

## Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Mokbul Morshed Ahmad

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### Qualifications and Employment

March 2010 – continuing

**Associate Professor in** Regional and Rural Development Planning, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

October 2005 – February 2010

**Assistant Professor in** Regional and Rural Development Planning, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

July 2004- September 2005

**Visiting Assistant Professor in** Regional and Rural Development Planning, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

March 2001-June 2004

**Assistant Professor** in the Department of Geography and Environment, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

January 2000- February 2001

**Bank of Ireland Fellowship in Development Studies** at the International Centre for Development Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.

October 1996- December 2000

**Doctoral research** on “Bearers of Change: The Field Workers of NGOs in Bangladesh” at the Department of Geography, University of Durham, Durham, UK under Commonwealth Scholarship.

June 1995- September 1996

**Lecturer** in the Department of Geography and Environment, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

May 1992 to December 1993

**MSc. in Rural and Regional Development Planning** from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand (with award winning **Grade Point Average of 3.92 out of 4**).

December 1991 to April 1992, January 1994 to June 1995

Served as **Assistant Secretary** to The Government of Bangladesh at the ministries of Public Administration and Commerce. My main responsibilities were managing field level administration of these public sector bodies, administrative re-organization and export promotion.

January 1990 to December 1991

**MSc. in Geography** from Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh with thesis “Role of NGOs in The Rural Development of Bangladesh: A Case Study in Income Generation”, ranking **First in the First Class**.

January 1986 to December 1989

**B.Sc. (Hons) in Geography** from Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh ranking **First in the First Class**.

#### Teaching and Delivery of Lectures in Training Courses

I am actively involved in lecturing and working as resource person in training programmes, study visits organized by AIT Extension, Mekong Institute etc.

#### Sponsored projects (completed)

1. PI (Principal Investigator) of Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) project The UNEP Risoe Centre (URC), Denmark from July 2011 to July 2014 with a budget of 143, 592 US \$.
2. Co-PI (Principal Investigator) of the project titled “Asian Project Management Support Programme (APMAS)” funded by IFAD with a budget of 45,150,000 THB from Dec/2009 to June 2014.
3. Team member of the project titled “Understanding the Next Agricultural Transition in Asia” funded by the Rockefeller Foundation from Nov/2009-July/2010. The budget was 2,768,193 THB.
4. PI (Principal Investigator) of the project titled “Online Pilot Programme on Sustainable Development Practices in Public Policy” funded by ProSPER.Net from May/2009-Jan/2010. The budget was 8,500 US Dollars.
5. Team member of the project titled “National Capacity and Training Needs Assessment of Different Stakeholder Groups in order to identify Gaps, Needs, Strengths and Opportunities for Building Capacity in Integrated Coastal Management” funded by IUCN from Aug/2007-March/2008. The budget was 5,288,250 THB.

6. Principal Investigator of the project titled “Assessment of the local institutions on the National Policies and Measures towards Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation” funded by USAID from Sept/2006-Aug/2007. The budget was 23,500 US Dollars.
7. Team member of the project titled “Capacity Building of Coastal Communities on Coastal Mitigation” funded by USAID from Nov/2006-Apr/2007. The budget was 23,700 US Dollars.

### Grants and Awards

**Junior Fellowship** for the year 2002-3 under the **South Asia Regional Fellowship Programme** from the **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)**, New York for the research titled “**Roots of Funding, Roots of Trust: The struggle for Survival and Credibility among the Religious NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) in Bangladesh.** US\$ 2200.

**Research grant** from the **Niwano Peace Foundation, Japan** for the research titled “**Bridging the Gap: How Religious NGOs Understand each other in Bangladesh**” in 2002. US\$ 4952.

**Award** from the **Social Sciences Research Council, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland** to publish a book titled “**Understanding The South: How Northern Donor Agencies and NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) Understand The Needs and Problems of Southern NGO Clients**”. 1200 IR£.

**Bank of Ireland Fellowship in Development Studies** at the **International Centre for Development Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland** (January 2000- February 2001).

**Bernard Conyers Award 2000** from the **Arkleton Trust, UK** for publishing a book titled “**NGOs, the state, donors and their Clients in Bangladesh**”. 4000£.

