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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Poverty analysis

Quantitative analysis of Development Policies

Impact assessment of Social Programs

Labour markets

EDUCATION

PhD, Agricultural and Resource Economics

University of California Berkeley, 2017.

Masters in Agricultural and Resource Economics

University of California Berkeley, 2015

Masters in Economics

University of Dhaka, 2003

Bachelor in Economics

University of Dhaka, 2001

EMPLOYMENT

BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)

- Senior Research Fellow, 2019-Present

Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC

- Senior Research Fellow, 2012- 2018

University of California at Berkeley, USA

- Graduate Student Researcher, 2013-2017

Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC

- Research Fellow, 2009-2011

Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC

- Senior Research Associate, 2007-2008

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

- Research Associate, 2005-2007

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD),

- Program Associate, 2004-2005

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Rahman, A., Bhattacharjee, A. and **Das, N.** (2021) "A good mix against ultra-poverty? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) in Bangladesh" *Review of Development Economics*. (available online).
- **Das, N. C.** (2021). Training the disadvantaged youth and labor market outcomes: Evidence from Bangladesh. *Journal of Development Economics*. (149).
- Ara, J., Shahed, S.S., Rahman, R., Ahmad, S., & **Das, N. C.**, (2020). The 'fishnet approach' to livelihood improvement in depressed basins: Evidence from BRAC's Integrated Development Programme. *Development in Practice*, 4(30).
- **Das, N. C.**, de Janvry, A., & Sadoulet, E. (2019). Credit and Land Contracting: A Test of the Theory of Sharecropping. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 101(4), 1098–1114.
- **Das, N. C.**, de Janvry, A., Mahmood, S., & Sadoulet, E. (2018). Migration as a risky enterprise: a diagnostic for Bangladesh. *International Migration Review*, 3(53), 900-929.
- Bandiera, O., Burgess, R., **Das, N. C.**, Gulesci, S., Rasul, I., & Sulaiman, M. (2016). Labor Markets and Poverty in Village Economies. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2(132), 811-870.
- Ara, J., Hossain, N. J., **Das, N. C.**, & Bayes, A. (2016). Addressing Urban Vulnerabilities Through Transfer Programme: Evidence from Slums in Bangladesh. *Journal of International Development*
- Roy, S., Ara, J., **Das, N. C.**, & Quisumbing, A. R. (2015). "Flypaper effects" in transfers targeted to women: Evidence from BRAC's "Targeting the Ultra Poor" program in Bangladesh. *Journal of Development Economics*, (117), 1–19.
- Krishna, A., Poghosyan, M., and **Das, N. C.**, (2012). How Much Can Asset Transfers Help the Poorest? Evaluating the Results of BRAC's Ultra-Poor Program (2002-2008). *Journal of Development Studies*, 2(48), 184-197.
- **Das, N. C.**, & Shams, R. (2012). Integration of the poorest into microfinance: the role of grant-based support and group-based lending. *Enterprise development and microfinance*, 2(23).
- Raza, W. A., **Das, N.C.**, & Misha, F. A. (2012). Can ultra-poverty be sustainably improved? Evidence from BRAC in Bangladesh. *Development Effectiveness*.
- **Das, N. C.** (2006). Export Demand Function for Bangladesh's Tea. *The Bangladesh Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 29(1-2), 1-18.
- Deb, U. & **Das, N. C.**, (2006). Impacts of the Hong Kong Declaration on Bangladesh Agriculture: An Ex-ante Analysis. *The Institute of Cost and Management of Bangladesh*, 4, 59-86.
- Deb, U., **Das, N. C.**, Billah, M. M. (2007). Foodgrain production situation: An analysis. *Bangla Unnayan Samikkhay*, (22).

Selected Book Chapters and Working Papers

- Hossain, M., Bhattacharjee, A., & **Das, N. C.** (2016). Challenging the Frontiers of Poverty Reduction: Targeting the Ultra Poor. *Driving Development: A story of BRAC's Evaluation and Effectiveness*. Dhaka: University Press Limited; BRAC.
- Sinha, S., Gidwani, J., & **Das, N. C.**, (2008). Cost-benefit analysis of CFPR. Dhaka: BRAC
- Sulaiman, M., Parveen, M., & **Das, N. C.** (2009). Impacts of the food price hike on the nutritional status of women and children. 38. Research and Evaluation Division BRAC
- **Das, N. C.**, & Misha, F. A. (2010). *Addressing Extreme Poverty in a Sustainable Manner: Evidence from CFPR Programme*. CFPR Working Paper No. 19.
- Shams, S., Mahmud, S., & **Das, N. C.** (2010). Integration of the Ultra Poor into Mainstream Development: How Effective is CFPR?. CFPR-TUP Working paper, No. 21. BRAC.
- Deb, U. K., & **Das, N. C.** (2006). The Hong Kong Declaration and Agriculture: Implications for Bangladesh. Working paper no. 60. Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).
- Rahman, M., Shadat, W. B., & **Das, N. C.** (2006). Trade Potentials in SAFTA: An Application of Augmented Gravity Model. Working paper no. 61. Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).
- **Das, N. C.**, & Seraj, K. F. B. (2009). Socio-demographic Profile in Pathways Out of Extreme Poverty: Findings from Round I Survey of CFPR Phase II, BRAC.
- **Das, N. C.** (2009). Employment and Income in Pathways Out of Extreme Poverty: Findings from Round I Survey of CFPR Phase II, BRAC.
- **Das, N. C.**, & Ahmed, S. (2009). Profile of the Other Targeted Ultra Poor in Pathways Out of Extreme Poverty: Findings from Round I Survey of CFPR Phase II, BRAC.
- Bhattacharjee, A., & **Das, N. C.** (2011). Profile of the Adolescent Girls: Findings from the Baseline Survey for Social and Financial Empowerment of Adolescents (SoFEA) Programme, Research Monograph Series No. 46.
- Raza, W., Bhattacharjee, A., & **Das, N. C.** (2011). Impact of Char Development and Settlement Project on Improving the Livelihood of *Char* Dwellers. Working paper 17, Dhaka: BRAC.
- **Das, N. C.**, Qayum, N., & Karim, F. (2010). Social protection package for the retrenched workers of state-owned enterprises: a quick assessment. RED working paper no. 10, Dhaka: BRAC.
- Mortaza, G. & **Das, N. C.** (2007). Foreign Direct Investment, Trade Liberalization and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from South Asia and Implications for Bangladesh. Working Paper Series: WP 0712, Policy Analysis Unit, Bangladesh Bank.

Awards

- BRAC Brand awards 2011
(The awards recognized and honored BRAC employees who are 'living the values' through their achievements and commitment to BRAC)

Research Grants

- World Bank grant for evaluation of BRAC's Safe Migration program, 2014.
- 3ie/GDN grant for experimental evaluation of BRAC's credit program for tenant farmers, 2011.
- IFPRI grant for assessing gendered impact of BRAC's ultra poor program, 2011.
- CEGA-Berkeley grant for evaluation of BRAC's Safe Migration project, 2014.
- CEGA-Berkeley grant for evaluation of BRAC's Migrant Loan Project, 2012.
- DFID grant for assessing impacts of food price hike on nutritional status of women and children, 2008.