

*Curriculum Vitae*  
of  
**Moulana Abul Kalam Azad**

**A. PERSONAL INTRODUCTION**

Born in a respectable Muslim family in 1947 in Faridpur district, Bangladesh, Moulana Azad received both Islamic and general education.

He is the founder Chairman of Masjid Council for Community Advancement (MACCA), a faith-based development, humanitarian and campaigning organization working for global human security, peace and communal harmony. Moulana Azad's dream is articulated through MACCA's vision of 'creating a world free from poverty, inequality, extremism and injustice'.

Moulana Azad has been directly involved for more than two decades in a wide spectrum of development activities. Primarily he is materializing his dreams through MACCA by successfully implementing an array of programs, *viz*, Human rights with special focus on Women Empowerment, Combating violence against women, Elimination of forced dowry; Reproductive health; Non-formal education; Organizing and capacity building of Islamic scholars; Interfaith cooperation; **Bringing up abandoned children**; Poverty alleviation; Water and sanitation; Emergency responses; HIV prevention; Reduction of drug abuse; Development education for faith leaders etc. Being the chairman of Masjid Council, Moulana Azad works in partnership with USAID [through Family Health International (FHI) and The Asia Foundation], The Commonwealth of Learning (COL), BRAC, Social Marketing Company (SMC), RTM International, The World Bank [through Social Development Foundation (SDF)], Japan Water Forum and has gained real trust from each of the partners.

With a view to promoting communal harmony in Bangladesh, Moulana Azad played instrumental role in forming Council for Interfaith Harmony in Bangladesh (CIH,BD) – the first and only of its kind, of which he is the founder Secretary General. Moulana Azad's relentless pursuit for peace and harmony adorned him with the highly prestigious “**Gandhi Peace Award**” in 2007.

A popular electronic media personality Moulana Azad is seen and/or heard almost everyday on various TV and/or radio channels in Bangladesh. He is a multi-skill contributor to the electronic arena, ranging from program planning and direction to presentation and moderation of lectures and discussions on a wide range of contemporary social and development issues blended with religious thoughts.

In October 2006, Moulana Azad participated and played significant role in CARE Bangladesh's **Long Range Strategic Plan 2007-2011**, as a **friend of CARE Bangladesh**.

He authored and translated several books and more than 30 articles. A native Bengali speaker Moulana Azad is fluent in English, Arabic, Urdu (and Persian, to some extent). He is married and blessed with two sons and a daughter.

**B. PERSONAL DETAILS**

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Father's Name : Late Abdus Salam Mian  
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Place of Birth : Faridpur, Bangladesh  
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**C. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION**

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Since December 2005 Moulana Azad has been working as **Project Director** (from MACCA) of **Bangladesh AIDS Program (BAP)**. BAP is a 12-million dollars USAID funded nation-wide HIV Prevention program, jointly developed and managed by Family Health International (FHI); Social Marketing Company (SMC); Research, Training and Management (RTM) International and Masjid Council for Community Advancement (MACCA).

MACCA's role in BAP is to promote prevention of HIV and reduce stigma and discrimination by utilizing the influence and skills of Imams and other faith based communities.

As part of directing the project Moulana Azad personally organized and participated in  
(i) several **interfaith TV talk shows** on **HIV prevention** with special focus on awareness building; and reduction of stigma and discrimination; and  
(ii) several national and divisional level **advocacy sessions** on **HIV prevention**.

#### **D. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

##### **I. Islamic Dawah Activism:**

- As *Khateeb*, Delivering Friday sermon regularly in Banani Bazar Jame Masjid, Dhaka, where a congregation of more than 5,000 Muslim devotees listen to his sermon.
- Delivering sermon in Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha congregations
- Talking frequently on electronic media (radio and television) on various issues of Islam and Quran:
  - ◆ Conducting Tafsirul Quran program on *ntv*
  - ◆ Conducting Talk Shows on BTV, *ntv*, and Bangladesh Betar.
  - ◆ Replying to various life-oriented queries from Islamic perspectives on *ntv* through '*Aapnar Jiggasha*'- the most popular program of *ntv*
  - ◆ Conducting *Dars-ul-Hadith* (titled, "Hadith-e-Rasul") program on Islamic Television
  - ◆ Conducting live program titled, "Islami Jibon" on Boishakhi Television

##### **II. Involvement with Various Professional Bodies:**

- Country Representative, Islamic Fiqh Academy, OIC, Jeddah
- Member, National Committee, Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council, Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Member, Board of Trustee, Bangladesh Islamic University, Dhaka
- Founder Secretary General, Council for Interfaith Harmony, Bangladesh (CIH,BD)
- Member, Sariah Board, Prime Bank Bangladesh Ltd.

