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EDUCATION

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, State College, USA Expected May 2021
PhD Candidate, Dual Degree Demography & Health Policy

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, USA May 2010
Master of Science in Public Health (Demography Track)

QUAID-I-AZAM UNIVERSITY, Islamabad, Pakistan July 2005
Master of Science in Statistics

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Naz S, Acharya Y. Reframing the Goals of Family Planning Programs in High Fertility Settings: Evidence from Pakistan. [*in review*]

Acharya Y, Luke N, **Naz S**, Sharma D. Exposure to Conflict-related Violence and Nutritional Status of Children in Iraq. *Social Science and Medicine-Population Health* Volume 11, August 2020.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2020.100585>

Acharya Y, **Naz S**, Galway LP, Jones AD. Deforestation and Household- and Individual-Level Double Burden of Malnutrition in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*. April 2020, 4:33.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2020.00033>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Shenk M, **Naz S**, Chaudhry T. Why are cousin marriages so common in Pakistan? Examining the effects of cultural norms, dowry, and economic development as potential drivers.

Naz S, Thiede B. Son Preference: A Reason for Slow Fertility Transition in Pakistan? Exploring Duration Model of Birth Intervals.

Acharya Y, Thapa R, **Naz S**, Shrestha R, Tamang S. Content of Antenatal Care and Perceptions about Services Provided by Rural Hospitals in Nepal: A Mixed Methods Study.

Johannes, B. **Naz S**, Miranda-Hartsuff P. “Medicaid Expansion and Financial Barriers to Care: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis”.

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Medicaid Expansion and Financial Barriers to Care: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis”, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting June-2019, Washington-DC.
- “Declining Contraceptive Prevalence in Pakistan: Evidence from FALAH Intervention”, Population Association of America meeting April-2019, Austin.
- “Violence and Nutritional Status of Children in Iraq”, Population Association of America meeting

April-2019, Austin (co-authored with Acharya, Luke and Sharma).

- “Low Cost Private Schooling in Pakistan: A Panacea or Delusion” IUSSP International Population Conference 2017, Cape Town, South Africa.
- “Data conundrum: Estimates of out-of-school children in Pakistan”, Eleventh Annual Sustainable Development Conference 2014, Islamabad.
- “Postpartum Family Planning Use: An Opportunity to Address Unmet Need in Pakistan?” IUSSP International Population Conference 2013, Busan South Korea.
- “Contraceptive discontinuation and abortion: exploring the links in Pakistan” IUSSP International Population Conference 2013, Busan South Korea (co-authored with Kanwal Eshai).
- “How Much Can Improvement in Contraceptive Continuation Rates Raise Prevalence in Pakistan” IUSSP International Population Conference 2013, Busan South Korea.
- “Contraceptive discontinuation and abortion: How strong is the motivation to avoid an unwanted pregnancy?” Population Association of America meeting, 2012 New Orleans.
- “Uptake of Contraception following Childbirth”, Population Association of Pakistan meeting, November-2012 Karachi, Pakistan.
- “Contraceptive Switching in Pakistan”, Asian Population Association meeting, August-2012 Bangkok, Thailand.
- “Will Contraceptive Use Go up if Pakistani Couples Keep Talking?”, Population Association of America meeting May-2012, San Francisco.
- “Contraceptive Use Dynamics in Pakistan”, International Family Planning Conference, 2011 Dakar, Senegal.
- “Husband-Wife Fertility Preference and Contraceptive Use in Pakistan”, International Family Planning Conference, 2011 Dakar, Senegal. (Co-authored with Batool Zaidi).
- “Weak Commitment to Modern Contraceptive Methods— A Reason for Low Prevalence in Pakistan?”, Population Association of America, 2011 Washington, DC.
- “Contraceptive Discontinuation Among Pakistani Couples: An Analysis of Calendar Data”, Population Association of Pakistan, 2010 Multan, Pakistan.

