

SAMAR QUDDUS

Research Fellow, Lahore School of Economics
Consultant, Poverty & Equity Team, World Bank

EDUCATION

MPhil in Development Studies

Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Lahore School of Economics (2020)

Thesis: *Vulnerability to Food Poverty of Rural Households in Pakistan: An Empirical Evidence from Climate Change Impact Survey*

Supervisor: Dr. Rashid Amjad, PhD Economics (University of Cambridge)

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Management Sciences

Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab (2015)

Major: Public Administration and Policy

EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow - *Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Lahore School of Economics (Nov 2020 – Present)*

- Led multi-sector research projects on poverty, migration, food insecurity, and climate vulnerability.
- Co-authored publications and presented findings at national and international conferences.
- Produced policy briefs and working papers for government and academic stakeholders.
- Coordinated dissemination activities and stakeholder engagement for applied research projects.

Short Term Consultant , Poverty & Equity Team - *World Bank, Pakistan and Cameroon (June 2023 – June 2025)*

- Provided analytical support on poverty, gender equity, and fiscal incidence analysis for Pakistan and Cameroon.
- Contributed to the gendered CEQ analysis, examining the differential welfare impacts of fiscal policies on women and men.
- Conducted simulation modelling using household survey data to assess the distributional impact of social protection and tax policy on women.
- Developed policy briefs, presentation material, and internal knowledge content for dissemination to stakeholders.

Member of the Management Committee - *Punjab Model School (Trust-run) (June 2015 – Present)*

- Provide oversight of administration, teacher training, and school improvement efforts.

- Lead fundraising initiatives to sustain education for students from low-income households.
- Organize stakeholder events and ensure compliance with educational goals.

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH WORK

1. Shah, N.M., & Quddus, S. (2024). Male migration, women's decision-making autonomy and reproductive health care utilization in Pakistan. International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care.
2. Shah, N., Shahzad, A., & Quddus, S. Qazi, M. (2024). Pakistan Migration Report 2024. Lahore School of Economics.
3. Nasra M. Shah & Samar Quddus, Women's Decision-Making Autonomy in Migrant Vs. Non-Migrant Households in Pakistan: Some Insights for Social Remittances Research. Chapter in Book Social Remittances & Social Change: Focus on Asia and Middle East, Ed. Nasra M. Shah (2024).
4. Shah, N., Shahzad, A., & Quddus, S. (2022). Pakistan Migration Report 2022. Lahore School of Economics.
5. Quddus, S. (2022). Examining the relationship between Household poverty and child Malnutrition in Pakistan, Graduate Institute of Development Studies Working Paper 02-22.
6. Quddus, S. (2021). Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Household Vulnerability to Food Insecurity, Graduate Institute of Development Studies Working Paper 02-21.

SKILLS

- **Data Management, Quantitative & Policy Analysis:** Use of STATA, SPSS, and Microsoft Excel for handling large-scale household, econometric modelling, fiscal incidence analysis, and impact evaluation.
- **Report Writing & Policy Briefs:** Preparation of research papers, policy notes, and briefing documents for academic, government, and international stakeholders.
- **Knowledge Dissemination & Event Coordination:** Organization of seminars, workshops, and stakeholder dialogues to promote knowledge-sharing and policy uptake.
- **Gender & Social Inclusion Analysis:** Experience in gender-disaggregated Commitment to Equity (CEQ) studies in Pakistan and Cameroon, assessing policy impacts on women's welfare.
- **Stakeholder Engagement & Partnerships:** Skilled in building collaborations with national institutions, development partners, and international organizations.
- **Administrative & Leadership Skills:** Capable of guiding junior staff, coordinating across teams, and maintaining quality control in programme implementation.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- International Conference on Social Remittances & Social Change, Lahore School of Economics (2023)
- Population Association of Pakistan Conference, Forman Christian College University (2023)
- 7th European Research Conference on Microfinance, Glasgow Caledonian University (2022)
- International Development Association Conference, University of East Anglia (2021)