

Curriculum Vitae of

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Professional Summary

Dr. Jiban Ranjan Majumder, Senior Project Coordinator at Bangladesh Resident Mission of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), has about 36 years of diverse professional experience in developing and managing programs for sustainable development in Bangladesh and other countries. He joined ADB in 2018 and has since been dealing with project preparation and implementation, coordination with public, private and international agencies. Before joining the ADB, Dr. Majumder worked in different ministries of Bangladesh Government and showed outstanding performance in managing projects in various fields both in government and PPP sectors. He worked closely with international development partners to explore foreign assistance for Bangladesh. In Government, he was the focal person for World Bank, ADB, EU, DFID, Germany, France and many other countries. Dr. Majumder served a key diplomatic position (Economic Minister and Charge d' Affaires at Bangladesh Embassy in Japan. He also worked in the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC and managed regional integration projects in water, environment, climate change, and social development sectors. Besides, he supervised an integrated watershed development program in Nepal. As a guest lecturer, he delivers lectures in different universities in Japan, Thailand and Netherlands. Dr. Majumder holds an undergraduate and an M.Sc. degree from Bangladesh Agricultural University. He holds one more M.Sc. in Wageningen University (Netherlands) and a PhD from the School of Environment, Resources and Development of Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok (Thailand). He has authored a number of publications and attended different training programs organized by the World Bank and other organizations. Dr. Majumder is well skilled in using various computer programs. He is fluent in Bengali (mother tongue) and English, and has fair knowledge of Hindi and Japanese language.

Core Competencies

- ☐ Strong expertise of planning and managing development projects
- ☐ Ability to identify, negotiate, mobilize, allocate and utilize foreign aid
- ☐ Ability to work in multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary teams
- ☐ Holds strong communication, analytical and reporting skills
- ☐ Has outstanding language and computer skills

Professional Experience

Present Job

05/2024 – Present

Senior Project Coordinator, **TA-10291 BAN:** Knowledge Support for LDC Graduation and Improving Investment Climate, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh Resident Mission, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Prepare, coordinate, update, and monitor overall TA activities;
- ii. Identify key public and private stakeholders, and assess and monitor their engagement in knowledge generation process;
- iii. Organize internal coordination meetings, consultations with counterpart government ministries and agencies to identify and solve knowledge needs/ gaps;
- iv. Assist other consultants for knowledge products and services generation in coordination and liaison activities;
- v. Assist project officer in identifying the knowledge needs and implementing knowledge solutions;
- vi. Prepare briefing notes, presentations, progress reports, evaluation reports, and other reports on the TA, as required.
- vii. Organize and help conduct dissemination and outreach activities;
- viii. Coordinate and liaise with relevant actors and agencies for cross-fertilization of knowledge activities;
- ix. Coordinate preparation of and provide inputs to reporting on lessons learned from the TA;
- x. Perform regular follow ups to assess and monitor the progress of the TA; and
- xi. Perform other related tasks assigned by the project officer or designated officers.

Immediate Past Job

05/2019 – 03/2024

Senior Project Coordinator, **TA-9602 BAN:** Knowledge Solutions for Inclusive and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh Resident Mission, Dhaka

Contract number: 149329-S25350

Tasks performed:

- i. Prepare, update, and monitor TA overall workplan, budget, and reporting;
- ii. Organize internal coordination meetings, meetings with government agencies and other stakeholders;
- iii. Coordinate overall TA planning, implementation, and monitoring;
- iv. Assist other consultants for knowledge products and services generation in coordination and liaison activities;
- v. Assist project officer in identifying the knowledge needs and implementing knowledge solutions;
- vi. Create and manage project information system, including a database and records;
- vii. Prepare briefing notes, presentations, financial reports, progress reports, evaluation reports, and other reports on the TA, as required;
- viii. Organize and help conduct dissemination and outreach activities;
- ix. Coordinate preparation of and provide inputs to a report on lessons learned from the TA; and
- x. Perform other related tasks assigned by the project office or designated officers.

