

SABINA FAIZ RASHID

Citizenship: Bangladesh and Australia
Languages: Fluent in English and Bengali

ACADEMIC TRAINING

2001-2005 PhD, Medical Anthropology and Public Health

The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology and Public Health (received competitive Scholarship from NCEPH). Completed at The National Center for Epidemiology and Population Health & The School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts. Conducted fifteen months of primary ethnographic and qualitative research, examined the structural and social determinants of reproductive and sexual health behavior of married adolescent women and families in Urban Slums in Dhaka City, Bangladesh. The study employed surveys and ethnographic methods with fieldwork for 15 months in urban slums in Dhaka city. The research was also funded by World Health Organization, Geneva -Special Program of Research Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction.

1996-1998 Masters in Anthropology

The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Studies completed with the School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts. Coursework in Anthropology and primary fieldwork for 6 months in rural villages, examined explanatory Models, Gender Roles and Decision Making around Contraceptives and Norplant Use among Women in Rural Villages of Bangladesh.

1990-1992 Bachelors in Anthropology

School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

October 2004-present: Professor, and Coordinator, Master of Public Health, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Coordinate the Master of Public Health Program, a program which has had over 200 students from 21 different countries since its inception in 2005. Responsibilities include coordinate MPH Program, work closely with International and National Faculty to develop and design curriculum, teach international and national students, manage student and faculty exchange, work with Partners institutions in the North and the South. Set up a Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in 2008 at the School for training, research and advocacy. Lead investigator in DFID funded multi-country partnership on 'Realizing Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights of Vulnerable populations (2005-2010) in partnership with

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK, Engender Health, USA and African Population Health Research Centre, Kenya. Considerable experience in conducting anthropological research on gender, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), sexuality and rights of men, women and marginalized populations, and access and use of informal/private sector health services in rural and urban areas. Team member of MANOSHI MNCH activities (2008/9) and have conducted extensive qualitative research in urban slums since 2001. Currently engaged in research on Violence Against Women and Men in Slums (funded by DFID); and Abortion and Post Abortion Care in Bangladesh, partners include BAPSA and Guttmacher, New York. Membership in a number of local and international organizations, which seek to promote *gender, social justice, health and sexuality rights, these are* - Working group member, Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW), SRHR Alliance (Bangladesh) and international bodies - Coalition for Bodily and Sexual Rights (Turkey) and Advisory Group Member of Sexuality and Development, IDS, UK. Organized and lead trainings on gender and SRH and sexuality and rights with stakeholders, policymakers and vulnerable groups. Currently planning an urban health equity Centre with colleagues that will pioneer innovative research and training to more effectively address the health and welfare needs of the urban poor.

Teach - Gender, Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights and Qualitative Research methodologies in the Master of Public Health program and as a Visiting Adjunct Faculty, Berlin.

2007- Present, Adjunct Faculty, Berlin School of Public Health, CHARITE, Berlin, Germany. Teach modules in the Masters program on Gender and Reproductive and Sexual Health in Developing Countries, Qualitative Research Methods, Ethics of Qualitative Research, and supervise graduate level students.

February 2011 to June 2012, Visiting Faculty, Professorial Lecturer in Global Health, George Washington University, Washington DC, USA. Lectures on Culture, Gender and Reproductive Health, Coordinating Master level GWU students program in Bangladesh.

June 1995-June 1996, Grameen Bank, Grameen Trust, Programme for Poverty Alleviation, Dhaka, Bangladesh Senior Programme Officer (coordinating research proposals, projects funded by Grameen Trust, organized trainings, followed up and monitored projects.

June 1994-June 1995, UNICEF, Communications, Dhaka, Bangladesh Consultant – worked with a team of health researchers to develop communication materials for Facts for Life program.