**DARG (Developing Areas Research Group) of IBG (Institute of British Geographers) Postgraduate Presentation Award** for paper titled “*Distant Voices: The Views of the Field Workers of NGOs in Bangladesh on Microcredit*” (1999). 50£.

**Commonwealth Scholarship** from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) to pursue Ph.D. at Durham University, Durham, UK (October 1996 to December 1999).

**NORAD (The Norwegian Government Development Agency) Scholarship** to pursue MSc. at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand (May 1992 to December 1993).

**CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) grant** to conduct field work for thesis titled “**Role of NGOs in The Human Resource Development of Rural Bangladesh: A case Study in Education**” for partial fulfillment of MSc. in Rural and

Regional Development Planning from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand (May 1992 to December 1993).

**James A Linen II Memorial Award** for outstanding academic performance among the students graduating from the Human Settlements Development Division, School of Environment, Resources and Development of the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand (December 1993). 200 US \$ and a certificate.

**Rizvi Memorial Award** for obtaining highest mark in the BSc (Hons) examination of 1989 in geography from Bangladesh Geographical Society (BGS). @10 US \$ and a certificate.

### Teaching Experience at AIT

Courses Taught in AIT (all at graduate level)

1. Rural and Regional Development.
2. Community Development Planning.
3. NGO Management, Policy and Development Administration.
4. Human Conflicts and Humanitarian Emergency Management
5. Adaptation to Climate Change: Policies and Practices

I also supervise PhD and MSc. Research (list of completed PhDs have been listed below). In addition, I regularly give lectures as resource person in many training courses organized by AIT Extension.

### Doctoral Research Supervision

- 1) Sanaullah Panezai “Access to and Utilization of Primary Health-care Services in Balochistan Province of Pakistan: A Gender-based Analysis” (RRDP FoS, completed in January semester 2017) (*chairperson*).
- 2) Seinn Seinn Mu “Farmers’ Adaptation to Rainfall Variability and Salinity in Embankment and Non-embankment Areas of the Lower Ayeyarwaddy Delta, Myanmar” (completed in the intersemester of 2016) (*chairperson*).
- 3) Veronique Marie Morin “Assessing Storm Surge Risk in the Context of Urban Informal Settlements in Navotas City, Metro Manila, The Philippines” (DPMM FoS, completed in August Semester 2014) (*co-chairperson*).
- 4) Muhammad Haroon Siddique “NGO Fieldworkers in Punjab, Pakistan” (completed in August semester 2014) (*chairperson*).
- 5) Mahtab Ahmad “Measuring Access Rights of People with Disabilities in Rural Pakistan” (completed in December semester 2011) (*chairperson*).
- 6) Abdul Waheed “Terrorism: Impacts on Civilians and Community Defense Strategy in Pakistan (completed in August semester 2011) (*chairperson*).
- 7) Md. Jahangir Alam “Land and Housing Development Projects and Ensuing Externalities in the Built-Environment: A Study in Dhaka, Bangladesh” (completed in January semester 2011) (*chairperson*).
- 8) Parichatt Krongkant “National Disaster Warning System and Community Preparedness in Thailand: Policy and Practice” (completed in August semester 2010) (*chairperson*).

- 9) Soosaiappu Neavis Morais “Microfinance for Livelihood Promotion of Conflict Affected Households: A Case Study of Sri Lanka” (completed in the inter-sem of 2009) (*chairperson*).
- 10) Theeraphong Bualar “The Participation of Women with Physical Disabilities in Community- based Rehabilitation: A Case Study of Upper Northern Thailand” (completed in January semester 2009) (*chairperson*).

#### Administrative Experience at AIT

Served as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD) from November 2009 to December 2012. The job responsibilities included enhancing the teaching and research quality of the school.

