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Profile:

I have been working as an Assistant Professor at the Council for Social Development, New Delhi, since November 2023. I did my PhD in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. With over fifteen years of research experience, my work focuses on issues dealing with development economics, health economics and financing, public health, food security, nutrition, and agriculture. I have published in reputed journals, edited volumes, and leading national dailies, and have led several research projects. I have a strong background in quantitative research using both secondary and primary data.

Current Employment: Assistant Professor, Council for Social Development

Educational Qualification:

PhD, Economics (2023), Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

M. Phil., Economics (2013), Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

M.A., Economics (2006), Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

Publications:

Journals:

- 1) Ghosh, S.M. (accepted for publication). Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Women's Dietary Diversity in India Using a Difference-in-Differences Approach. *Discover Food*. (Scopus Q2-Agricultural and Biological Sciences (miscellaneous); Scopus Citescore-2.3)
- 2) Ghosh, S.M., & Sharma, N. (accepted for publication). Caste and Agricultural Income Disparity in India: Insights from NSSO Data. *Economic & Political Weekly*.
- 3) Debsarma, D., Ghosh, S. M. and Choudhary, B. K. (2025). Mapping Global Voices for Empowering Informal Healthcare Providers to Build a Sustainable Community-Based Primary Healthcare Model in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*, (), -. doi: 10.34172/ijhpm.8859. (Scopus Q1-Health (social science), Health Policy; Scopus Citescore-7.1)
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<https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/11/commentary/union-health-budgets-covid-19.html>
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- 6) Ghosh, S. M. (2023). National Health Mission and the Status of Public Healthcare in Indian States. *Social Change*, 53(4), 562-574. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857231203360>
- 7) Ghosh, S. M., & Qadeer, I. (2021). Impact of Public Distribution System on Quality and Diversity of Food Consumption. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 56(5), pp. 52-59.
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<https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/36/special-articles/public-good-perspective-public-health.html>
- 9) Rohit Azad & Ghosh, S.M. (2020). India's Triple Crises: Is there a Way Out?. *Social Scientist*, 48(9-10), 71-86. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26978916>

- 10) Ghosh, S. M., & Qadeer, I. (2020). Significance of Testing for Identification of COVID-19. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 55(20), 13.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/20/commentary/significance-testing-identification-covid-19.html>
- 11) Ghosh, S. M., & Qadeer, I. (2020). Interpretations and Implications of Increasing Obesity in India. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 55(1), 37.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/1/special-articles/interpretations-and-implications-increasing.html>
- 12) Qadeer, I., & Ghosh, S. M. (2020). COVID-19: Beyond Biological Dynamics. *Social Change*, 50(3), 359-384. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0049085720936076>
- 13) Ghosh, S. M., & Qadeer, I. (2019). Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana: A Paper Tiger. *Social Change*, 49(1), 136-143. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0049085718821767>
- 14) Ghosh, S. M., & Qadeer, I. (2017). Calorie Intake and Quality of Diet in India: 1993–94 to 2011–12. *Social Scientist*, 45(9/10), 13-34.
- 15) Qadeer, I., Ghosh, S. M., & Madhavan, A. P. (2016). India's Declining Calorie Intake: Development or Distress?. *Social Change*, 46(1), 1-26. DOI: [10.2307/26380449](https://doi.org/10.2307/26380449)

Book Chapters:

- 1) Qadeer, I., Ghosh, S. M., & Arathi, P. M. (2025). Meddling With Food Security. In: Rao, M. & Arora, B (eds) *Federalism and Public Health in India: Dissonant Discourses*. Routledge India.
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003568711-16/meddling-food-security-imrana-qadeer-sourindra-mohan-ghosh-arathi>
- 2) Ghosh, S. M. (2024). Calorie and Nutrient Intake in India from 1993–94 to 2011–12 and Its Implications. In: *Development, Transformations and the Human Condition* (pp. 117-133). Routledge India.
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003528425-10/calorie-nutrient-intake-india-1993%E2%80%9394-2011%E2%80%9312-implications-sourindra-mohan-ghosh>
- 3) Qadeer I., Ghosh S.M. (2021). Is There an Escape Route from the Smog of COVID-19 Pandemic?. In: Qadeer I., Saxena K.B., Arathi P.M. (eds) *Universalising Healthcare in India*. Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-5872-3_21
- 4) Ghosh S.M., Qadeer I. (2021). Health Insurance to Achieve Health for All: A Critical Appraisal of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana. In: Qadeer I., Saxena K.B., Arathi P.M.

