

Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Omar Faruque Chowdhury

Personal Details

Date of birth	20 April 1951
Nationality	Bangladeshi
Employment Status	Senior Social Development Consultant
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Education

2002	Ph. D. in Anthropology, Ranchi University, India
1974	MA, Social Welfare, Dhaka University
1973	BA (Hons) Social Welfare, Dhaka University

Honour / Award Received

1991	Awarded as the best National NGO Executive Director from The Asia Foundation for the implementation of Health and Family Planning Programme as an umbrella organisation funded by USAID through The Asia Foundation, Dhaka .
1988	Awarded Honorary Citizenship from the City of Santa Cruz, California, USA, by the Mayor of the city of Santa Cruz, California, USA on November 07, 1988 .

Key Skills and Summary Experience

Key Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Evaluation across the sectors • Impact assessment capacity building project (training , study tour, etc) • Organisational and institutional development • Facilitation and skill Audit including performance assessment • Urban and Rural Governance • Mid Term and End line Evaluation of projects • Pro Poor Policy Development • Project design, Management, implementation and management of community based health programme , human rights projects, women rights & SME projects and development projects . • Coordination & Communication with Government and private sector • Team building ,Negotiation skills & Team Management • Output to Purpose Review of projects • Baseline survey and Action Research • Human rights and gender • Household livelihood security (HLS) analysis • Monitoring and Evaluation of development projects • Capacity building across the sector • Facilitation of development training • Assessment of Performance appraisal and staff competency • Technical Assistance on contracting NGOs for grant making, selection criteria of NGOs, reporting system • Assessment of Management and Administrative Situation of NGOs and government agencies
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<p>Profile</p>	<p>Dr. Omar Faruque Chowdhury has more than 30 years of working experience in the field of development. During this period, he has worked with different national and international and private organisation in different positions and has acquired quite variety of knowledge and experiences. He is the founder a National Support organization engaged in capacity building of the local organization. He was responsible for capacity building and evaluation of the performance and competency level of organisation as well as staff of more than 40 NGOs funded by USAID through The Asia Foundation and ODA-DFID till 1997. He has also Evaluated and monitored DFID funded empowerment of the poor under British Bangladesh partnership scheme and has been engaged in developing the projects.</p> <p>Over the years he has developed himself as an evaluator, trainer, program designer, performance assessor as well as manager. His key qualifications include: Policy formulation of the organization, Organizational management, participatory decision making and planning, institutional development, grant making of local NGOs, project Monitoring and Evaluation, good governance of NGOs, Team building, facilitation ,Net working with national, international and private agencies . Appraisal and impact assessment of NGOs capacity building programme , liaison with donors, GOB and other stakeholders, strategic planning, skill audit of the staff, project planning, staff performance appraisal and staff development planning, program designing and selecting local NGO for providing technical and financial assistance.</p> <p>He has also worked with private sector like, Garment industry, leather industry for the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) of the industries with the support from United States Department of Labour (USDOL). Besides, he gained experience in working with the partnership of ITDG in developing small entrepreneur at the local level by providing technical assistance, linkages with market and job creation. Dr. Chowdhury has worked closely with JOBS (USAID project) and Trickle Up Programme, USA for the development of SME during his tenure with CDS.</p> <p>Omar is a skilled and experienced in governance impact assessment of training, baseline survey , midterm and end line evaluation of projects , governance and organisational development legal aid ,poverty and food security , financial management consultant with a substantial reputation for his process skills, analytical capacity, team leadership and facilitation in training & impact assessment in development sector.</p> <p>He had worked as a trainer for a number of organisations where he had to evaluate performances of the trainees and overall impact of training. Omar's consultancy experience with Verulam Associates and as a freelance consultant has included OD work with local, National, international NGOs and with Government agencies. He has worked with Government Training Institutes undertaking functional assessments and providing management development training. He was Joint Chief Technical Advisor for Preparatory Assistance to Facilitating Poverty Reduction through Local Governance, a GoB-UNDP initiative focusing on local government's role in poverty policy and practice. He was also the Deputy Team Leader for the Organisational Development component of Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor (KUSP), facilitating OD reviews, coaching , group facilitation and action plans for 40 Municipalities & 6 State Support Agencies funded by DFID. He lead an assignment preparing organisational development plans for agencies engaged in HIV/AIDS programmes in four countries in South East Asia. He has also lead a Technical Project(TA) for Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance Project , funded by the Asian Development Ban (ADB) and executed by Local Government Division, Ministry of LGRD , Govt. of Bangladesh. The task include organisational development, pro-poor planning, capacity building of Town Level Coordination Committee (TLCC), formation of community based poor forum, Ward poor forum and municipal level poor forum to create a mechanism so that urban poor can actively participate in the decision making process of the municipality in order to ensure good governance and bringing organisational change in line with good governance.</p> <p>Dr. Omar has been involved in impact assessment of training conducted by NGOs on different issues for food security programme, like kitchen gardening, horticulture, diversified crops cultivation, live stock, etc. He was involved in programme designing and management of and evaluation of Education programme for the Tribal children of CHT for KOINONIA being funded by EU.</p> <p>He has worked closely with Govt, NGOs, private sectors and international agencies on grant management, capacity building and entrepreneurship development.</p> <p>Over the last 6 years Omar has undertaken various individual consultancy assignments</p>
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	throughout South Asia, for a range of clients including DFID, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, NORAD, Sida, the Royal Danish Embassy, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Australian High Commission, USAID and The Asia Foundation, UN agencies, international NGOs and national governments and NGOs. Evaluation of NGOs performance, Local government, customer satisfaction analysis etc.
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Consultancy Portfolio