#### Membership in Professional Bodies

1. Academic Council on the United Nations system (Canada)
2. Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
3. Development Studies Association (UK)
4. International Society for Third Sector Research (USA)
5. South Asian Studies Association (Australia)

#### Publications

##### **Books and monographs**

1. Routray, J. K. and Ahmad, M. M. (2016). *Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture in Asia*. Bangkok: AIT.
2. Thapa, G.B., Viswanathan, P.K., Routray, J. K. and Ahmad, M.M. (edt.) (2010). *Agricultural Transition in Asia – Trajectories and Challenges*. Bangkok: AIT.
3. Ahmad, M. M. and Kumar, A. (2008). *Hope Not Complacency – Disaster Management in India and Sri Lanka*. Bangkok: AIT.
4. Ahmad, M. M. and Kumar, A. (2007). *More Sweat Less Blood a disaster Preparedness Manual*. Bangkok: AIT/USAID.
5. Ahmad, M. M. (2002). *NGO Field Workers in Bangladesh*. Aldershot: Ashgate.
6. Ahmad, M. M. (2001). *Understanding the South: How Northern Donor Agencies and NGOs Understand the Needs and Problems of Southern NGO Clients*. Dhaka: M Ahmed.
7. Ahmad, M. M. (2000). *Donors, NGOs, State and their Clients in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: M Ahmed and L Nahar.

### **Book chapters**

1. Lopa, F. G. R. and Ahmad, M. M. (2015). "Civil Society Organizations and Climate Change Policy Formulation in Bangladesh", in Mallick, B. and Etzold, B. (edt.). *Environment, Migration and Adaptation – Evidence and Politics of Climate Change in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: AHDPH, pp. 249-268.
2. Ahmad, M. M. (2013). "Microfinance and Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities" Goglio, S. and Alexopoulos, Y. (edt.). *Financial Cooperatives and Local Development*. pp. 198-211. London: Routledge.
3. Viswanathan, P.K., Thapa, G.B. Routray, J.K. and Ahmad, M. M. (2010). "Challenges Facing Asian Smallholder Agriculture: A Synthesis of Five Country Studies. In Thapa, G.B., Viswanathan, P.K., Routray, J. K. and Ahmad, M.M. (edt.) (2010). *Agricultural Transition in Asia – Trajectories and Challenges*. Bangkok: AIT. Pp.183-206.
4. Ahmad, M. M. (2009). "New Threat to Development: The NGO (Non-Governmental Organisations) - Fundamentalist Conflict in Bangladesh". Khan, F. R., Ahmad, A. and Quddus, M. (edt.). *Recreating the Commons? NGOs in Bangladesh*. pp. 129-148. Dhaka: The University Press Limited.
5. Ahmad, M. M. (2009). "For God's Sake: The Religious Non-Governmental Organisations in Bangladesh". Khan, F. R., Ahmad, A. and Quddus, M. (edt.). *Recreating the Commons? NGOs in Bangladesh*. pp. 183-206. Dhaka: The University Press Limited.
6. Ahmad, M. M. (2006). "The NGO Debate in 'Development': A Review". Behera, M.C. (edt.). *Globalising Rural Development Competing Paradigms and Emerging Realities*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
7. Ahmad, M. M. (2003). "The State, Laws and NGOs in Bangladesh". Williams, L. *et al.* (edt.). *Law and Poverty: The Legal System and Poverty Reduction*. pp. 107-123. London: Zed Books.
8. Ahmad, M. M. (2002). "Neo-liberalisation of Rural NGOs in the South". Mizuoka, F (edt.). *Developing a Teaching Programme to be designed for the University Mobility in Asia and the pacific*. Tokyo: Hitotsubashi University. pp.60-93.

### **Articles in Refereed International Journals**

1. Ahmad, J. and Ahmad, M. M. (2018). "Assessing the public health impacts of disasters: A retrospective study of the October 2015 Hindu Kush earthquake in Pakistan". *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. (accepted).
2. Yaseen, M. Ahmad, M.M. and Soni, P. (2018). "Farm Households' Simultaneous Use of Sources to Access Information on Cotton Crop Production". *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*. (accepted).

