Limited, Dhaka

May 2026 – July 2026

- Contributed to a national feasibility study for UNICEF and National University to assess graduate employability, employer expectations, skill gaps, and labour market alignment in Bangladesh's higher education system
- Monitored data collection across 8 divisions and 163 institutions against the sampling plan to support representative sample coverage, and assisted with participant recruitment at target institutions
- Cleaned, validated, and coded over 5,600 survey responses, including open-ended responses; updated SPSS syntax for data cleaning; and performed multiple response analyses
- Identified and resolved data quality issues across responses collected by 36 field enumerators by verifying flagged records and ensuring compliance with data quality standards
- Prepared structured analytical notes from 10 Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) to support qualitative data organization and thematic analysis

Research Assistant PhD research project on asylum and refugee context

Dec 2024 – Present

- Coordinated participant recruitment and scheduling of qualitative interviews in a refugee research context

- Transcribed and anonymised interviews, ensuring ethical compliance and data confidentiality
- Conducted inter-rater coding to support qualitative analysis and improve coding reliability
- Contributed to IRB/ethics application for cross-country research

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Conference Presentation

Yunus, M. I., Mouly, S. D., Erin, I. J., & Khan, W. S. (2026). *Stigma, exclusion, and the search for dignity: Healthcare access among third gender individuals in Bangladesh*. 9th SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (9SAEC): Development Challenges and Policy Responses in a Changing World, BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka.

Under Review

Yunus, M. I., Mouly, S. D., Erin, I. J., & Khan, W. S. Healthcare access and social exclusion among third gender communities in Bangladesh

Manuscript in Preparation

Islam, S., & **Yunus, M. I.** Socioeconomic Inequality in Cost-Related Forgone Care and Self-Medication Among University Students in Bangladesh

Yunus, M.I., Mouly, S. D., Khan, Z.N., & Khan, W. S. Legal Knowledge, Institutional Trust, and Reporting Intentions for AI-Generated Image-Based Sexual Abuse among Young Women in Dhaka

Yunus, M. I., Mouly, S. D., Erin, I. J., & Khan, W. S. The Exclusion Cycle: Education, Work and The Limits of Recognition For Hijra People In Bangladesh

Yunus, M.I., Khan, Z.N., & Mouly, S. D. Real Wage Dynamics under Rising Food Prices in Bangladesh: Evidence from 2017 to 2025

Selected Public Writing

Yunus, M. I. (2020, January 5). *Inflation: A situation of rising prices in the economy* (In Bengali). Roar Bangla. <https://archive.roar.media/bangla/main/economy/inflation-a-situation-of-rising-prices-in-the-economy>

Yunus, M. I. (2020, December 29). *The beginning of macroeconomics* (In Bengali). Roar Bangla. <https://archive.roar.media/bangla/main/economy/the-beginning-of-macroeconomics>

CORE COMPETENCIES

Quantitative analysis: descriptive and inferential statistics, survey data management

Qualitative analysis: thematic analysis

Software: MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Stata, R, SPSS, NVivo, KoboToolbox,

Knowledge dissemination: academic papers, conference presentation, public-facing writing

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Name	Institution/Platform
MEAL Essentials Certificate <i>Learnt MEAL frameworks, including monitoring design, data collection, analysis, and use of evidence in program decisions</i>	Cornerstone OnDemand Foundation (2026)
R for Data Science & Machine Learning	NBICT LAB (2025)

Developed R proficiency for descriptive and inferential statistics, data visualization, and regression models

Evaluating Impact in Low- and Middle-Income Countries World Bank Group (2025)
Learnt applied impact evaluation methods, including RCTs, regression, and quasi-experimental designs, to assess policy and program effectiveness

The Science of Well Being Yale University, Coursera (2020)
Learnt evidence-based principles of well-being, including the psychology of happiness, cognitive biases, and habit formation to improve well-being and productivity

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Contributing Writer | Roar Bangla 2019 – 2020

- Authored analytical articles on economics in Bangla, translating complex economic issues into accessible language for a broad audience that reached over 30,000 readers
- Conducted in-depth background research to ensure the accuracy, relevance, and credibility of published articles on macroeconomics

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

Joint Secretary | BUP Economics Club 2023

- Organized POMAC, a policy-making competition with 150+ participants
- Coordinated workshops and seminars (EconTalk, Datalytics), aimed at improving economic literacy among students
- Collaborated with the Communication, Research, and Publication departments to coordinate club activities and events

Assistant Joint Secretary | BUP Literature & Drama Club 2022

- Coordinated large-scale literary events such as LitFest (2022) with 100+ participants
- Worked with the publications team to develop formal content, including captions, letters, and speeches for key events

FILMMAKER (SELECTED WORKS)

- The Wings of Shumi (2017, Asst. Director): Award-winning documentary on gender and informal labor
- The Burden People (2020, Asst. Director): Rohingya displacement; explored themes of forced migration and human dignity
- Dear Day (2021, Director): Official selection, International Children's Film Festival (2022)
- Onno Ghore (2023, Director): Screened at Rishka Festival (2026); Official selection, Egyptian American Film Festival (2025)

REFERENCES

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