December 2009	<p>Consultant : Institutional Review and Strategic Planning Exercises for Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK) , Gaibandha with the financial support from Oxfam Novib. The objectives of the task include ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically look at the current organization structure of GUK and suggest organizational changes to ensure efficiency, focus, and delivery of humanitarian services in the region and envisage such changes in the new strategic plan • Undertake organizational analysis, paying attention to its vision, Mission, and core values relate with MDG and PRSP. • Undertake Strength, weakness, opportunity and threat (SWOT) analysis for internal and external environment with a view to address the challenges to and opportunities for the organization. • Analyze and review strategic objectives, strategies, activities and outline implementation matrix for the strategic plan. • Develop a framework of Strategic planning process; ensuring timely completion and thereby enabling the organization derive maximum benefit from the process. • Facilitate the strategic planning process and produce a new draft of strategic plan covering the period 2010-2014. That is consistent to the priorities and the vision of the organization.
November 2009	<p>Consultant: Institutional Review of BRAC .The objective of the institutional analysis is to assess how BRAC is directed, controlled and managed and to judge whether this meets best practice in Bangladesh. The review will cover ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review BRAC's constitution to determine its adequacy based on best practice (including registration status); • Assess the effectiveness of BRAC's Board in directing and controlling BRAC's operations (including BRAC's strategic vision and ability to adapt to changing circumstances); • Assess the role of the Board in ensuring that executive management is effective and accountable for their actions and judgments; • Assess how the Board supervises the Executive Director, and establish whether there are performance related contracts; • Assess the extent of separation of responsibilities between the Board and Executive Management. • Review the Board's responsibility for BRAC's financial management; <u>Strategies, policies, operations and projects</u> • Establish whether BRAC has a clear and documented strategic plan or operational plan that it follows; • Establish whether BRAC has written policies and operational guidelines to guide staff and management in their day to day work; • Evaluate the quality and adequacy of such policy and operational guidelines; • Assess the decision making framework and processes within BRAC (including eg. levels of delegated authority) • Assess BRAC's project preparation, approval and management systems (including eg. the adequacy of project documentation to justify spending; the use of cost benefit analyses to inform spending decisions; the use of logical frameworks or similar tools) • Assess the adequacy of BRAC's monitoring and evaluation systems to judge effectively and impartially the impact of its project activities – including cost-effectiveness and ex post rate of return analysis. • Assess effectiveness of environmental screening policies for project preparation and implementation. • Assess BRAC's vision and strategy to respond to climate change