Previous Jobs

12/2021 – 12/2022

TA Coordinator, TA-9652 BAN: Microenterprise Development Project, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh Resident Mission, Dhaka, **Contract number:** S169065

Tasks performed:

- i. Coordinate all TA activities, including consultant outputs, and liaison with PKSf and ensure all reports are delivered in a timely manner;
- ii. Help implement the PKSf medium-term institutional strengthening and financing strategy. Present to PKSf and arrange necessary information and dissemination session, as requested by PKSf;
- iii. Conduct short training on essential institutional strengthening actions to PKSf. PKSf medium-term institutional strengthening and financing strategy, produce presentation or information materials, briefs, etc.;
- iv. In consultation with PKSf, review operational performances of divisions and offices at PKSf, identify skills deficiencies and capacity constraints, and develop appropriate training and human resource development plan;
- v. Review PKSf's risk management, accounting and audit practices and make recommendations to strengthening PKSf's financial management;
- vi. Organize capacity building trainings/workshops/seminars for PKSf and PO staffs and beneficiaries; and
- vii. Provide ADB necessary cost estimates and supporting documents on expenditures for trainings/workshops/seminars and other expenditures.

10/2018 – 12/2019

Project Coordinator, TA-9546 BAN: Emergency Assistance Project, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh Resident Mission, Dhaka

Contract number: 145299-S23585

Tasks performed:

- i. Perform on-the-ground coordination with the Government of Bangladesh and other agencies, including, but not limited to, UN agencies, World Bank, bilateral partners, and nongovernmental organizations;
- ii. Maintain close liaison with the offices of RRRC, CICs and Deputy Commissioner in Cox's Bazar;
- iii. Support selection, approvals and implementation of subprojects, with close coordination with IAs, RRRC, CIC, ISCG and Site Management Engineering Project (SMEP);
- iv. Prepare coordination mechanism among the line Ministries, Implementing Agencies and ADB;
- v. Organize and/ or support the organization of the coordination meetings in Dhaka and Cox's Bazar;
- vi. Represent ADB in inter-agency coordination meeting as needed and report to ADB;
- vii. Participate and facilitate ADB missions as and when need;
- viii. Update and maintain the project progress in Management Information System (MIS) in a weekly basis;
- ix. Liaise / support various due diligence consultants working at project sites;
- x. Conduct workshops/seminar as needed;
- xi. Support and coordinate ADB missions/meetings in Cox's bazaar; and
- xii. Perform other tasks related to the project as requested by the relevant ADB project officers.

10/2016 – 09/2018

Chief (Additional Secretary), ADB Wing, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Government, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Negotiations with, and mobilization of development assistance from ADB, and supervision of aid effectiveness in various sectors including micro-credits and social development;
- ii. Coordination with ADB in relation to preparation of annual portfolio and Country Partnership Strategy (CPS);
- iii. Allocation of development aid and assisting in project planning and implementation for strengthening public financial institutions, such as PKSf and IDCOL;
- iv. Implementation-monitoring and evaluation of ADB funded projects in various physical infrastructure and socio-infrastructure sectors including microcredits and microenterprises development;
- v. Implementation of Bangladesh Economic Corridor Development studies, Investment Policy preparation and knowledge solution events with ADB;
- vi. Implementation of technical assistance projects for improvement of banking and non-banking sectors;
- vii. Co-sponsoring Tripartite Portfolio Review Meetings (TPRMs) to expedite implementation of ADB-funded projects;
- viii. Organizing seminars, meetings, workshops and other events jointly with ADB and other development partners;
- ix. Inter-ministerial consultations to resolve issues related to project implementation;
- x. Organizing meetings of Bangladesh Development Forum;
- xi. Assisting ADB missions in project review and evaluation; and
- xii. Participation in ADB events abroad, such as SASEC annual meetings and ADB annual meetings.

09/2011 – 09/2016

Minister & Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Bangladesh, Tokyo, Japan

Tasks performed:

- i. Strengthening bilateral economic relations with Japan;
- ii. Mobilizing Japanese development assistance for socio-economic development of Bangladesh as well as knowledge management;
- iii. Assisting replication of Japanese 'Participatory Rural Development' model in Bangladesh that aims for alleviation of poverty through microcredit and income generating activities;
- iv. Co-sponsoring technical, commercial and social events in Tokyo and other major cities;
- v. Exploring study opportunities from Japanese universities for human resources development of Bangladesh; and
- vi. Coordination with JICA headquarters in Tokyo for recruiting Japanese young volunteers for working in rural development programs of Bangladesh.

08/2009 – 09/2011

Chief (Joint Secretary), Europe Wing, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Government, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Negotiations with, and mobilization of development assistance from EU, DFID, GIZ, KfW, AFD and other European development partners, and monitoring of aid effectiveness and knowledge events;
- ii. Coordinated with EU, DFID and other European development partners for preparation of their annual as well as multi-year portfolio for Bangladesh;

- iii. Allocation of development aid and assisting in project planning and implementation for livelihood improvement through microcredits and employment generation. DFID-funded 'Chars Livelihood Program (CLP)' is one of the successful initiatives in this regard;
- iv. Selection and monitoring of NGOs for DFID and EU funded grant projects;
- v. Co-sponsoring inter-ministerial review meetings to speed up implementation of development projects;
- vi. Organizing seminars, meetings, workshops and other events jointly with European development partners;
- vii. Organizing meetings of Bangladesh Development Forum; and
- viii. Assisting consultation and review missions of respective development partners.

