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Bangladesh Country Report
Alumni of 2011 to 2016



Tracer Survey

Outcomes Summary: Bangladesh

This country report details the responses of alumni from **Bangladesh** to the Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility **Tracer Survey** carried out in 2018-19. The Tracer Survey was conducted between November 2018 and February 2019 and targeted **alumni who completed their award between 2011 and 2016**.

Alumni were asked a range of questions via an online survey, focussed on exploring the long-term outcomes of the Australia Awards. In total 3,768 alumni in this cohort from more than 123 different countries participated in the survey. A 26 per cent response rate of the target cohort was achieved globally. This report focuses on the response data of alumni from Bangladesh.

For Bangladesh, there were 586 alumni included in the target population. Responses were received from 134, a **response rate of 23 per cent**. Among these respondents, 105 were scholarship alumni and 29 were fellowship alumni.

The survey data provide a valuable quantitative insight into alumni use of knowledge and skills, development of networks and contribution to cooperation with Australia. The responses also offer rich examples from alumni of the types of contributions they are making, the way in which they are using their award, and the things that help and hinder them in reaching their potential.

The data detailed here are reported based on the four long-term outcomes of the Australia Awards as articulated in the *Australia Awards Global Strategy: Investing in the next generation of global leaders for development 2016-2018* and the Australia Awards Global Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. In terms of responding to the **long-term outcomes** of the Australia Awards, the following summary offers findings based on the responses of alumni from Bangladesh. Further outcomes are included in the infographic following this summary.

Outcome 1: *Alumni are using their skills, knowledge and networks to contribute to sustainable development.*

- Most alumni from Bangladesh (98 per cent) indicated they have passed on their skills and knowledge to others in their country on return from their award.
- 97 per cent of alumni indicated they had introduced improved practices and innovations in their work on return from their award.

Outcome 2: *Alumni are contributing to cooperation between Australia and partner countries.*

- 57 per cent of alumni from Bangladesh have maintained frequent contact with fellow alumni, while 51 per cent have frequent contact with friends in Australia and 43 per cent with Australian students/alumni.
- In terms of frequent contact with Australian organisations, 33 per cent of alumni have frequent contact with Australian institutions, 20 per cent of alumni have frequent contact with Australian businesses and 15 per cent with Australian Embassies, High Commissions or Consulates.

Outcome 3: *Effective, mutually advantageous partnerships between institutions and businesses in Australia and partner countries.*

- 44 per cent of alumni from Bangladesh indicated having had a professional link with an Australian organisation at some time following award.
- These links were with Australian universities, the government sector, the private sector, non-government organisations and the Australian High Commission or Consulate.

Outcome 4: *Alumni view Australia, Australians and Australian expertise positively.*

- Most alumni from Bangladesh (97 per cent) indicated their experience in Australia positively influenced their perception of Australia.
- Most alumni (98 per cent) have provided advice to people in Bangladesh about pursuing opportunities in Australia.

The Tracer Survey represented the views of a range of alumni from Bangladesh. Of those who responded, **49 per cent were women and 95 per cent came from an urban location**. The largest age group represented were alumni 30 to 39 years. Among all alumni, 85 per cent were employed full-time. Of those alumni employed, **66 per cent** indicated that they hold a **formal leadership role**.

In addition to this Outcomes Summary, this report includes an infographic as well as data tables including the detail of respondents from Bangladesh to the Tracer Survey. The data tables correspond to each of the Australia Awards long-term outcomes and include benchmark data from the entire survey response population.