October 1993-94; 1998-2001, BRAC, Research and Evaluation Division, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Senior Research Anthropologist, responsibilities included qualitative research to improve program interventions. Conducted research on gender dynamics, sexual reproductive health – MR, family planning, pregnancy, health seeking behavior, access to health services and quality of care - rural and urban slum populations.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- **February 2011 - August 2011, Fulbright Scholar Award**, Visiting Scholar at Centre for Gender, Sexuality and Health, Mailman School, Columbia University, USA. Conducted qualitative research on gender, sexual health and well being of Bangladeshi male and female immigrants living in New York City.
- **April 2006-July 2006, Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**, Research Fellow at ARI, presented in seminars and contributed as a Fellow to ARI activities.
- **2001-2004, Postgraduate Scholarship** –competitive scholarship for doctoral studies, NCEPH, The Australian National University

SELECTED GRANT SUPPORT

- Co-Principal Investigator – Informal drug sellers, market and their role in health, (grant awarded US\$135,000), in partnership with team in icddr,b. Research for Development, USA, October 2011 – March 2012
- Principal Investigator - Access to Abortion in rural and urban areas of Bangladesh, in partnership with Guttmacher, NY and BAPSA, (grant awarded US\$50,000) March 2011-present
- Principal Investigator – Violence Against Marginalized Populations, Funded by the Netherlands Embassy, and coordinated by CREA - multi-country study in India, Nepal and Bangladesh) – (grant awarded \$46,000) May 2010 – May 2011
- Principal Investigator - Sexuality and Rights Training Grant, funder International Women’s Health Coalition, New York, (Amount: US\$ 20,000) - March 2008- 2009
- Co-Investigator - Realizing Reproductive and Sexual Rights of Vulnerable Populations (DFID Funded), (Amount: US\$ 566,000) - September 2005- 2010
- Co-Investigator - Reproductive and Sexual Health of Populations in Bangladesh, (Funded by JICA, Japan and GoB) (Amount: US\$ 347,425.90) - January 2008 - 2009

OTHER SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Consultant, World Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2004 – *Service Delivery Constraints in Urban Slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh: Lessons Learned*
- Consultant, Save the Children, USA, 2002 – *Child Labor in Kurigram and Implications for Interventions and Health Policy*

Membership of Boards, Initiatives

- Member of South Asia group - Building Partnership, Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR), Canada
- Member of Advisory Group, Sexuality and Development Programme, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK
- Member of Coalition for Bodily and Sexual Rights (CSBR), Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) - NEW WAYS, Turkey

- Member of Working Group, Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW), Bangladesh (National Civil Society to improve citizen's health)
- Member of International Expert Group, World Population Fund, Islamabad, Pakistan

Board Member of Journals

- Member of Editorial board, *Journal South Asian Water Studies* (SAWAS), India
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice*, published by Routledge, USA

PUBLICATIONS

Original peer reviewed articles

Rashid, SF, (forthcoming 2012), Human Rights and Reproductive Health: Political Realities and Pragmatic choices for Young Women Living in Urban Slums, Bangladesh, *BMC (supplement tbd)*

Rashid SF, Owasim Akram; Hilary Standing, (2011), The sexual and reproductive health care market in Bangladesh: where do poor women go? *Reproductive Health Matters*; 19 (37):1–11

Rashid, SF; Standing, H; Mohiuddin, M; and Mahjabeen, F (2011), Creating a Public Space and Dialogue on Sexuality and Rights: A Case Study from Bangladesh; *Health Research Policy and Systems*, 9 (Suppl 1): S 12.

Goudet, S; Rashid SF; Bogin, B; and Griffiths, P (2011), How do Pregnant Women and Community Health Workers Perceive the Root Causes of Malnutrition of infants and young children in Dhaka slums, Bangladesh? *American Journal of Public Health* (forthcoming)

Allisyn Moran, N Choudhury, N Khan, ZA Karar, T Wahed, SF Rashid and M. Ashraful Alam, (2009), Newborn care practices among slum dwellers in Dhaka, Bangladesh: a quantitative and qualitative exploratory study, *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 9:54.

