

Brief CV of Executive Director, COAST Trust

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Major Area of Experiences

- Management System and Planning for Learning and Change,
- Human Resource Development,
- Sustainable Micro Finance,
- Advocacy and Policy Influencing,
- Policy Research
- Networking and Campaign,
- Participatory appraisal and evaluation,
- Building People Organization,
- Disaster Management,
- Coastal Issues and Amateur Radio Operation.
- Appropriate technology in coastal belt.

Education

Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Masters in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Chittagong, 1982, Chancellor's Gold Medal 1976 (Awarded in February 1994).

Employment History

Jul '99 to date	Executive Director, Coastal Association for Social Transformation (COAST Trust , www.coastbd.org), a nationalized NGO from ActionAid Bhola Project.
Dec. '94 – Jun. '99	Project Director, ActionAid Bangladesh Bhola Project
Oct. '94 - Nov. '94	Anthropologist/Sociologist, ICDDR, B, Dhaka
Apr. '92 – Sept. '94	Training and Communication Advisor, RRRDP, a EC and GoB Project, Rangpur
Jun. '89 – Mar. '92	Sr. Consultant on Training and Communication, NRDP, a GoB and DANIDA Project, Noakhali
Jan. '87 – May '89	Project Training Coordinator, NRDP, Noakhali
Apr. '83 – Dec. '86	With various capacity, especially on field operation and functional education in Mass Education Programme, a component of NRDP in Chagalnayia, Laxshampur and Maijdee of Noakhali
Jun. '82 – Mar. '83	Research Assistant of various Ph. D research projects, Department of Sociology, University of Chittagong.

Networking

Acting as General Secretary, National Committee, *Sushasoner Jonny Procharavizan – SUPRO* (In English Campaign for Good Governance, www.supro.org) a network of local NGOs in Bangladesh and Vice Chairperson, Bangladesh Coastal NGO Network for Radio and Communication (BCNNRC).

Focal person of food sovereignty group in Bangladesh from SAAPE (South Asian Association for Poverty Eradication) since 2004.

Major Training Received

- Micro Finance Management – CDF, Dhaka, May 2000
- Emergency Capacity Building, ESCA – ActionAid Africa Region, Uganda, March 1998
- Introductory Program on Capacities for Managers, Save the Children (UK) and London
- School of Economics, Katmandu, March 1996

- ZOPP Basic Course, GTZ Dhaka, June 1995
- Advocacy Capacity Building, Advocacy Institute and Action Aid Asia, Delhi, July 1995
- Management Leadership, IRRI and UPLB, Philippines, June 1991
- Management and Planning, DANIDA, Denmark, Aug – Nov 1988
- Project Management, BRAC & BARD, 1984

Short Term Co-Work

- Appraisal Team Member of LGSP (Local Govt. Support Project) of DANIDA, February 1990
- Evaluation of RDRS's Char Development Project on behalf of Stromme Memorial Foundation - Norway, September 1996
- Act as team member with INTREEC (a UK based NGO) for Participatory Action Learning Study of DfID assistance in Bangladesh, June 1997
- Evaluation of VARD, YMCA, AUS and CDP project on behalf Stromme Memorial Foundation- Norway, March – May 2000.

Presentation Given at

- University of London, World Literacy Conference – Philadelphia, World Bank, IMF and USAID – Washington,
- ActionAid – UK Office,
- BBC World - London, TV 2 France, IPS TerraViva
- SAARC People Conference – Nepal and Delhi,
- Community Radio Conference by UNESCO- Srilanka,
- Conference on Micro Finance Policy and Governance – ESCAP, Bangkok.

Country visited

United States of America, United Kingdom, Brussels, Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland, Kenya, Uganda, Thailand, India, Singapore, Indonesia, Phillipines, and Pakistan

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