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SHAIKH MEHDEE MOHAMMAD a Joint Director of RDA, Bogra, has over 11 years of professional experience in planning, designing and conducting different research projects and training courses on disaster management, and climate change and rural development related issues. In the positions of Research Assistant: six months, Assistant Director (Research): six years, Deputy Director (Research/ Project Planning & Monitoring): five years and as a Joint Director continuing at the Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogra, Bangladesh since December 2015. The mandated responsibilities at RDA include, (i) Work for overall planning, implementation, management, coordination and monitoring of training and research project activities of the Academy; (ii) Guide and participate in designing training courses and developing training manuals/materials of the Academy; (iii) Work as a trainer/facilitator in different training courses of the Academy and other nation building departments/organizations; (iv) Conduct exploratory research and evaluation studies on disaster management and rural development issues; (v) organize training, workshops and seminars at organizational and national level on the issues related to disaster management; and (vi) Participate as team member in conducting collaborative research and training programmes.

He also worked as a Young Professional in the DFID funded Chars Livelihoods Programme (CLP) in Bangladesh for around three years and an ambassador of the Ambassador Scheme under the Royal Geographic Society in England for one year. Presently, he is a PhD candidate in Northumbria University. He is also an affiliated member of Disaster and Development Network (DDN) and Gender and Disaster Network (GDN).

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