Sept-Nov. 2009	Team Leader , Evaluation of Prottiyashi, Chittagong . Science 1983 PROTTYASHI have been implementing a number of projects and programs for socioeconomic development of its target people. Over this time PROTTYSHSI developed lot of policy, plan and technique. Until June, 2009 no evaluation is done in PROTTYSHI. For better understanding about the implementation process, policy, plan and technique; to identify different problems , constraints and possible solutions PROTTYASHI felt the need of an external evaluation. Besides, PROTTYASHI want to evaluate two of its recently completed project EHCLB and ASEH to know the impact and changes that have occurred within the target community.
August-September 2009	Team Leader , End-Line Evaluation of Activists Capacity for Equity and Justice (ACEJ) and Debt Cancellation and Essential Services (DCES) Projects of SUPRO. The overall objective of the evaluation was to critically assess progress/ the impact made towards goal, purpose, objectives and outputs by the project and documents lessons learnt and provide recommendations that help to improve the project efficiency and effectiveness in relation to the approach, strategies and activities for the remaining period and also to address the felt need of the target stakeholders for further extension and/ or to initiate similar project for wider coverage in next implementation period
July and late October 2009	Consultant: Assessment of (70 nos). Concept Notes and Full Applications under (NSA/LA CfP 2008)" on Non State Actors and Local Authorities in Development-Support to in-Country interventions for European Commission (EC), Bangladesh. The task involve to review the (i) Relevance of the problems to needs and constraints of the country/region to be addressed in general, and to those of the target groups and final beneficiaries in particular (ii) Relevance to the priorities and objectives mentioned in the Guidelines (iii) Assessment of the problem identification and analysis (iv) Assessment of the proposed activities (practicality and consistency in relation to the objectives, purpose and expected results)(v) Assessment of the role and involvement of all stakeholders and proposed partners (if applicable)(vi) Assessment of the identification of the main assumptions and risks, before the start up and throughout the implementation period(vii) Assessment of the identification of long-term sustainable impact on the target groups and final beneficiaries including major strong and weak points of project concept notes and full proposal for 31 man days .
April - June 2009	Team Leader & Lead Facilitator: Institutional Review and Future Planning of the Election Working Group supported by The Asia Foundation. The assignment includes Future Program Direction, Institutional Structure, Specialty Themes, Relationships, Future resource Requirements and Strategic Planning for Election Working group (EWG) , a network of
Feb-March 2009	Consultant , Impact Assessment of Election Programming - Lesson Learned and Impact Scoping for DFID in collaboration with USAID, UNDP. The Asia Foundation, the European Commission, BBC World Service Trust, the Election Working Group; the BBC Bengali Service and the Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC)
February-2009	Consultant , Mid Term Evaluation of Capacity Building of Ultra Poor(Food security & Livelihood Project) of Sariatpur Development Society funded by Oxfam-NOVIB, The Netherlands including the impact assessment of training provided under this project related to food security and livelihood.
Jan.-February 2009	Consultant , Mid Term Evaluation (MTE) of Peer-Pioneered Actions and Advocacies, for Gender Rights and Empowerment of Rural Disadvantaged Adolescents of CMES funded by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)/DFID to see whether adolescent girls are empowered and are able to avoid discriminations and early marriage, are they working for an educated, skilled and self-reliant life, asserting their rights to do so with equality and freedom of movement and actions, manifested in their self improvement and quality of life.
Nov. -December 2008	Consultant , Review of Programme Activities to Promote Greater Accountability in Municipal Election Campaigns and Local Governance for The Asia Foundation, Dhaka. The purpose was Stock taking of interventions during the August 4 th municipal and mayoral elections, to ascertain the impact of relative approaches, regards stimulating 'political accountability' on behalf of DFID–Bangladesh, the Royal Danish Embassy, the Royal Norwegian Embassy, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), USAID, the Australian High Commission and the Asia Foundation.

