



2026 King Edward VII Cup

Dr Aminur Rahman

Dr. Aminur Rahman is a renowned child drowning prevention expert and one of the leading drowning prevention researchers globally. After graduating in medicine (MBBS) from Dhaka University in 1986, Dr. Rahman completed his Diploma in Community Medicine (DCM) in 1991 from Dhaka University. He completed Masters in Medical Education (M.Med.) in 1997 from Dundee University, UK. In 2010, he obtained his PhD from the Public Health Science Department of Karolinska Institutet, Sweden where child drowning prevention was his area of research.

Dr. Rahman began his career as a Medical Officer in the Upazila Health Complexes of Bangladesh in 1988. He was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Institute of Child and Mother Health in Dhaka, Bangladesh between 1997 and 2005. Since 2005, he has been working for the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB). He currently holds the position of Deputy Executive Director for the organisation and is also the Director of the International Drowning Research Centre – Bangladesh (IDRC-B). Alongside his role at CIPRB, Dr. Rahman was also an adjunct faculty member in the School of Public Health at the Independent University, Bangladesh from 2017 to 2018.

Dr. Rahman is the reviewer of a number of reputable peer-reviewed journals, and an honorary advisor of the International Drowning Researchers' Alliance (IDRA). He has also published more than 80 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He co-authored the World Health Organisation (WHO) "World Report on Child Injury Prevention" (2008) and the book "Drowning – Prevention, Rescue, Treatment" (2014) in addition to acting as one of the editors of the "Global Report on Drowning Prevention" (2014) and a contributor to "Preventing Drowning: An Implementation Guide" (2017) and "Preventing Drowning: Practical Guidance for the Provision of Day-Care, Basic Swimming and Water Safety Skills, and Safe Rescue and Resuscitation Training" (2022). All of these have been vital seminal guidance to reduce drowning.

Dr. Rahman has worked with the Royal Life Saving Society since 2018, serving as the Portfolio Director for Drowning Prevention, Chair of the RLSS Drowning Data Committee and Team Lead for the research, analysis and production of both the 2020 and 2025 editions of the RLSS Fatal Drowning in Commonwealth Countries Fact Sheets. This research has been instrumental in RLSS gaining greater recognition within the WHO and their regional offices across the world.

In recognition of Dr. Rahman's outstanding knowledge, research and practical experience in preventing and reducing drowning worldwide, the WHO invited Dr. Rahman to be a member of the inaugural Global Alliance for Drowning Prevention established in 2023.

As of 2026, Dr. Rahman continues to engage in various child drowning prevention research activities.

Having significantly contributed to the saving of life through his extensive research and insights which have been applied to prevent and reduce drowning in Bangladesh and internationally, it is with great pleasure that Dr Aminur Rahman is awarded the King Edward VII Cup for 2026.