

Brief CV of Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director, COAST Trust

Name : Rezaul Karim Chowdhury
Date of Birth : 1st March 1956
Marital Status : Married

Major Area of Experiences

Thirty five years of experiences in Management System and Planning for Learning and Change, Human Resource Development, Sustainable Micro Finance Integrated to Income Capacity Building Especially in Out reach Coastal Islands, Policy Research and Influencing for Changes in Policy and Practices, and Amateur Radio Operation.

Education

Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Masters in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Chittagong, 1982, Chancellor's Gold Medal 1976 (Awarded in February 1994).

Employment History

Jan '98 to date	Executive Director, Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust (Nationalized NGO from ActionAid Bhola Project)
Dec. '94 – Dec. '97	Project Director, ActionAid Bangladesh Bhola Project
Oct. '94 - Nov. '94	Anthropologist/Sociologist, ICDDR, B, Dhaka
Apr. '92 – Sept. '94	Training and Communication Advisor, RRRDP, an EC and GoB Project, Rangpur.
Jun. '89 – Mar. '92	Sr. Consultant on Training and Communication, NRDP, a GoB and DANIDA Project, Noakhali
Jan. '87 – May '89	Project Training Coordinator, NRDP, Noakhali
Apr. '83 – Dec. '86	With various capacity, especially on field operation and functional education in Mass Education Programme, a component of NRDP in Chagalnaya, Laxshmipur and Maijdee of Noakhali
Jun. '82 – Mar. '83	Research Assistant of various Ph. D research projects, Department of Sociology, University of Chittagong.

Major Training

Micro Finance Management – CDF, Dhaka, May 2000
Emergency Capacity Building, ESCA – ActionAid Africa Region, Uganda, March 1998
Introductory Programme on Capacities for Managers, Save the Children (UK) and London School of Economics, Katmandu, March 1996
ZOPP Basic Course, GTZ Dhaka, June 1995
Advocacy Capacity Building, Advocacy Institute and Action Aid Asia, Delhi, July 1995
Management Leadership, IRRI and UPLB, Philippines, June 1991
Management and Planning, DANIDA, Denmark, Aug – Nov 1988
Project Management, BRAC & BARD, 1984

Short Term Co-Work

Appraisal Team Member of LGSP (Local Govt. Support Project) of DANIDA, February 1990
Evaluation of RDRS's Char Development Project on behalf of Stromme Memorial Foundation - Norway, September 1996

Act as team member with INTREEC (a UK based NGO) for Participatory Action Learning Study of DfID assistance in Bangladesh, June 1997
Evaluation of VARD, YMCA, AUS and CDP project on behalf Stromme Memorial Foundation-Norway, March – May 2000.

Presentation Given at

University of London, World Literacy Conference – Philadelphia, World Bank – Washington, ActionAid – UK Office, BBC World - London, TV 2 France, SAARC People Conference – Nepal, Community Radio Conference by UNESCO- Srilanka, Conference on Micro Finance Policy and Governance – ESCAP, Bangkok.