Sept. –October 2008	Governance Consultant , Evaluation of DFID Contribution to Joint Bangladesh Country Assistance Programme Evaluation of World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB) JIBC and DFID. A joint initiative all donors led by the world Bank
August 2008	Consultant , Finalizing the Output to Purpose Review of (OPR) -Access to Justice for Realisation of Human Rights and Advocacy for Empowerment of the Poor of BLAST for DFID
April- May 2008	Team Leader , End Line Evaluation of the Empowerment of the Rural Poor and Hard Core Poor (Food security & livelihood) project of Gana Unnayan Kendra for Oxfam-NOVIB, The Netherlands
March- April 2008	Team Leader , Final Evaluation of Integration of Rights and Governance in Existing Government training programme project of Women for Women. The Evaluation was conducted for Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)/DFID
March-April 2008	Team Leader , An Impact Assessment of National Election Programme (NEP) for DFID and The Asia Foundation on voter awareness and national ID card programme being conducted jointly by the Army, Election Commission and Election Working Group(EWG), a net work of 33 NGOs who are responsible for voter awareness, election monitoring .
March 2008	Consultant , Mid Term Evaluation of the project "FOR THE WOMEN BY THE WOMEN Project of Six Partner NGOs of Action Aid Bangladesh carried out on behalf of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and Action Aid Bangladesh funded by DFID.
Feb.16- 3 March 2008	Consultant , Output to Purpose Review (OPR) / Impact Assessment of BBC World Service Trust 'Sanglap' for DFID- Bangladesh. This is a Bangla live TV and Radio programme of BBC Bengali programme on good governance as well as rising people's voice to make Govt. and politicians accountable.
May-June 2007	Team Leader , Evaluation of Narir Odhikar Project (Women Rights Project, of South Asia Partnership (SAP-Bangladesh) on behalf of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)/ DFID
January2006-May 2006	Local Funding Agent (LFA) for Global Fund to monitor & evaluate programme of Principal Recipients, e.g., BRAC, Save the Children(USA) and National Tuberculosis Programme (NTP) of Ministry of Health, Government of Bangladesh.
Nov – Dec 2005	Consultant , the Interim Project Evaluation of Worst Forms of Child Labour: Time Bound Programme (TBP) / ILO for DFID, NORAD, and USAID.
Oct. – Dec 2005	Consultant for the Impact Survey and Organisational Review of Govt. of Japan-GOB Joint Evaluation on Japanese Assistance to LGED. Funded by Foreign Affairs, Govt. Of Japan.
Sept. – Oct. 2005	Governance and Rights Specialist , 2 nd Cluster impact assessment of Manusher Jonno (Right and Governance support organisation) Monitoring and Evaluation, Social Development Direct (SDD) for DFID.
May-June 2005	Deputy Team Leader , Impact Evaluation of Big NGOs on Poverty and Democratic Governance in Bangladesh for DFID. Review of 22 big national and International NGOs and micro finance institutions
August – Oct 2004	Consultant for the Evaluation of New Entry for Social Action (NESA), an umbrella & funding body to over 300 NGOs/CBOs in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, India for NOVIB-The Netherlands.
March –Nov. 2004	Deputy Team Leader , Organisation Development component of Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor (KUSP), facilitating organisational development reviews and action plans for 40 Urban Local Bodies and 6 State Support Agencies (DFID).
Jan – Feb 2004	Consultant - Output Purpose Review, (OPR) of land rights organisation Samata's 7 years Empowerment Through Resource Mobilisation Programme", DFID.
December 2001	Consultant to PROMOTE for Impact assessment of media campaign conducted by PROMOTE covering Sayedpur, Moulavi Bazar, Barisal, Jessore,Gaibandah , Nilphamari funded by EU.
November 2001	Consultant to NORAD to Review of Human Rights & Democracy in Bangladesh
June 1999	Team Leader for Evaluating Staff Performance through skill audit for Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh funded by DFID.