3. Panpeng, J. and Ahmad, M.M. (2017). "Vulnerability of Fishing Communities from Sea-Level Change: A Study of Laemsging District in Chanthaburi Province, Thailand". *Sustainability*. Vol. 9. No.8. pp. 1-19.
4. Ahmad, J., Ahmad, A. Ahmad, M.M. Ahmad, N. (2017). "Mapping displaced populations with reference to social vulnerabilities for post-disaster public health management". *Geospatial Health*. Vol 12, No 2. Pp. 325-334.
5. Ahmad. J, Ahmad, M.M. Sadia, H. and Ahmad, A. (2017) "Using selected global health indicators to assess public health status of population displaced by natural and man-made disasters". *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. Volume 22, (June 2017) Pp. 228-237.
6. Kumar, A. Ahmad, M.M. and Sharma, P. (2017). "Influence of climatic and non-climatic factors on sustainable food security in India: a statistical investigation". *International Journal of Sustainable Agricultural Management and Informatics*. Vol.3. No. 1. Pp. 1-30.
7. Panezai, S. Ahmad, M.M. and Saqib, S. (2017). "Factors affecting access to primary health care services in Pakistan: a gender-based analysis". *Development in Practice*. Vol. 27, NO. 6, pp. 813–827.
8. Saqib, S., Ahmad, M. M., Panezai, S and Rana, I.A. (2016). "An empirical assessment of farmers' risk attitudes in flood-prone areas of Pakistan". *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. Vol.18, September, pp. 107-114.
9. Saqib, S. Ahmad, M.M., Panezai, S., Ali, U. (2016). "Factors influencing farmers' adoption of agricultural credit as a risk management strategy: The case of Pakistan". *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. Vol.17, August, pp. 67-76.
10. Rahman, S. M. and Ahmad, M.M. (2016). "Perception of Local Experts about Accessibility to International Climate Funds: Case of Bangladesh". *The Journal of Developing Areas*. Vol. 50. No. 3. Pp. 53-68.
11. Rahman, S. M., Ahmad, M.M. and Alam, M. S. (2016) "From strategy to execution: the case of local climate fund in Bangladesh" *International Journal of Environmental Policy and Decision Making*. Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 1-18.
12. Saqib, S., Ahmad, M. M., Panezai, S. (2016). "Landholding size and farmers' access to credit and its utilization in Pakistan". *Development in Practice*. Vol. 26, No. 8, pp.1060–1071.
13. Pathak, S., and Ahmad, M. M. (2016). "Flood recovery capacities of the manufacturing SMEs from floods: A case study in Pathumthani province, Thailand". *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, Vol. 18, pp.197-205.
14. Lopa, F. G. R. and Ahmad, M. M. (2016). "Participation of CSOs/NGOs in Bangladeshi climate change policy formulation: co-operation or cooptation?" *Development in Practice*. Vol. 26, NO. 6, pp.781–793.
15. Saqib, S., Ahmad, M. M., Panezai, S and Ali, U. (2016). "Factors Influencing Farmers' Adoption of Agricultural Credit as a Risk Management Strategy: The case of Pakistan". *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. Vol.17, August, pp. 67-76.
16. Rahman, S. M., Ahmad, M.M. (2016). "The Size of National Delegation and the Need for Attendance Regulation at Climate Conferences". *Ökologisches Wirtschaften Ecological Economics*. Volume 31, issue 1, pp. 12-13. Institute for Ecological Economy Research.
17. Morin, V. M., Ahmad, M. M. and Warnitchai, P. (2016). "Vulnerability to typhoon hazards in the coastal informal settlements of Metro Manila, the Philippines" *Disasters*. DOI: 10.1111/disa.12174.