(eds) *Universalising Healthcare in India*. Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-5872-3_11

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- 6) Ghosh S.M., & Qadeer I. (2020). 'Public Good Perspective of Public Health: evaluating health systems response to COVID-19', in Uma Kapila (ed) *Economic Developments in India, Vol. 250. Coronavirus Pandemic: Lessons and Policy Response*. Academic Foundation: New Delhi, pp. 237-263. (Republished)
- 7) Ghosh S.M. (2019). Constrained by Purchasing Power: The Story of Calorie Intake in India Post-liberalisation. In: Qadeer I., Saxena K.B., Arathi P.M. (eds) *Universalising Healthcare in India: from care to coverage*. Aakar Books, New Delhi.
- 8) "An Analysis of State of Education in Gujarat", in *Poverty Amidst Prosperity: Essays on the Trajectory of Development in Gujarat*; by Atul Sood (ed); Aakar Books (2012, New Delhi).

Working Papers:

- 1) Qadeer, I., Ghosh, S. M., & Arathi, P.M. (2018). Shifts in Recommended Dietary Allowances in India: The Undercurrents of Political and Scientific Logic. CSD, Working Paper Series - 2/2018. Council for Social Development, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-940733-0-7 <http://csdindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Shifts-in-Recommended-Dietary-Allowances-in-India-with-cover.pdf>
- 2) Anuradha De, Tanuka Endow & Sourindra Mohan Ghosh (2010). "Educational Outcomes and Poverty: Some findings from a household survey in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh" RECOUP Working Paper No. 32, University of Cambridge and DFID. https://ceid.educ.cam.ac.uk/researchprogrammes/recoup/publications/workingpapers/WP32-CORDIndia_final.pdf

Opinion Articles/Op-ed:

- 1) Ghosh, S.M. & Sharma, N. (2025). "Invisible yet Indispensable: What tribal farmers need". Hindustan Times (dated 21 January, 2025):
<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareImage?Pictureid=211303618bb>
- 2) Ghosh, S.M. (2021). "Health Budget must look beyond Covid mitigation". Hindustan Times (dated 14 January, 2021):

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=1419331921a&imageview=1>

- 3) Ghosh, S.M. & Qadeer, I. (2020). “Why a Lockdown Helps Only When Judiciously Combined With Other Strategies”. *Science The Wire* (dated 24 April, 2020): <https://science.thewire.in/health/coronavirus-lockdown-quarantine-testing-rate/>
 - 4) Ghosh, S. M., & Qadeer, I. (2017). Replacing welfare provisioning with the cash transfer. *Social Sciences and Humanities*, 1, 56-65.
http://www.esocialsciences.org/essh/Repository/eSSH%20Journal_Final.pdf#page=63
 - 5) “Union Budget 2018: Poor diagnosis, wrong medicine”, *The Indian Express* (dated: 03/02/2018): <http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/union-budget-2018-healthcare-poor-diagnosis-wrong-medicine-5049453/>
 - 6) “An Inadequate and Misdirected Health Budget”, *The Wire* (dated: 08.02.2017): <https://thewire.in/106575/health-budget-2017-18/>
 - 7) “Public Health’s in the Infirmary”, *The Hindu Business Line* (dated: 1.7.2016): <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/public-healths-in-the-infirmary/article8486437.ece>
 - 8) “Look Before You Dismantle”, *The Indian Express* (dated: 16.8.2016): <http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/look-before-you-dismantle/>
 - 9) “Undermining Welfare”, *The Indian Express* (dated: 8.2.2017): <http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/universal-basic-income-pds-welfare-economic-survey-4513021/>
 - 10) “Missing the Evidence”, 6 May 2014, *The Indian Express*: <http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/missing-the-evidence/99/>
 - 11) “Workers’ Struggle in Maruti Suzuki”, 28 September 2011, *The Hindu*: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/article2490903.ece>
 - 12) “India’s Export Performance and Future Prospects”, September 2010, *The Diplomatist*.
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Employment Record and Activities:

Period	Employing organization and title/position	Summary of activities performed
Nov 2023 - Till date	Council for Social Development, Delhi/ Assistant Professor	Research undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Leading funded research project on food and nutrition. * Leading funded research project on contract farming. * Leading evaluation study on social welfare and protection schemes. Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Designing and supervising primary household surveys. * Analysing large dataset unit-level data (NFHS, NSS). * Advanced statistical analysis and writing of project reports. * Analysing public finance data. Clients/Funders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Collective Good Foundation, and NABARD.
May 2014-October 2023	Council for Social Development, Delhi/ Research Consultant	Research undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Leading funded research project on effect of natural disasters on children's health, education and protection. * Impact assessment of intervention for out-of-school children in Assam. * Leading research study on portability of social welfare schemes such as the Public Distribution System, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, and Pension Schemes under National Social Assistance Programme. * Writing training manual on SDGs for NGOs * Leading research study on enhancing women's nutritional status. * Leading research study on exploring strategies to improve publicly financed health insurances. Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Designing and supervising primary household surveys. * Analysing large dataset unit-level data (NFHS, NSS). * Advanced statistical analysis and writing of project reports. * Analysing public finance data. Clients/Funders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sir Dorabji Tata and Allied Trusts, Centre for Microfinance & Livelihood - Tata Trusts, KfW Bankengruppe, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Nutrition International, Care India, and ICSSR.