Record of Employment

2002–Present	<p>Country Representative, Verulam Associates Ltd.UK, South Asia Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh & Managing Director , Verulam Associates Bangladesh Ltd.(<i>a sister company of Verulam Associates ,UK</i>) The responsibility include, liaise with multinational, national and international donor, NGOs for social development consultancy. Ensure quality report is prepared by the consultants. Engaged in Social Development consultancy & Team Management. Coordination and contract out to consultant for specific job and ensure quality deliverable.</p>
1985–2002	<p>Executive Director, Centre for Development Services, Dhaka, Bangladesh Overall responsible for management of organisation, NGO networking , NGO grant making, contracting, agreement, selection of NGOs, supervision, participatory monitoring, evaluation and appraising NGOs Programme being funded by different donors through CDS He was responsible for implementing development program, training, agriculture programme through partner NGOs from 1985- 1997 and beyond. Facilitate quality services in order to generate revenues for sustainability of the project. Initiated to develop service seeking behaviour of clients/ customers. Other responsibilities include; liaison and coordination with donors, NGOs and GOB & private sectors , Conduct training and evaluate training impact at different level Prepare strategic plan for the centre in order to ensure all activities are taken according to plan; responsible for designing, monitoring and implementing development Education program and material development , SME programme, Poverty reduction , democracy and Family planning - MCH program of the centre; development of management policy, project review policy , funding policy, appraisal and monitoring checklist development .</p> <p>He has also worked with private sector like, Garment industry, leather industry for the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) of the industries with the support from United States Department of Labour (USDOL). Besides, he gained experience in working with the partnership of ITDG in developing small entrepreneur at the local level by providing technical assistance, linkages with market and job creation. Dr. Chowdhury has worked closely with JOBS (USAID project) and Trickle Up Programme, USA for the development of SME during his tenure with CDS. Responsible for identifying local NGOs and appraise them for providing technical assistance in order to build their capacity and to make grant to local NGO and help monitor, evaluate them as per developed quantitative and qualitative performance indicators. Dr. Chowdhury has represented CDS in national and international forums, conducted and coordinated international training. He has also prepared project proposal and oversee the budget and strategic planning. Ensure all sub grantee NGOs provide quality services. During his consultancy tenure for Global fund , he has been involved in Monitoring HIV/AIDS, TB programme of Principal recipient(ministry of Health & Family welfare), Save the Children USA & its partners and BRAC as well and report back to Global Fund, Geneva, Switzerland.</p>
1981-1985	<p>Project Director, Program and Training for Bangladesh Development Service Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Responsibilities include: Overall responsible for Family planning program funded by USAID through the Asia Foundation. Identification and assessment of local organisations for grant making for health & Family planning programme; supervision and monitoring project activities; organising coordination meetings, study tours, seminars and workshops. Designing training curriculum and conducting need based training. Coordination with Private sectors, NGOs, GOB, donors and other international agencies.</p>
1980- 1981	<p>Training Coordinator, Village Education Resource Centre, Savar, Dhaka. Bangladesh. Responsibilities included training needs assessment, designing training modules for field workers, mid level managers and managers of NGOs. Evaluating training performance and assessing impact of different types of training. , developing participatory training materials for literacy and education programmes, Health, Family planning, FLE, Human Development, Human Rights, credit and women development programmes. Impact assessment of different training.</p>
1978-1980	<p>Chief, Communication Section, Village Education Resource Centre, Savar, Bangladesh Coordination of all sections of the organisation with respect to communication and training. Developed innovative, indigenous and low cost training materials. Promote use of multimedia to make training participatory.</p>
1978	<p>Trainer and Coordinator, Audio-Visual and Communication Section, Village Education</p>

	Resource Centre, Designed training material and conducted training. Monitored communication and audio-visual activities.
1975-1978	Chief Social Worker and Project Director , Terre Des Hommes (Swiss) Kurigram, Bangladesh. Identification of abandoned and famine victims in northern Bangladesh and rehabilitate them. Ensuring provision of food, shelter, clothing etc. are provided and vocational training provided to interested children before sending them to their family. Coordinate with GOB ,NGOs , Community people, Local elected bodies and other stakeholders.
1972-1975	Casual Staff , Bangladesh Betar (Radio Bangladesh) Programme planning, script writing, collecting folk songs, broadcasting, editing programmes.

Training / Workshop/ Conference (Overseas)