01/2009 – 07/2009 (secondment)

Special Assignment, South Asia Sustainable Development Department, The World Bank, Washington, DC, USA. ([WB ID # 346779](#))

Tasks performed:

- i. Review of environmental and climate change policies of South Asian countries;
- ii. Supervision of 'Sundarbans biodiversity restoration and livelihood project' in both Bangladesh and Indian regions;
- iii. Participation in Climate Change Trust Fund management in Bangladesh; and
- iv. Review of draft concept notes on regional cooperation regarding water resources management in South Asian countries.

12/2006 – 12/2008

Deputy Secretary, World Bank Wing, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Government, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Coordination with World Bank for preparation of multi-year Country Assistance Strategy (CAS);
- ii. Negotiations with World Bank for mobilization of loan and grant in favor of development projects;
- iii. Allocation of development assistance for implementation of priority projects of the government;
- iv. Mobilization of budget support from IMF to meet budget deficits;
- v. Exploration of World Bank assistance to support 'Central Bank Reform Project', microcredits programs, and some specialized non-bank financial institutions including IDCOL and IIFC;
- vi. Mobilization of World Bank emergency assistance for restoration of cyclone-hit coastal areas;
- vii. Management of a number of large programs including Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program (HNPS), Primary Education Development Program (PEDP), Female Secondary School Stipend Project (FSSSP), and Higher Education Quality Improvement Project (HEQIP);
- viii. Arranging tripartite review meetings to remove bottlenecks of project implementation;
- ix. Organizing joint meetings, seminars, workshops and other events with World Bank and other development partners;
- x. Organizing meetings of Bangladesh Development Forum;
- xi. Assisting World Bank missions in project review and evaluation; and
- xii. Participation in World Bank events abroad, such as annual meetings and training programs.

07/2003 – 11/2006

Deputy Chief, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Government, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Synchronization of sectoral plans;
- ii. Dealing with poverty analysis and poverty mapping;

- iii. Preparation, monitoring and evaluation of short-, medium- and long-term plans including ADP, PRSP, MDGs, and SDGs; and
- iv. Identification and solution of knowledge gaps in different sectors.

01/2000 – 06/2003

Senior Project Coordinator, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

Tasks performed:

- i. Coordination and supervision of a Danida-funded “Integrated Watershed Development Program” at Dhading district in Nepal, and Asian Institute of Technology;
- ii. Supervision of microcredit and income generation activities for livelihood improvement in the project areas; and
- iii. Coordination with project consultants and other relevant actors.

02/1995 – 12/1999

Senior Assistant Chief, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Government, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Planning, approval, monitoring and supervision of development projects of different economic sectors including agriculture, environment, local government and rural development;
- ii. Coordination with different development partners to explore resources for foreign-funded projects;
- iii. Preparation of background papers for Annual Development Program (ADP) to ensure realistic allocation of resources for implementation of sectoral projects;
- iv. Coordination with government agencies, development partners and NGOs for implementation of the development projects; and
- v. Inter-ministerial consultations to resolve any issues/ knowledge gaps that might delay the project implementation.

02/1988 – 01/1995

Assistant Secretary, World Bank and Foundation Wing, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Government, Dhaka

Tasks performed:

- i. Coordination with World Bank for preparation of multi-year Country Assistance Strategy (CAS);
- ii. Negotiations with World Bank and USAID for mobilization of loan and grant in favor of development projects;
- iii. Allocation of development assistance for implementation of priority projects of the government;
- iv. Supervision of World Bank assistance in different safety net programs;
- v. Arranging tripartite review meetings to remove bottlenecks of project implementation;
- vi. Organizing joint meetings, seminars, workshops and other events with World Bank and other development partners;
- vii. Assisting World Bank missions in project review and evaluation; and
- viii. Participation in World Bank events abroad, such as annual meetings and training programs.

***07/1994 – Present: Other activities**

Guest lecturer in the fields of international relations, and public policy in a number of foreign universities including Kyoto University, International University of Japan, International Christian University, Ryukyus University, Kyushu University, Yamaguchi University, Tottori University, Hyogo University, Kanazawa University, Asian Institute of Technology, and Wageningen University.