Rashid SF (2009) Social Exclusion of Urban Slum Populations, *Journal of Population, Health and Nutrition*, 27(4)

Bhandari, Amit, Mo Hom, Nang, Rashid, Sabina and Theobald, Sally (2008) 'Experiences of abortion in Nepal and menstrual regulation in Bangladesh: a gender analysis', *Gender & Development*, 16:2, 257 — 272

Huq Samia and Rashid, SF (2008) "Refashioning Islam: Elite Women and Piety in Bangladesh, *Contemporary Islam*, vol 2, no 1, March.

Afsana, K., Rashid, S., Chowdhury, AMR., & Theobald, S. (2007) Promoting maternal health: Gender equity and the BRAC experience in Bangladesh. *British Journal of Midwifery*, vol 15, no. 11: 721

Rashid, SF (2007). Accessing Married Adolescent Women: the realities of ethnographic research in an urban slums environment in Dhaka, Bangladesh. *Field Methods*, vol, 19, issue. 4, pp: 369-383

Rashid, SF (2007). *Durbolota (Weakness), Chinta rog (Worry Illness) and Poverty: Explanations of White Discharge among Married Adolescent Women in an Urban Slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, vol 21, no 1, pp: 108-132, March.

Rashid, SF (2007). 'Kal Dristi, Stolen Babies & 'Blocked Uteruses': Poverty & Infertility Anxieties among Married Adolescent Women Living in a Slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh.' *Anthropology & Medicine*, vol 14, issue, 2, pp: 153-166, August.

Rashid, SF (2006). Small Powers, Little Choice: Contextualizing Reproductive and Sexual Rights in Slums in Bangladesh. *IDS Bulletin*, Vol 37 No 5, pp: 69-76, (8) October. \

Rashid, SF (2006). Emerging Changes in Reproductive Behavior among Married Adolescent Girls in an Urban Slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh. *Reproductive Health Matters*, vol 14, no 27, pp: 151-159, May.

Kaosar Afsana, and Rashid SF (2001). 'The Challenges of Meeting Rural Bangladeshi Women's Needs in Delivery Care. *Reproductive Health Matters*, vol 9, no 18, pp: 79-89. November.

Rashid SF, Hadi A, Kaosar A, Begum Ara S (2001). Acute respiratory infections in rural Bangladesh: cultural practices, understandings, and the role of mothers and community health volunteers. *Journal of Tropical Medicine and International Health*, Volume 6 Issue 4 Page 249-255, April.

Rashid SF, (2001). Indigenous Notions of the Workings of the Body: Conflicts and Dilemmas with Norplant Use in Rural Bangladesh. *Qualitative Health Research*, vol. 11, no 1, pp: 85-102.

Rashid SF, (2001). Indigenous Understandings of the Workings of the Body and Contraceptive Use amongst Rural Women in Bangladesh. *South Asian Anthropologist*, vol 1 (1): 57-70

Rashid SF, Chowdhury AMR and Khan S, (2001). Reaching reproductive health knowledge to rural adolescents in Bangladesh; learning from BRAC. *Social Change. Issues and Perspectives*, vol 31 (3): 65-83

Rashid SF, (2000). The Urban Poor: their Struggles and Coping Strategies during the Floods of 1998. *Disasters* 24 (3), pp: 240-253.

Rashid SF, and Michaud S, (2000). Female Adolescents and their sexuality: notions of honor, shame, purity and pollution during the floods. *Disasters* 24 (1), pp: 54-70.

Rashid SF, (2000). Providing Sex Education to Rural Adolescents in Bangladesh: Experiences from BRAC. *Gender and Development* vol 8 (2), pp: 28-38.

Rashid SF, (2000). Social Interaction and the Diffusion of knowledge: BRAC's Adolescent Reproductive Health Education Program in the Rural Areas of Bangladesh. *Regional Health Forum* WHO South-East Region, vol 4, no 1&2.