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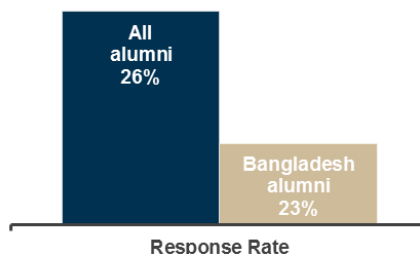
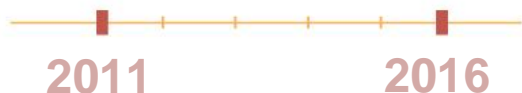
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Tracer Survey 2018–2019 Bangladesh Overview

134 Alumni from Bangladesh

Alumni who completed a scholarship or fellowship between 2011 and 2016



key outcomes

98% of alumni

Passed on skills and knowledge to others



44% of alumni

Developed professional links with Australia



97% of alumni Introduced improved practices and innovations at work



97% of alumni Say their awards experience positively influenced perception of Australian skills and expertise

Percentage of alumni who often have contact with:



Host institution

33%

Friends in Australia

51%

Australian alumni

43%



Other scholarship alumni

57%

Australian Embassy or High Commission

15%



😊 😊 alumni voices

I am currently working on a collaborative project funded and lead by CSIRO, Australia. In this project, I have the opportunity to use my knowledge of Integrated Water Management obtained from my Masters in Australia to suggest management options that can balance food production and sustainability of groundwater status under future climate change scenarios.

I have introduced a system to econometrically project the inflows and outflows of foreign currency which was not practiced before I joined my current department. I should admit that I have learned the skills during my Masters degree in Australia.

I have successfully established a network between the Police Staff College Bangladesh (PSC) and Macquarie University Australia (MQ) which led obtaining training opportunities for 15 Bangladesh police officials hosted by MQ under the Australia Awards Fellowship Round 16. PSC and MQ now collaborate through signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on a range of academic arenas. Networks were also built with the Australian High Commission Bangladesh through this MoU.

Table 1: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Bangladesh and All alumni - Respondent characteristics

		Alumni from Bangladesh				Alumni from Bangladesh		All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %				
Age at time of survey	Under 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	20 to 29 years	7	6.7%	-	-	7	5.2%	111	3.0%
	30 to 39 years	64	61.0%	5	17.2%	69	51.5%	2134	56.8%
	40 to 49 years	31	29.5%	12	41.4%	43	32.1%	1144	30.4%
	50 to 59 years	3	2.9%	9	31.0%	12	9.0%	310	8.3%
	60 to 69 years	-	-	2	6.9%	2	1.5%	52	1.4%
	70 and older	-	-	1	3.4%	1	0.7%	6	0.2%
Year of graduation from award	2011	17	16.2%	5	17.2%	22	16.4%	382	10.1%
	2012	13	12.4%	6	20.7%	19	14.2%	546	14.5%
	2013	18	17.1%	6	20.7%	24	17.9%	631	16.7%
	2014	7	6.7%	8	27.6%	15	11.2%	657	17.4%
	2015	19	18.1%	4	13.8%	23	17.2%	881	23.4%
	2016	31	29.5%	-	-	31	23.1%	671	17.8%
Have you received any other awards?	Yes	28	26.7%	9	31.0%	37	27.6%	956	25.4%
	No	77	73.3%	20	69.0%	97	72.4%	2779	73.9%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	0.7%
What is your current employment status?	Employed full-time	89	84.8%	25	86.2%	114	85.1%	3297	87.7%
	Employed part-time	4	3.8%	3	10.3%	7	5.2%	155	4.1%
	Not employed	3	2.9%	-	-	3	2.2%	113	3.0%
	Retired	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	0.4%
	Studying	8	7.6%	1	3.4%	9	6.7%	135	3.6%
	Other (specify)	1	1.0%	-	-	1	0.7%	46	1.2%
Level of leadership in relation to current job	Formal leadership role	54	58.7%	24	88.9%	78	65.5%	2080	61.9%
	Informal leadership role	29	31.5%	3	11.1%	32	26.9%	1019	30.3%
	Do not have a leadership role	4	4.3%	-	-	4	3.4%	203	6.0%
	Don't know/prefer not to say	5	5.4%	-	-	5	4.2%	56	1.7%

Table 2: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Bangladesh and All alumni - Outcome 1

