

Leading Change in Disability Care: Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain's Journey at CRP

Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain is currently working for the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), the largest teaching hospital and rehabilitation centre in Bangladesh. He holds a leadership role at CRP as the Executive Director since 2020. He works to achieve CRP's operational objectives and promote the organisation as a model for regional replication.

He took on the role of Executive Director at CRP during the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the global situation was highly unstable and Bangladesh's healthcare system was under immense strain. Under his skilled and dynamic leadership, CRP not only made substantial progress in delivering healthcare & rehabilitations to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), but also evolved into a more sustainable institution, both during and after the pandemic.

Dr. Hossain pursued a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Sydney, Australia. He was honored with a Commonwealth Scholarship and an international research collaboration grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Australia. Dr. Hossain earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physiotherapy from the University of Dhaka. He also completed a Master's in Public Health at North South University, Dhaka. Additionally, he had opportunities for professional development training and fellowships both at home and abroad, including in the UK, Spain, Australia, India, and Canada.

Dr. Hossain teaches and supervises research projects for rehabilitation professionals at the Bangladesh Health Professions Institute, the academic institute of CRP, affiliated with the University of Dhaka. He is also an honorary visiting professor at the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at Jessore University of Science and Technology, a public university in Bangladesh.

He is presently an executive member of the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council, the Asian Spinal Cord Network, and a member of the International Spinal Cord Society. As a Trustee, he voluntarily contributes to government and non-government organizations, working on policy and strategy development for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. He is a founding member of the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association and has actively contributed to professional development through BPA and other organizations for more than two decades.

Dr. Hossain has published a number of scientific research papers in peer-reviewed journals. His significant contributions highlight his dedication to advancing rehabilitation practices, education, and policy advocacy in Bangladesh. He has received awards for scientific publications and international presentations. He was also honored with the Rotary International Award for his humanitarian services in Bangladesh.

Hossain's previous track record, spanning from 2000 to 2016, includes a career focused on diverse team management, overseeing medical services, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, nursing care, and other rehabilitation services at CRP. Over his long and extensive career, he has seamlessly integrated administrative and management responsibilities with professionalism and efficiency. Throughout his career, he has collaborated with national and international partners, as well as key individuals and organizations in the respective fields. He wishes to continue his efforts in delivering humanitarian care.

His scientific work is available on the [ORCID](#) website. More details on his work are available at the following link: [Click here to see biography](#).