- Participated and represented Bangladesh in Asia Pacific Regional conference of International Volunteer Effort (IAVE) in Aichi, Japan from 7-10 December 2007
- Participated and worked as key discussant on Democracy, Media and Volunteering session at the 17th World Conference (international Association for Volunteer Effort) in Seoul, Korea from 11-15 November 2002
- Attended 8th IAVE Asia Pacific Regional Conference from 4-7 November 2001 in Delhi, India
- Participated in 16th World Volunteer conference of International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), in The Netherlands from January 11- 18, 2001 in order to observe of the International Year of Volunteer 2001 as declared by the United Nations.
- Attended 7th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Youth Volunteers from 6 –10 November 1999 in Taiwan.
- Participated a seminar on Media and Ageing in society from 1-3 July 1999 organized by the Asian Institute for development Communication (AIDCOM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Attended Regional seminar on "Labour Migration in Malaysia and the Media" held on 27-29 October, 1998 being organized by Asian Institute for development Communication (AIDCOM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Participated in the 15th Biennial World volunteer conference from August 23-27, 1998 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada organized by International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), Washington.
- Participated on the Fifth Asian development Forum on the theme" Food and Freedom, jobs and Justice, land and labour, Peace and prosperity Towards an Asian development Agenda for the Year 2000" from February 28 – March 02, 1996 at Bangkok, Thailand, organized by Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian reform and Rural Development (ANGOC)
- Attended Institution Development facilitators' Workshop from June 17-28, 1996 from the Institute for Development Research, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- Attended Biennial World Volunteer Conference in Cape Town, South Africa from 4-8 September , 1996 being organized by International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE)
- Attended World Women's conference in Beijing , China from 10-11 September 1995
- Attended Regional workshop on HIV/AIDS in England from 20-26 August , 1995 organized by International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK.
- Attended preparatory meeting on Institutional Development for NGOs in Delhi from 25-29 July 1995.
- Attended World Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark from 03-11 March , 1995.
- Participated in the workshop on Introduction to Self Governance organized by the International Centre for Self Governance, USA in Kathmandu, Nepal from 15-17 June ,1994.
- Attended Seminar on Rural Resources Studies program of International Centre for Self Governance, USA in Kathmandu, Nepal from 12-14 June , 1994.
- Training on Planning and Management of Decentralized Development by the University of Bradford, UK from September 20, 1993 to December 10, 1993 under British Technical Cooperation Scheme.
- Attended Workshop on Global Excellence in Management organized by Western University and PRIA in Delhi, India, from 25 November to 01 December, 1995.
- Attended Meeting on Linking organization of HIV/AIDS in London from August 20- 26,1995 organized by International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK.
- Attended Planning meeting on institution building of NGO sector at PRIA, Delhi, India from July 26-29, 1995.
- Attended Regional Seminar on Self-Governance and the Entrepreneurial Spirit from June 12 to June 17 in Kathmandu, Nepal organized and sponsored by International Centre for Self- Governance, USA.
- Institutional Development Workshop by Dr. David Brown of IDR, Boston, USA in Dhaka from 24-26 February, 1993.
- Legal Aid Seminar "Legal Aid- A human Right or A Favour" organized by the LAW ASIA, India from 08 -09 November 1992.
- Asian NGO Leadership Program by the Institute for Development Research, Boston, Massachusetts, USA from April 14 to May 10, 1991.
- Building A worldwide NGO movement: People's participation and policy by Interaction Forum, Maryland, USA from 28-30 April , 1991.

- Training workshop on managing Community participation in family planning Programs: The Indonesian experience organized by The Asia Foundation at BKKBN, Indonesia from November 18 to November 30, 1990.
- Family planning Program Management, TOT and Family life Education by the Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, USA from September 19 to November 11, 1988.
- Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop by the Asian Centre Bangkok, Thailand from December 07 to December 19, 1987.
- Alternative to Violence: Education and Experience in nonviolent social change by Gandhi peace Foundation, Delhi, India Sponsored by Lisle Fellowship, USA at Kasturba Gram, Karnataka, India from June 19-July 21, 1985.
- Development and management of Community based Family planning, health and development programs by the Asian Centre, Bangkok, Thailand from March 05 to March 24, 1984.
- Use of media for non-formal Education and film production on 8mm by the Communication Foundation For Asia, The Philippines from June 22 to July 22, 1979.

Training / Workshop / Conference (In country)

- Sustainability of Family planning NGOs in Bangladesh by Path Finder International at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, Comilla, Bangladesh from August 27 to 28, 1991.
- Accountancy Training Program by The Asia Foundation and M/S A. Qasem & Co, in Dhaka from May 07- 08, 1985.
- Community involvement in primary Health Care education workshop organized by MAP international at Voluntary Health Services Society in March 1982.
- Management by objective by Bangladesh development service Centre, Dhaka in January 1982
- Trainer's training workshop on Participatory training methodology and material development by Mr. Chris Srinivasan and Mr. Jake Pfol, consultant World Education Organized by Village Education Resource Centre, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh in August 1978.
- Management, Project planning and use of media in Development by Information Education and Motivation Unit of Govt. of Bangladesh in November 1978.
- Training on leadership and social analysis by BRAC in 1977 at Terre Des Hommes, Kurigram.