Q: To what extent do you agree with each of these statements: I have...		Alumni from Bangladesh						All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Bangladesh			
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %		
Passed on new skills and knowledge to others	Strongly agree	76	72.4%	17	58.6%	93	69.4%	2298	61.1%
	Agree	27	25.7%	11	37.9%	38	28.4%	1367	36.4%
	Disagree	2	1.9%	-	-	2	1.5%	44	1.2%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0.3%
	Don't Know	-	-	1	3.4%	1	0.7%	38	1.0%
Introduced improved practices and innovations through my work	Strongly agree	63	60.0%	13	44.8%	76	56.7%	2023	53.9%
	Agree	40	38.1%	14	48.3%	54	40.3%	1571	41.8%
	Disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	1.8%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	0.3%
	Don't Know	2	1.9%	2	6.9%	4	3.0%	81	2.2%
Built networks with Australians or Australian organisations	Strongly agree	30	28.6%	5	17.2%	35	26.1%	848	22.6%
	Agree	52	49.5%	17	58.6%	69	51.5%	1892	50.4%
	Disagree	15	14.3%	3	10.3%	18	13.4%	719	19.2%
	Strongly disagree	4	3.8%	-	-	4	3.0%	68	1.8%
	Don't know	4	3.8%	4	13.8%	8	6.0%	226	6.0%
Built networks with other awardees	Strongly agree	59	56.2%	10	34.5%	69	51.5%	1683	44.9%
	Agree	44	41.9%	15	51.7%	59	44.0%	1730	46.1%
	Disagree	2	1.9%	2	6.9%	4	3.0%	251	6.7%
	Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	0.6%
	Don't know	-	-	2	6.9%	2	1.5%	66	1.8%

Table 3: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Bangladesh and All alumni - Outcome 2

		Alumni from Bangladesh							
Q: How frequently are you in contact with the following groups:		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Bangladesh		All Alumni	
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
Host Institution	Always	14	15.2%	2	7.7%	16	13.6%	168	5.0%
	Often	17	18.5%	6	23.1%	23	19.5%	568	16.8%
	Sometimes	37	40.2%	6	23.1%	43	36.4%	1279	37.8%
	Rarely	19	20.7%	7	26.9%	26	22.0%	973	28.7%
	Never	4	4.3%	3	11.5%	7	5.9%	364	10.8%
	Don't know	1	1.1%	2	7.7%	3	2.5%	34	1.0%
Fellow Australian Students	Always	10	11.0%	3	11.5%	13	11.1%	278	8.2%
	Often	30	33.0%	7	26.9%	37	31.6%	850	25.1%
	Sometimes	30	33.0%	9	34.6%	39	33.3%	1270	37.6%
	Rarely	14	15.4%	3	11.5%	17	14.5%	611	18.1%
	Never	7	7.7%	3	11.5%	10	8.5%	341	10.1%
	Don't know	-	-	1	3.8%	1	0.9%	32	0.9%
Fellow Award recipients	Always	19	20.9%	3	11.5%	22	18.8%	488	14.4%
	Often	39	42.9%	6	23.1%	45	38.5%	1219	36.1%
	Sometimes	23	25.3%	11	42.3%	34	29.1%	1151	34.1%
	Rarely	9	9.9%	4	15.4%	13	11.1%	389	11.5%
	Never	1	1.1%	2	7.7%	3	2.6%	115	3.4%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	0.5%
Professional associations or Australian businesses operating in Australia/your home country	Always	5	5.5%	-	-	5	4.3%	104	3.1%
	Often	16	17.6%	2	7.7%	18	15.4%	359	10.6%
	Sometimes	16	17.6%	9	34.6%	25	21.4%	834	24.7%
	Rarely	31	34.1%	5	19.2%	36	30.8%	989	29.3%
	Never	20	22.0%	8	30.8%	28	23.9%	984	29.2%
	Don't know	3	3.3%	2	7.7%	5	4.3%	105	3.1%
Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate	Always	8	8.8%	1	3.8%	9	7.7%	85	2.5%
	Often	8	8.8%	-	-	8	6.8%	251	7.4%
	Sometimes	25	27.5%	4	15.4%	29	24.8%	775	23.0%
	Rarely	33	36.3%	11	42.3%	44	37.6%	1119	33.2%
	Never	14	15.4%	7	26.9%	21	17.9%	1092	32.4%
	Don't know	3	3.3%	3	11.5%	6	5.1%	50	1.5%
Friends in Australia	Always	18	19.8%	2	7.7%	20	17.1%	426	12.6%
	Often	32	35.2%	8	30.8%	40	34.2%	921	27.3%
	Sometimes	29	31.9%	8	30.8%	37	31.6%	1232	36.6%
	Rarely	12	13.2%	3	11.5%	15	12.8%	551	16.4%
	Never	-	-	2	7.7%	2	1.7%	219	6.5%
	Don't know	-	-	3	11.5%	3	2.6%	21	0.6%

