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Moderator: Prof. Munir Quddus

**PROF. MUSHTAQUE R. CHOWDHURY - Keynote**

- Dr. Yasmin Ahmed - discussant
- Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed - discussant
- Prof. Michael Bowler - discussant

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

10:00 am USA (Central); 9:00 pm Dhaka, Bangladesh

Meeting (Zoom) link:

<https://pvpanther.zoom.us/j/9321215820>

Meeting ID: 932 121 5820

Dear Friends:

You are invited to an exciting webinar organized by BDI on the health care/services sector in Bangladesh. We will spend some time listening to lead author/editor.

**Professor Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury** is presently visiting Notre Dame University as a Faculty Research Fellow. For nearly four decades, he served as the vice chairperson of BRAC's senior management team as a close associate of Sir Fazle Abed. He joined the School of Public Health at Columbia University in 2004. He has international experience working in diverse situations such as Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, China, and Ethiopia. During 2009-2012, he served as senior advisor at the Rockefeller Foundation, Thailand, overseeing the health portfolio of the Foundation in Asia. Dr. Chowdhury is the founding Dean of BRAC University's James P. Grant School of Public Health in Bangladesh.

**Dr Yasmin Ahmed** is a doctor from the Dhaka Medical College. She is an advisor to Bangladesh Health Watch and an active member of the Bangladesh public health community. Previously she was the Regional Director of Marie Stopes Clinic Society, based in London, UK.

**Dr Ziauddin Ahmed** is Professor of Medicine at Temple University Medical School. He was the past President of Bangladesh Medical Association of North America. A valiant freedom fighter, he had his MD from Dhaka Medical College. He is one of the active NRB doctors who has been helping develop health human resources in Bangladesh.

**Prof Michael Bowler** is an Associate Professor of Global Studies at Winona State University in Minnesota. As a fellow of the newly formed American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, he became a BRAC Research Associate, which led him to conduct his doctoral research on the relationship between people of a village and BRAC. He has followed the village for the past 40 years for his research and teaching. He is a past vice-president and trustee of AIBS.

We hope to see you on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for an exciting program on an important pillar behind the remarkable 50-year journey of Bangladesh from poverty to the middle-income status.

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## The Book

### **50 Years of Bangladesh: Advances in Health**

By [A. Mushtaque R. Chowdhury](#) (Editor) [Yasmin Hemayet Ahmed](#) (Editor) [Khairul Islam](#) (Editor) [Shishir Moral](#) (Editor)

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- Amazon (Hard Copy and Kindle),

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