Book Publication and Monographs

Afsana Kaosar and Rashid SF (2000). *Discoursing Birthing Care: Experiences from Bangladesh*, . University Press Limited. (UPL), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Karim, R; Selim, N; and Rashid SF (2008), *Sex Workers and Condom Use: the political economy of HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh*. RED Working Paper No.4, September, Research and Evaluation, Division, BRAC.

Rashid, SF (2006) Marriage Practices in an Urban Slum: Vulnerability, Challenges to Traditional Arrangements and Resistance by Adolescent Women in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Working Paper Series, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Series 72, August.

Rashid SF. (1999) 'The Poor in Dhaka City: their Struggles with the Floods', in SM Ahmed and Sharif, H (eds) Deluge of Floods: Experiences of 1998. BRAC Monograph No. (15): BRAC Printers Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Rashid SF and Michaud, Stefanie (1999) *Adolescents and Ideologies of Honour, Shame, Purity and Pollution during the Floods*' in S.M. Ahmed and H. Sharif, (eds) Deluge of Floods: Experiences of 1998. BRAC Monograph No. (15): BRAC Printers Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Rashid, Sabina and AMR Chowdhury (1994), An Inside Look at Two BRAC Schools in Matlab Thana. *Working Paper no.14*. A BRAC - ICDDR, B ((International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Bangladesh) Joint Research Project, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

International and National Book chapters, reports

Rashid, SF, Akram, W and Anam M (forthcoming 2012), Sex, Pornography and Medicines in the Markets of Dhaka, in *Technologies of Sexuality, Identity and Sexual Health*, ed, Lenore Manderson, in Culture, Health Series, Routledge

Standing, H; Rashid SF and Owasim Akram (forthcoming 2012), Informal markets in sexual and reproductive health services and commodities in rural and urban Bangladesh eds, Gerry Bloom and David Peters, Earthscan Publishers.

Rashid SF (forthcoming 2012), "Pornography, Pleasure and Sex Education in Bangladesh," eds, Susie Jolly, Andrea Cornwall and Kate Hawkins, *Sex and International Development: The Power of Pleasure*. Zed Publications, Limited, UK.

Rashid SF, (2010), 'Durbolota (Weakness), Chinta Rog, (Worry Illness), and Poverty. Explanations of White Discharge among Married Adolescent Women in an Urban Slum in

Dhaka, Bangladesh, eds Sarah Lamb and Diana Mines, *Everyday Life in South Asia*, Indiana University Press.

Rashid SF (2010), 'Quality of Care and Pregnancy Terminations: Ensuring Reproductive Rights for Adolescent women in Urban Slums, Bangladesh,' edited by Andrea Whittaker, *Abortion in Asia, Global Realities and Local Dilemmas*, Berghahn publishers.

Mohiuddin, M, Islam MM, Nahar, N, Rashid SF, and Ahmed, F (2009), 'Pharmaceutical promotions: regulatory provisions, status of enforcement, awareness and compliance, in *How Healthy are Health Sector Governance?* Bangladesh Health Watch report 2009.

Afsana K and Rashid SF (2009), "Constructions of Birth: Rural, Poor Women facing Challenges in Socio-cultural and Political context of Bangladesh," in Editor, Helaine Selin, *Childbirth Across Cultures*, Springer Publications, USA

Rashid SF (2008). "Small Powers, Little Choice: Contextualising Reproductive and Sexual Rights in Slums in Bangladesh," in (eds) Andrea Cornwall, Sonia Correa, Susie Jolly , *Development with a Body - Sexualities, Development and Human Rights*, Zed Publications, UK.

Iqbal, K, Rashid SF, Hossain, A and Mohiuddin, M (2008), The Issue of Quality in Care, in Health Workforce in Bangladesh. Who Constitutes the Healthcare System? *The State of Health in Bangladesh 2007*, Bangladesh Health Watch.

Afsana, K, Rashid, SF, (2006) "Voice and Accountability." *The State of Health in Bangladesh 2006*. Abridged Report. Bangladesh Health Watch 2006, BRAC Publications, Dhaka, December.