18. Rahman, S.M. and Ahmad, M. M. (2015). "Climate finance towards vulnerable countries: evidence from the Global Environment Facility (GEF)". *International Journal of Green Economics*. Vol. 9. No. 2. Pp. 199-214.
19. Mu, S. S. Ahmad, M. M., Thapa, G. B. and Shrestha, R. P. (2015). "Farmers' Adaptation to Rainfall Variability and Salinity through Agronomic Practices in Lower Ayeyarwady Delta, Myanmar". *Journal of Earth Science and Climate Change*. Vol. 6. No.2. doi: 10.4172/2157-7617.1000258.
20. Rahman, S.M. and Ahmad, M. M. (2014). "Climate finance in the Greater Mekong Sub region (GMS)". *Development in Practice*. Vol. 24, No. 8, pp.960–974.
21. Rahman, S.M. and Ahmad, M. M. (2013). "Solar Home Systems (SHS) in Rural Bangladesh: Ornamentation or Fact of Development?" *Energy Policy*. Vol. 63. Pp. 348-354.
22. Alam, J. and Ahmad, M.M. (2013). "Public Facilities in Public and Private Housing Projects in Dhaka, Bangladesh". *Urban Policy and Research*. Vol. 31. No. 2. Pp. 190-207.
23. Viswanathan, P.K., Thapa, G.B., Routray, J.K. and Ahmad (2012). "Agrarian Transition and Emerging Challenges in Asian Agriculture: A Critical Assessment". *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. XLVII, No. 4. pp. 41-50.
24. Waheed, A. and Ahmad, M. M. (2012). "Socioeconomic Impacts of Terrorism on Affected Families in Lahore, Pakistan". *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*. Vol. 21. No. 2. Pp. 201-222.
25. Siddique, M. H. and Ahmad, M.M. (2012). "Variables Affecting Fieldworkers of NGOs in Pakistan". *Development in Practice*. Vol. 22. No. 2. pp. 216-228.
26. Morais, S.N. and Ahmad, M.M. (2011). "NGO-led Microfinance: Potentials and Challenges in Conflict Areas". *Journal of International Development*. Vol 23. No.5. pp. 629-640.
27. Ahmad, M. and Ahmad, M. M. (2011) "Do public representatives in local governments know about "disability rights" in Pakistan? An awareness assessment case from Southern Punjab". *Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research*. [Volume 24](#), Issue 4. pp. 409-426.
28. Waheed, A. and Ahmad, M. M. (2011). "Assessing the Economic Impacts of Terrorism on Informal Day Labourers Sector in Lahore, Pakistan". *International Journal of Academic Research*. Vol. 3. No. 3, Part1. pp. 383-387.
29. Alam, J. and Ahmad, M. M. (2011). "Impacts of Environmental Laws on Land Development and Developers in Dhaka City, Bangladesh". *International Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development*. Vol. 10, No. 2. pp. 169-188.
30. Thapa, G.B., Viswanathan, P.K., Routray, J.K. and Ahmad, M.M. (2010). "Understanding the Next Agricultural Transition in Asia: A Critical Review of Major Facets and Future Challenges". *Millennial Asia*. Vol. 1. No. 2. pp.215-239.
31. Alam, J. and Ahmad, M. M. (2010). "Analyzing the lacunae in planning and implementation: spatial development of Dhaka city and its impacts upon the built environment". *International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development*. Vol. 2, Nos. 1–2, pp. 85–106.
32. Krongkant, P. and Ahmad, M. M. (2010). "Typhoon risk perceptions and evacuation decisions of older persons: a case study of a rural community in southern Thailand". *International Journal of Emergency Management*, Vol. 7, No. 2. pp. 190-205.
33. Morais, N. and Ahmad, M. M. (2010). "Sustaining Livelihoods in Complex Emergencies: Experiences of Sri Lanka". *Development in Practice*. Volume 20, Number 1, pp. 5-17.



34. Bualar, T. and Ahmad, M. M. (2009). "Why Community-based Rehabilitation Fail Physically Disabled Women in Northern Thailand?" *Development in Practice*. Vol. 19. No. 1. pp. 28-38.
35. Ahmad, M. M. (2007). "The Careers of NGO Field-Workers in Bangladesh". *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*. Vol. 17. No. 3. pp. 349-365.
36. Ahmad, M. M. (2006). "The 'partnership' between international NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) and local NGOs in Bangladesh". *Journal of International Development*. Vol.18. No.5. pp. 629-638.
37. Ahmad, M. M. (2003). "Whose Ideas? Field Workers' Views on Non-Governmental Organisations' Policies in Bangladesh". *International Development Planning Review*. Vol. 25. No. 1. pp. 67-84.
38. Ahmad, M. M. (2003). "Distant Voices: The Views of the Field Workers of NGOs in Bangladesh on Microcredit". *The Geographical Journal*. Vol. 169. Part. 1. pp. 65-74.
39. Ahmad, M. M. (2002). "Who Cares? The Personal and Professional Problems of Field Workers of NGOs in Bangladesh". *Development in Practice*. Vol. 12. No.2. pp. 177-191.
40. Ahmad, M. M. (2000). "Non-Governmental Organizations in Bangladesh: An Assessment of their Legal Status". *Third World Planning Review*. Vol. 22. No. 4. pp. 379-394.
41. Ahmad, M. M. and Townsend, J. G. (1998). "Changing Fortunes in Anti-Poverty Programmes in Bangladesh". *Journal of International Development*. Vol. 10. No. 4. pp. 427-438.