April 2010-March 2014	Worked as Consultant with various organisations: Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Council for Social Development, Development Alternatives, New Delhi, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, Gol.	Research undertaken: * Research project on the impact of DBT on livelihood and food security. * Research on the state of education in India. Activities: * Designing and supervising primary household surveys. * Analysing large dataset unit-level data (NFHS, NSS). * Advanced statistical analysis and writing of project reports. * Analysing public finance data.
August 2008-March 2010	Collaborative Research and Dissemination/ Junior Research Associate	Research undertaken: * Taking part in research on the impact of education on poverty. Activities: * Supervising primary household surveys. * Analysing unit-level primary data. * Statistical analysis and writing of project reports. Clients/Funders: * DFID.

Details of Major Recent Projects:

Project Title	Designation (PI/Co-PI)	Year	Cost of the Project	Funding agency
Pilot Study on 'Understanding the Practice of Contract Farming in India: Implications for Firms, Farmers and Policy'	PI	2025 (Ongoing)	Rs. 8,33,000	NABARD
Evaluation study for the implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and Working of National Helpline against Atrocities on the members of SCs and STs	Co-PI	2024 (Ongoing)	Rs. 51,13,710	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
Enhancing food security for women and girls	PI	2023/2024	Rs. 15,50,000	Collective Good Foundation
Effect of Natural Disasters on Children's Health, Education and Protection	Co-PI	2023	Rs. 13,75,000	Sir Dorabji Tata and Allied Trusts
Impact Assessment Study of The Assam State Initiative: Addressing Concerns of Out of School Children in Assam	Co-PI	2023	Rs. 15,00,163	Centre for Microfinance & Livelihood - Tata Trusts

Status and pathways for portability of cash and in-kind transfers in India	Co-PI	2022	Rs. 1,27,03,824	KfW Bankengruppe
Training manual on SDGs for NGOs	Co-PI	2022	Rs. 17,31,200	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
Strategy for Enhancing Women's Nutritional Status Via Programmatic Intervention	Co-PI	2018	Rs. 31,90,000	Nutrition International and Care India
Exploring Strategies to Improve Publicly Financed Health Insurances: An Analysis of RSBY from the Perspective of the Socio-Economically Marginalized	Team member	2018	Rs. 2,70,000	ICSSR

Major Recent Conferences/Seminars/Lectures:

2024:

(1) Title of presentation: State of Malnutrition and Food Deprivation among Women and Girls in India: Glimpses from a Field Survey in Uttar Pradesh and Odisha

Organizers: Council for Social Development, Collective Good Foundation, & Cummins India

Seminar/Conference: Round Table Discussion & Release of Report

(2) Title of presentation: Food Deprivation among Undernourished Women in India - Findings from a Household Survey in Rural India

Organizers: Council for Social Development

Seminar/Conference: Social Development Forum

2023:

(1) Title of presentation: From Primary Health Care to Universal Health Coverage: its implication for public healthcare in India

Organizers: University of Calcutta, Department of Economics

Seminar/Conference: Regular seminar series

(2) Title of presentation: Can Universal Health Coverage Achieve The Goal of Health for All In India: A Theoretical and Empirical Exploration

Organizers: Council for Social Development

Seminar/Conference: Social Development Forum, Regular seminar series

2022:

(1) Title of presentation: Impact of Publicly Financed Health Insurance on In-patient Treatments in India

Organizers: University College London, University of Greenwich, & Azim Premji University

Seminar/Conference: Shifting Narratives: The Political Economy of Public Spending, Services and Production

(2) Title of presentation: Health and Social Protection for Workers: Estimating the Impact of Illness on Earnings in India

Organizers: Indian Society of Labour Economics, and IIT Roorkee

Seminar/Conference: 62nd Annual ISLE Conference

(3) Title of presentation: Undercurrents of Political and Scientific Logic Behind India's Policy for Food Security

Organizers: Thakur Family Foundation

Seminar/Conference: Public Health and Federalism Conference

2020:

(1) Title of presentation: Public Health During the Pandemic

Organizers: Economic & Political Weekly

Seminar/Conference: EPW Conversations Webinar

Work Experience:

- Assistant Professor, Council for Social Development (November 2023 – till date)
- Research Consultant with Council for Social Development (May 2014-October 2023)
- Worked as Consultant (April 2010-March 2014) with various organisations Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Council for Social Development, Development Alternatives, New Delhi, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, GoI.
- Junior Research Associate, Collaborative Research and Dissemination, New Delhi (August 2008- March 2010)

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