Rashid SF (2006). 'Women, Gender and Virginitly: Discourses and Practices in South Asia', in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Volume III, [general ed] Suad Joseph and senior acquisitions editor Olaf Kondgen. Brill Academic Publishers, The Netherlands.

Rashid SF (2005). 'Women, Gender and Sexualities: Practices in South Asia', in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Volume III, [general ed] Suad Joseph and senior acquisitions editor Olaf Kondgen. Brill Academic Publishers, The Netherlands.

Afsana K, and Rashid SF (2003). 'A women-centered analysis of birthing care in a rural health centre in Bangladesh' in: *Access to quality gender-sensitive health services: women-centered action research*. Kuala Lumpur: Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women, ARROW, pp: 43-60.

Rashid SF (2003). 'Communicating with rural adolescents about sex education: experiences from BRAC, Bangladesh' - Section X: Family Life and Sex Education, in *Towards Adulthood: Exploring the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents in South Asia*. Reproductive Health Research, World Health Organization, pg:244.

Rashid SF (2000). 'Women's bodies and health: Norplant use in Bangladesh', in [eds] by Zahir Ahmed and Manosh Chowdhury. *Practice: Compilation of Papers*, Jahangirnagar University [funded by Ford Foundation], Bangladesh [Bengali edition].

Other publications (newsletters, magazines, blogs, reports)

Rashid SF (2009), Bringing sexuality and rights into the open, *health insights*, an IDS Knowledge Services Publication, Oct, issue 78

Rashid, SF (April 2007). Sexuality and Rights: Lives of Young Women in an Urban Slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh, *In Plainspeak*, issue 1, 2007.

Rashid, SF and Y. Hossain (2005). *Constraints to providing service delivery to urban slum dwellers in Dhaka Bangladesh*, World Bank report (DC).

Rashid SF (2004). Poverty and Health Policies: Listening to the Poor in Bangladesh. *anthropologie. Info*, Social and Cultural Anthropology in the News – Blog, October 2004.

Rashid, SF and SCF team (2002). *Child Labor in Kurigram*, Bangladesh. Save the Children, UK, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Talukdar, K, Khan M, Talukdar S, Rashid SF, Chowdhury AMR (2002), *Protecting Youth: Countering risk behavior with universal protective factors*. Institute of Child and Mother Health & BRAC. Funded by World Health Organization, Geneva.

Rashid SF (2000). Communication and Knowledge: BRAC's Adolescent Program. *Gender Resource Center*, Newsletter, May. BRAC. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Rashid SF (2000), Operational constraints in BRAC's Adolescent Program: A Qualitative Perspective. BRAC Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dr. Talukdar K, Rashid SF, Chowdhury AMR, (2000) Protective factors for Risky Behavior among female youth in an urban city in Bangladesh. BRAC - WHO collaborative project. BRAC Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh. Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Kaosar Afsana, and Rashid, SF (1999), 'Are TBAs (traditional birth attendants) being Marginalized?' in *ACCESS*, GRC (Gender Resource Centre) Newsletter, vol 18, (July). BRAC, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Rashid SF, Kaosar A, Begum Ara S. (1999), Cultural understandings and practices for acute respiratory infections in rural Bangladesh: the central role of mothers and BRAC health volunteers. BRAC Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Rashid SF (1999), Low performance of BRAC's health and family planning facilitation program in Habiganj district and hard to reach areas. BRAC Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Rashid, Sabina, 1998, 'Transformations and Shifting Discourses on Tradition and Modernity amongst Norplant Users in Rural Bangladesh,' in *Global Reproductive Health Forum - Globalism and Development*, Boston, USA. (www.hsph.harvard.edu)

Rashid, Sabina, (1996) 'Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)', *Grameen Poverty Research*, vol 2-3, pp: 4-5, **Grameen Trust Newsletter**, Grameen Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

De Wier, Marianne and Rashid, Sabina (1995), *A Literature Review on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices related to Diarrhoeal Diseases in Bangladesh*. UNICEF Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

