

Saima Wazed Hossain

Bio

Saima Wazed Hossain is a Specialist in School Psychology, nationally certified in the United States. A graduate from Barry University in Florida, she is an expert on neurodevelopmental disorders and mental health and an accomplished speaker whose efforts has led to international awareness, policy and program changes, and the adoption of three international resolutions at the United Nations and World Health Organization. She is currently the Chairperson of the Bangladesh National Advisory Committee for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders as well as a Member of the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health. As a result of her relentless advocacy to highlight Autism & neurodevelopmental disorders internationally and in Bangladesh, she has been chosen as WHO's regional champion for autism in South Asia. Mrs. Wazed Hossain is also the chairperson of Shuchona Foundation – a not-for-profit advocacy, research and capacity-building organization based in Dhaka. Shuchona has partnered with various Bangladeshi ministries to provide low cost high impact training and awareness programs for parents, caregivers, health workers and educators. Saima Wazed Hossain is the daughter of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina and is a devoted mother to four beautiful children.