Academic Background and Language Skills

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Development Policy and Institutional Analysis
School of Environment, Resources and Development
Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
01/2000 – 12/2002

Master of Science (M.Sc.) – Development Policy and Knowledge Management
Wageningen University, Netherlands
08/1993 - 01/1995

Master of Science (M.Sc.) - Veterinary Science
Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh
01/1983 - 04/1984

DVM
Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh
01/1978 - 08/1982

Language and Computer Skills

- ☐ Fluent in Bengali (mother tongue) and English
- ☐ Fair in Hindi and Japanese
- ☐ Excellent skill in MSWord, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS, Internet communications

Selected Professional Trainings

☐ World Bank Trainings in Washington, DC:

- Fundamentals of Bank Operations
- Aid negotiation skills
- Project monitoring and evaluation framework
- Resource mobilization and aid effectiveness
- Economics of climate change
- National climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Governance, anti-corruption, harmonization and alignment
- Basic procurement training
- Fundamentals of teamwork and cross-cultural learning styles
- Political economy of reforms and economic analysis of agricultural projects

☐ Other Trainings:

- BAPPENAS, Jakarta : Negotiation Skills, Donor Policies and Economic Diplomacy
- National Development & Reform Commission, China : Macroeconomic Development
- KOICA, Seoul : Partnership Program for Diplomats
- EDU-ASIA, Kuala Lumpur : Education Decentralization
- ILO, Turin : Indigenous and tribal peoples issues: Rights and good practices

- AIT, Thailand : Asian irrigation in transition - responding to the challenges ahead
- GEOPLAN, Amsterdam : EIA for sustainable water resources management
- IAC, Wageningen : Sustainability in agricultural development

Fellowships and Awards

- ❑ **Distinguished Alumni Award:** Awarded by the AIT Alumni Association (2022)
- ❑ **Voice Secondment Program (VSP) Fellowship:** Awarded by the World Bank (2009)
- ❑ **Doctoral Fellowship:** Awarded by Bangladesh Government and AIT, Thailand (2000 – 2002)
- ❑ **NFP Graduate Fellowship:** Awarded by the Royal Dutch Government (1993 – 1995)
- ❑ **Undergraduate Merit Fellowship:** Awarded by Bangladesh Government (1978 – 1982)

Selected Publications

- ❑ **Majumder, J.R.** 2014. Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Agenda: Perspectives from Bangladesh. *Journal of International Development Studies*, Vol. 23, No. 2. pp. 95-102.
- ❑ **Majumder, J.R.** 2005. Crafting synergy between environment and sustainable development: A strategy from global perspective. - Paper presented in a workshop on Partnership Program for Diplomats, organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in Seoul, South Korea, September 02-17, 2007).
- ❑ **Majumder, J.R.** 2005. Population and sustainable food security: Asian perspective. *Publication of the Bangladesh Civil Service Economic Association*, Planning Commission Complex, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, March 2005, pp. 51-60.
- ❑ Shivakoti, G.P. and **Majumder, J.R.** 2004. Constraints of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) production in Bangladesh: Looking from socioeconomic perspectives. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development*, Vol. XIV, No.1. pp. 29-55.
- ❑ Shivakoti, G. P., **Majumder, J.R.** and Clemente, R. 2003. Impact of development intervention on livelihood and water resources: Perspectives of changes in the Galaudu Pokhare Watershed in Nepal. Research Report, Integrated Watershed Development and Management Program, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❑ **Majumder, J.R.** and Shivakoti, G.P. 2002. Designing alternative model for sustainable agricultural development: Lessons learnt from the Crop Diversification Programme of Bangladesh. - Paper presented in the IRFD Conference on Economy, Environment and Society in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 27-28, 2002.
- ❑ **Majumder, J.R.** and Shivakoti, G.P. 2001. Managing system within the non-systemic vicious circle: Institutional linkage analysis to identify the constraints of technology transfer and adoption under Crop Diversification Programme in Bangladesh. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development*, Vol. XI, No. 2, pp. 86-114.
- ❑ **Book Review** - Shivakoti, G.P. and Ostrom, E. (eds.). 2002. Improving Irrigation Governance and Management in Nepal. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development*, Vol. XIII, No. 2, pp.109.

Membership in Professional Societies

- Japan Society for International Development (JASID)
- Japan Association for South Asian Studies (JASAS)
- International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD)
- AIT Alumni Association
- Wageningen University Alumni Association
- KOICA Alumni Association
- Bangladesh Economic Association
- OISCA International

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