De Wier, Marianne and Rashid, Sabina (1995), *A Literature Review on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices related to Immunization in Bangladesh*. UNICEF Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

De Wier, Marianne and Rashid, Sabina (1995), *A Literature Review on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices related to Water and Sanitation in Bangladesh*. UNICEF Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Hasan, Monira and Rashid, SF (1994), *Community Involvement in BRAC Schools*. BRAC Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

REVIEWER FOR ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- *DISASTERS, The Journal of Disaster Policy, Studies and Management*
- *Social Science and Medicine*
- *Field Methods*
- *Anthropology & Medicine*
- *Medische Antropologie*

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Men's Health and Service Delivery: the Importance of Cultural Understandings - Invited to speak at Quaid i Azam University, Islamabad on October 4, 2011. Organized by Men's Engage Alliance, Rozan, UN in Pakistan.

'Urban Poverty and Health' and *'Using a Social Determinant Lens for Public Health Education,'* Invited to speak at the Social Determinants Conference, Organized by WHO, in Rio, Brazil.

'Structural and Social Inequalities – impacting on the reproductive health of young women living in slums -, Invited to speak to Masters students, Earth Institute, SIPA, Columbia University, New York, on June 1, 2011.

'Exclusion of the Urban Poor and Lessons Learned' at the 9th International Conference on Urban Health, organized by the New York Academy of Medicine, New York, October 27, 2010

'Changing Landscape of Global Public Health' at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, October 24-27, 2010

Panel on SRH and HIV Satellites at AIDS 2010, presented presentation on *'Sexuality and HIV'*, July 22 in Vienna, Austria, sponsored by IAS - International AIDS Society. 2010

Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV: Challenging Orthodoxies, Lessons Learned, presented session on *'Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Lived Experiences of Young*

Adolescent Women in Slums of Dhaka, on May 16-18, 2010 (funded by DFID), organized by Realizing Rights Partners, London, UK.

Global Planning Meeting on Public Health Challenges in the Future, Organized by Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA, March 2-3, 2010

Partners meeting for RPC Strategic planning, in Accra, Ghana, hosted by INDEPTH, January 8-10, 2009

Global Linkages and Public Health Education at George Washington University, April 4-7, 2009

Cross RPC Linkages and Moving Sexuality Research into Advocacy and Policy, at Social Science and International Health, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, May, 2009.

Social Exclusion and Urban Poverty at Closing the Gap in a Generation: Health Equity through Action on the Social Determinants of Health, 6 – 7 November 2008, London, organised by Department of Health, UK with World Health Organization. (Invited to participate)

Violence Against Women and Health Policy in Bangladesh: Improving Sexual Reproductive Health,” at the 10th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Women’s Worlds / Mundos de Mujeres, Madrid, Spain from July 3-9, 2008

“*Urban Slums: Health Inequities and the Global Scenario*,” presented at Global Forum for Health Research, Beijing, October 29-Nov 3, 2007

‘*Male Sexual health and Access to Providers*.’ South to South Consultation on Health Systems, organized by African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF), September 9-13, 2007.

“*Social Exclusion and Slum Dwellers Lives in Dhaka City*.’ Health and Mobility in Asia and the Pacific, ARC Asia Pacific Future Research Network, Signature Conference 2007, organized by Monash University, Australia, June 24-26, 2007.

“*Chinta rog: protesting injustices of the body*.” Body in Asia conference, organized by Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, March 15-16, Singapore, 2007.

‘*Urbanization and Poverty: Existing Sexual and Reproductive Health Challenges for Married Adolescent Women in Slums in Dhaka, Bangladesh*.’ Organized by International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), in collaboration with (CEDUA), in Cholula, Puebla, Mexico, November 6-9. (Selected and invited to participate, 2006.

‘*Losing control over our reproductive bodies: political-economy and life experiences of young women living in slums in Bangladesh*.’ International Conference – ‘Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children, Bangladesh. Organized by McMaster University, Health Sciences, Canada and State University of Bangladesh, Sonargaon, February 12-16, 2006.

