

### Summary of Qualifications

**Shahrear Alam**, MSS in Anthropology, is a public health researcher with over five years of experience specializing in health-related research, particularly focusing on issues related to stigma, vulnerability, and sexual and reproductive health. He has worked extensively with vulnerable communities, including ethnic groups and slum dwellers in Bangladesh, contributing to qualitative research projects aimed at improving health outcomes.

Currently serving as a Senior Research Assistant at BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Mr. Alam has been involved in diverse projects, including research on the impact of salinity on the reproductive health of women and adolescent girls in coastal areas, exploring gender barriers in managing Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis, and contributing to the "Realizing Gender Equality, Attitudinal Change & Transformative Systems in Nutrition (REACTS-IN)" project, which aims to improve nutrition and promote gender equality in Bangladesh. He holds an MSS in Anthropology from Rajshahi University, and he is fluent in Bangla, English, and Hindi.

### Education

#### **MSS in Anthropology**

Rajshahi University| Rajshahi, Bangladesh| 2020

#### **BSS in Anthropology**

Rajshahi University| Rajshahi, Bangladesh| 2019

### Languages

Bangla (native), English (fluent), Hindi (fluent)

### Professional Experience

September 2022– Present     **Senior Research Assistant**, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Assists research projects and collaborates with national and international organizations focusing on health, stigma, gender, and vulnerability-related issues. Currently working on projects related to the "Realizing Gender Equality, Attitudinal Change & Transformative Systems in Nutrition (REACTS-IN)" project, which aims to improve nutrition and promote gender equality in Bangladesh. Previously worked on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in coastal areas and the management of Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR TB) through a gender lens. Provide technical support and contribute to research design, data collection, and analysis.

June 2021–July 2022     **Training Facilitator**, Rupantor (Funded by GCERF), Rajshahi, Bangladesh

Facilitated training on Preventing Violence and Extremism (PVE) for university students, including workshops on critical thinking, public speaking, and leadership development. Coordinated with stakeholders to ensure the success of training programs

November 2018 – February 2019 **Research Assistant**, SURCH (A House of Survey), Bangladesh

Assisted in conducting the Annual Outcome Evaluation of Libraries Unlimited project funded by the British Council. Managed survey logistics and contributed to collection, data analysis and reporting.

October 2019 – January 2020 **Research Assistant**, World Vision Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh

“Exploring the status of social accountability, transparency, and the right to information of local government in Khulna Division.” Conducted field assessments and contributed to data analysis for evaluating local governance practices and transparency initiatives.

March 2019 – June 2019 **Research Assistant**, GIZ Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Assisted with research and data collection for the WASH Situation in Urban Slums in Bangladesh project. Contributed to field assessments and provided analysis to support the development of water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions in urban slum communities.

June 2017 – August 2017 **Research Assistant**, BARCIK, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Donor: DIAKONIA.

During tenure at BARCIK, a baseline survey was conducted on people’s knowledge, perception, and practices in the drought-prone Rajshahi and saline-prone Satkhita districts. Managed the data collection and analysis, which helped to understand the local community's responses to environmental challenges, ultimately contributing to resilience-building programs.

### **Additional Experience**

2025 **Teaching Fellow and Mentor**, *BRAC James P Grant School Of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh*  
**Qualitative Research Methods course**

2024 **Teaching Assistant**, *Transparency International Bangladesh (TIBD)*  
**A Short Course on Qualitative Data Analysis Using Nvivo.**

2023 **Teaching Fellow**, *BRAC James P Grant School Of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh*  
**A Short Course on Qualitative Data Analysis Using Nvivo.**

### **Professional Affiliations**

Senior Research Assistant, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health Research Team, 2022 – Present.

**Vice President**, at **BADHAN** (Voluntary Blood Donation Organization), Madar Bux Hall Unite, Rajshahi University

Led blood donation drives and awareness programs, coordinating with students and local hospitals to facilitate voluntary blood donations

## **Presentations**

- **Global Conference on Research in Public Health (GCPH 2025) | Colombo, Sri Lanka**  
Theme: *Impact of salinity on menstrual health of girls and women of reproductive age in two coastal regions of Bangladesh* | Organizer: **R & R Knowledge Solutions**
- **17th World Congress on Public Health 2023 | Rome, Italy**  
Theme: *Qualitative exploration of barriers and gender differences in selected locations in Bangladesh* | Organizer: **WFPHA**
- **9th International Conference on Public Health 2023 | Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
Theme: *Qualitative exploration of Bangladesh's Health Sector readiness during the COVID-19 pandemic* | Organizer: **PHFBD**