Table 4: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Bangladesh and All alumni - Outcome 3

Q: As a result of your Australia Award, have you developed professional links with Australian organisations?		Alumni from Bangladesh				Alumni from Bangladesh		All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %				
Professional links	Developed professional links	38	40.9%	14	53.8%	52	43.7%	1513	44.2%
	Did not develop professional links	48	51.6%	8	30.8%	56	47.1%	1583	46.2%
	Don't Know	7	7.5%	4	15.4%	11	9.2%	330	9.6%
Types of professional links with Australian organisations*	Public sector	8	21.6%	3	21.4%	11	21.6%	336	22.4%
	Private Sector	3	8.1%	1	7.1%	4	7.8%	150	10.0%
	Universities	21	56.8%	7	50.0%	28	54.9%	740	49.3%
	Non-Government Organisations	1	2.7%	-	-	1	2.0%	137	9.1%
	Australian High Commission or Consulates	2	5.4%	-	-	2	3.9%	30	2.0%
	Other or don't know	2	5.4%	3	21.4%	5	9.8%	108	7.2%

*Note these counts and proportions only include alumni who indicated that they had developed a professional link as well as providing information about their current employment in the survey.

Table 5: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Bangladesh and All alumni - Outcome 4

Q: To what extent did your experience during your award influence your perception of the following:		Alumni from Bangladesh				Alumni from Bangladesh		All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %				
Australia as a country	Much more positive	80	88.9%	22	84.6%	102	87.9%	2825	84.6%
	Slightly more positive	7	7.8%	3	11.5%	10	8.6%	406	12.2%
	No change	3	3.3%	1	3.8%	4	3.4%	84	2.5%
	Slightly more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0.4%
	Much more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0.4%
Australian people	Much more positive	79	87.8%	21	80.8%	100	86.2%	2497	74.8%
	Slightly more positive	3	3.3%	3	11.5%	6	5.2%	626	18.7%
	No change	4	4.4%	1	3.8%	5	4.3%	152	4.6%
	Slightly more negative	4	4.4%	-	-	4	3.4%	37	1.1%
	Much more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0%
	Don't know	-	-	1	3.8%	1	0.9%	26	0.8%
The knowledge skills and expertise of Australians	Much more positive	74	82.2%	21	80.8%	95	81.9%	2532	75.9%
	Slightly more positive	11	12.2%	3	11.5%	14	12.1%	642	19.2%
	No change	3	3.3%	1	3.8%	4	3.4%	118	3.5%
	Slightly more negative	1	1.1%	-	-	1	0.9%	19	0.6%
	Much more negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.1%
	Don't know	1	1.1%	1	3.8%	2	1.7%	24	0.7%
Have provided advice to people from home country in relation to pursuing opportunities in Australia	Yes	89	98.9%	25	96.2%	114	98.3%	3245	97.3%
	No	1	1.1%	1	3.8%	2	1.7%	74	2.2%
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	0.5%