Study Tour (Overseas)

- Lead a team of 22 members from 15 Municipalities and LGED to West Bengal, India, to gain experience on best practices on urban governance under ADB project in 2006-2007
- Facilitated a study tour of 18 participants consisting of Govt, NGOs and local elected bodies to the Philippines and Thailand from 22 April- 7 May 2003 .
- Visited Cambodia, Thailand as NGO member on a study tour under a project entitled " Strengthening GO -NGO Collaboration "a special project of ADB organized jointly by ADB, Govt. of Bangladesh and NGO working group.
- Visited Sarbik Gram Bikas Kendra, pra legal training Centre, Calcutta from March 30 ,1 to April 8, 1994.
- Gram Nyojan Kendra, U.P, India and other 10 partner organizations from April 11- May17, 1986.
- Centre For Human Development and Social Change, Madras, India, People's Institute for development Training, Delhi, India.
- Participatory Institute for development Alternatives(PIDA), Colombo, Sri Lanka, Rural cooperative and credit Bank, Sri Lanka
- Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, Sri Lanka from November 28,1982 to December 28, 1982.

Selected Publication/ Reports / Documentations

- A study for qualifying the value of a Market Basket of Goods compared to the wages paid to the workers by Multinational Business companies in Dhaka City of Bangladesh for maintaining a decent standard of living, sponsored by BSR, San Francisco, USA
- Paul Thornton & Dr. Omar F Chowdhury :Report on the activities of Facilitating Poverty Reduction through Local Governance
- Dr. Omar Chowdhury :Report on the impact assessment of Media campaign on behalf of PROMOTE on education.
- Don Hubert, Dr. Omar F Chowdhury and Masud Hasan Siddiqui: Human Rights and Democracy in Bangladesh; Next Step in implementing NORAD's Plan by November 2001 .
- Dr. Omar F chowdhury, Shahid Hussain Talukder , Obaidur Rahman & Fawzia Khandaker : Skill audit of Association for Development Agencies in Bangladesh.
- Omar F Chowdhury edited the report on the Social Situation and Needs of the Chittagong Hill Tracts as perceived by the residents of the Region. -Published by CDS.
- Sufia Khanam, Omar Faruque Chowdhury , AHM Zahangir Haider, & Rafique uddin Ahmed The effectiveness of Radio as a means of mass communication: Radio uses in Rural Bangladesh.
- Edited: Impact of Voter Education in Bangladesh Published by CDS.
- Edited, "PROCHESTA" a Bangla development Journal being published by CDS.
- Several Reports of Evaluation, Appraisal for different organisation as an output of Consultancy.

Paper presented in international forum

- Paper presented in the 8th IAVE Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Volunteering for Humanism in the New Millennium on 7 November 2001.
- Country paper presented 16th World Volunteer conference of International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), in the Netherlands from January 11- 18, 2001 in order to observe of the International Year of Volunteer 2001 as declared by the United nations .
- Country Report on Volunteering presented at the 7th Asia Pacific Regional conference of International Association for Volunteer Effort in Taiwan on 7 Nov, 1999.
- Paper presented in the workshop called “ Development of Volunteer centre “ at the 7th Asia Pacific Regional conference of International Association for Volunteer Effort in Taiwan on 7 Nov, worked as panel discussant on Preparation for the Universal Declaration of the World Volunteer Service on Nov ,9,1999.
- Ageing in Bangladesh: paper presented in a Regional workshop on Media and Ageing in the society being organized By Asian Institute for Development Communication (AIDCOM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 1-3July, 1999.
- Status of Women in Voluntary sector in Bangladesh: paper presented in the 15th biennial World Volunteer conference from August 23-27, 1998 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada organized by the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), Washington.

Membership of Professional Association

- National Representative -Bangladesh for International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE),1400 Eye Street, Washington DC, USA
- Chairperson , HIV/AIDS and STD Alliance in Bangladesh(HASAB), Dhaka

Language Skills

Bangla – Mother Tongue

English: Fluent

Hindi: Conversational

Urdu: Conversational

Computer Skills

- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Power point
- Internet /Email
- Microsoft word



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