Challenges and Gaps in Addressing Women’s health in the Health Policy of Bangladesh.’ World Conference on Prevention of Family Violence, at Banff, Alberta, Canada, October 23-26, 2005.

'Understanding Reproductive health and sexual rights for married adolescent women living in urban slums in Bangladesh, at a workshop on Realizing Sexual Rights, Organized by Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, September 28-30th, 2005, UK.

'Gender and Psycho-social aspects of Flooding: Experiences from Bangladesh,' at Workshop on Health, Risk and Climate Change, Organized by the Tyndall Centre, University of East Anglia, Norwich, July 18th–20th, 2004, UK.

'Worried Lives: Poverty, Gender and Reproductive health needs of married adolescent women in slums in Dhaka, Bangladesh,' at Session on Reproductive Health in Asia, Organized by the Population Association of America, PAA, at the Sheraton Hotel, Boston, March 31st – April 3rd, 2004,

'Poverty and Disrupted Reproduction for Married Adolescent Women living in Dhaka Slums, Bangladesh,' organized by the Psychosocial Workshop, at the Sheraton Hotel, Boston, March 29th –30th, 2004.

'Adolescent women: Early marriage and political-economic and social conditions in an urban slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh' at the Early Marriage Workshop, organized by Population Council (New York), January 4-5, 2003, at Sheraton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

'Gender and Floods: Experiences from Bangladesh,' at the SaciWATERs workshop on Floods in Asia. Workshop from 28-30 November, 2002, BRA C Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

'Fertility, Agency, and Negotiation: Women's experiences of Norplant use in rural Bangladesh,' – at 'Gender, Health and Politics in South Asia,' at International Wissenschaftsforum. Sponsored by The South Asia Institute & The Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany, July 18-19, 2002

'Protecting Youth: Countering risk behavior with universal protective factors,' –at a 'Two-days sensitization workshop on 'Adolescent Health and Development Strategy for Bangladesh', Funded by World Health Organization, on June 5-6, 2002, in BIAM Auditorium, Dhaka, Bangladesh

'Listening to Adolescents: Key Issues and Some Lessons Learned' – at the 1st Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive Health (APCRH), on February 15-19, 2001, in Manila, Philippines

'Providing Sex Education to Rural Adolescents in Bangladesh: Experiences from BRAC' - at the International Conference on Reproductive Health – Evidence and Program Implications for South Asia, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on November 1-4, 2000, in Mumbai, India.

'Birthing Care and Poor Rural Women in Bangladesh' - at the ARROW (Asia Pacific Research and Resource Centre for Women) Gender Sensitive Health Care Workshop, on November 5-11, 2000, in Kotabaru, Malaysia.

'Norplant and Women's Perspectives in Bangladesh,' in Applied Anthropology in Jahangir Nagar University, Dhaka, The Anthropology Department, [funded by Ford Foundation], on July 13, 2000, in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

'Protective Factors for Youths of Narayanganj City,' at the Adolescent Measurements Meeting at World Health Organisation (WHO) Headquarters, on June 12 -16, 2000, in Washington DC, USA.

'Adolescents – Intervention and Research, Experiences from BRAC,' – at the Inter-country Regional Conference on Child Adolescent Health Development, WHO and SEARO, on March 9- 14, 2000, in Bali, Indonesia.

'Quality of Birthing Care from Women's Perspectives,' – at the Ninth Annual Scientific Conference (ASCON) at ICDDR, B, (International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Bangladesh) in February, 2000, in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

'Understandings of the Workings of the Body and Norplant Use amongst Rural Women in Bangladesh' – at the Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference, Anthropology Program Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies and the Faculty of Arts, The Australian National University, Canberra, 1-3, 1998, October.

'An Inside Look at Two BRAC Schools in Matlab Thana,' – Presentation in February, 1995, at the Fourth Annual Scientific Conference (ASCON), at ICDDR, B, (International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Bangladesh) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1994