WORK EXPERIENCE

PENN STATE , Graduate Research Assistant	August 2016-to date
DAI , DFID-FUNDED CAMPAIGN FOR TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN Data and Evidence Manager Islamabad, Pakistan	Oct 2012- June 2016
POPULATION COUNCIL , Program Officer (Monitoring, Evaluation & Research) Islamabad, Pakistan	Feb 2006- Sep 2012
PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS , Statistical Officer Rawalpindi, Pakistan	Aug 2005- Jan 2006

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Policy Communication Fellowship 2019-20 by Population Reference Bureau 2019
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Global Penn State (\$750) 2017
- DAI Innovation of the year award for building Education Data Platform. 2014
- IUSSP NoC award to present research paper at the 27th IUSSP conference in Busan, South Korea. 2013
- Travel award from Population Association of America to present research paper at the annual PAA conference in San Francisco. 2012
- Travel award from Gates Foundation to present research paper at International Family Planning Conference in Dakar, Senegal. 2011
- Fulbright Scholarship for Graduate Studies in the US. 2009-10
- Award by Population Council to attend training on Project Monitoring and Evaluation conducted by the African Medical and Research Foundation, Nairobi. 2008
- Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan Merit Scholarship. 2003-05

RESEARCH REPORTS

- **Naz, S.** et. al. (2016). Alif Ailaan Pakistan District Education Rankings 2016. Islamabad. Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Alif Ailaan.
- Alif Ailaan (2015). Midterm report card for members of the national and provincial assemblies.
- Alif Ailaan (2015). Going Local: Union council-level education statistics and how they can inform policy. Case study of District Thatta
- Alif Ailaan. (2015). Not Free At All: Profiling the costs parents incur on education.
- Memon, A. S., **Naz, S.** (2015). Alif Ailaan Pakistan District Education Rankings 2015. Islamabad. Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Alif Ailaan.
- Hashmi, M. A., **Naz, S.** 2015. Education: The Inescapable Pakistani Conversation. Islamabad. Alif Ailaan and MIT Media Lab, MA, USA.
- Azhar, M., Khan, A.S., **Naz, S.**, Pastakia, F., Rashid, A., Shah, S.A. (2014). The Voice of Teachers: Learning from Teachers across Pakistan. Islamabad. SAHE and Alif Ailaan.
- Op-Ed: “Even One Child is too many” published in The News on November 12, 2014.
- **Naz, S.**, Pastakia, F. (2014). 25 Million Broken Promises: The Crisis of Pakistan’s Out-of-School Children. Islamabad. Alif Ailaan.
- Memon, A. S., **Naz, S.** (2014). School facilities and education outcomes: A preliminary examination. Development Advocate Pakistan Volume 1, Issue 2. UNDP Pakistan.
- Memon, A. S., **Naz, S.** (2014). Alif Ailaan Pakistan District Education Rankings 2014. Islamabad. Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Alif Ailaan.
- Memon, A. S., **Naz, S.** (2013). Alif Ailaan Pakistan District Education Rankings 2013. Islamabad. Sustainable Development Policy Institute and Alif Ailaan.
- **Naz, S.** Mahmood, A. (2012). Contraceptive Use Dynamics in Pakistan, 2008-09. Islamabad: The Population Council Pakistan.

- Population Council. (2012). “Introduction of Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECPs) through Lady Health Workers (LHWs) Program in Pakistan: Findings of an Evaluation Study”.
- Mahmood, A., **Naz, S.** (2011). Assessment of Management Information System of National Program for Family Planning and Primary Healthcare [Lady Health Workers’ Program]. Islamabad: The Population Council Pakistan.
- Population Council. (2009). FALAH Baseline Household Survey Reports, 2009. Islamabad: The Population Council Pakistan.
- Afridi, M., **Naz, S.** (2008). Knowledge, Practice, and Coverage (KPC) Survey: PRIDE Baseline Report, Bagh District & Manshara District. Islamabad: The Population Council Pakistan.
- Population Council. (2006). PAIMAN Baseline Household Survey Reports, 2006. Islamabad: The Population Council Pakistan.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- Dawn News TV primetime show about the performance of the Pakistani government in the education sector, November 12, 2015.
- Express Tribune about the reasons why 25 million children are out of school?, August 31, 2015.
- Capital TV to present the findings of my report on Education Rankings in Pakistan, May 10, 2015.
- BBC Urdu radio show “Sairbeen” about gender parity in Pakistan, December 10, 2014.
- Waqt News TV about estimates of the number of out-of-school children in Pakistan, October 31, 2014.
- BBC World Service show “100 women series” to speak about the state of girls’ education in Pakistan, October 28, 2014.
- Vsh News about the findings of my report on out-of-school children in Pakistan, 22 October 2014.
- Geo News about my research on the estimated number of out-of-school children in Pakistan, October 21, 2014.

SKILLS

- Languages: English (fluent), Urdu (native), Punjabi (native),
- Proficient in statistical software: Stata, SPSS, and GeoDa; working knowledge of R and ArcGIS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Population Association of America
- AcademyHealth
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
- Asian Population Association
- Population Association of Pakistan