- Member, Shariah Board, Shahjalal Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd.
- Shariah member of six (6) Islamic Insurance Companies
- Director, Islamic Program Department, *ntv*
- Vice Chairman, Islamic Law Research Centre and Legal Aid, Bangladesh
- Member, National Shariah Council
- Editor, 'Monthly Jiggasha' – a thoughtful Islamic Magazine
- Advisor, National Dowry Resistance Foundation
- Member, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) Counter Terrorism Advocacy Group
- Member, **National Population Council**, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**E. COUNTRY VISITED**

Being an eloquent orator on contemporary religious, social and development issues he splits his time home and abroad round the year. Having been invited by various organizations and head of states, he visited a good number of countries and delivered lecture and/or attended about **fifty** international conferences; major ones are depicted in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Country Visited</b>	<b>Purpose of visit</b>
1990	Pakistan	As government delegate
1993	United Kingdom	Invited by Islamic Forum of Europe
1993	United Arab Emirates	To attend an Islamic Conference
1996	USA	Invited by the Federal Government of USA
1996	Islamic Republic of Iran	To attend the International Islamic Conference on Islamic Unity
1996	Nepal	Invited by Islamic Youth Council of Nepal
1996-1999	United Kingdom; Once each year	Invited by various religious organizations like Islamic foundation Europe, UK Chapter, to deliver speech on various issues
1999	Singapore	To attend an International Islamic Conference
2000	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	To perform Hajj as a Royal Guest of Saudi Arabian Government
2000	United Kingdom	To attend an Islamic Conference
2001	United Arab Emirates	To attend an Islamic Conference
2002	Malaysia	To attend an International Seminar on Islamic Takaful (Insurance).
2003	Nepal	To attend an International Conference <b>on HIV and AIDS</b>
2004	Thailand	To attend an International Conference <b>on HIV and AIDS</b>
2004	India	To attend an International Conference <b>on HIV and AIDS</b>
2005	Pakistan	To attend an International Ulema Conference on <b>Population and Development</b> Organized by Ministry of Population Welfare, Pakistan
2005	Malaysia	To attend an International Seminar on Islamic Banking System.
2006	Australia	To attend International Imam Conference.
2007	South Africa	To attend an International Consultations <b>on HIV and AIDS</b> , Organized by Islamic Relief
2007	Malaysia	To attend an International Ulema Conference, Organized by Islamic Fiqh Academy, OIC, Jeddah.
2007	Sri Lanka	To attend 8 <sup>th</sup> International <b>Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) Conference</b>
2008	Malaysia	To attend an International Seminar on Islamic Insurance
2008	Sri Lanka	To attend a regional conference on Pluralism
2008	Malaysia	To attend a conference organized by Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Strengthening Partnerships with Faith-based Organization's with special focus <b>on reproductive health including HIV issues.</b>
2008	Indonesia	To attend an inter-country meeting on "Reproductive Health/Family Planning Information and Services: Islamic Perspectives"
2008	USA	Invited by various religious organizations
2008	Several European countries	Invited by various religious organizations
2009	USA, Canada	Invited by various religious organizations
2009	The Netherlands	Attended pre-summit Steering Committee Meeting on <b>Role of High-level Religious Leaders on HIV Prevention</b>
	Home	Contributes frequently to similar in-country programs as well.

**Note:** Moulana Azad has been nominated and sponsored by **UN organizations (e.g., UNFPA)** to attend most of the HIV and Reproductive Health related programs listed above.

**F. PROGRAMS SCHEDULED:**

- 25 April-1 May 2009: **Dubai, UAE.** To attend the 19<sup>th</sup> conference of the OIC Fiqh Academy.
- 20-21 October 2009: **Qatar,** to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Doha Conference for Interfaith Dialogue on “Human Solidarity”.
- October 2009: **The Netherlands:** International summit on ‘Role of High-level Religious Leaders on HIV Prevention.
- On-going: Active participation through email and teleconferencing regarding (i) participant and moderator selection; and (ii) overall planning for the International summit on ‘Role of High-level Religious Leaders on HIV Prevention’ to be held in October 2009 in **the Netherlands.**

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