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SALMA MOBAREK joined in 2006 is currently serving as an Assistant Director (AD) in the Division of Project Planning and Monitoring at the Rural Development Academy (RDA), institution of national and international reputation in the area of rural development.

Salma obtained her Bachelor Degree with Honors in Political Science and Masters in Women and Gender Studies, both from the University of Dhaka respectively in 1998 and 1999. Later, again, she however, had accomplished another Masters in Political Science in 2003 from the Dhaka College under the National University, Bangladesh.

Prior to her joining RDA, she worked at the Women for Women, known as the first research and training organization of the women academics practitioners of Bangladesh for one year as a Training and Administrative Officer. To her credit, till this day, she owns several publications, almost all of which cover the central theme of her area-empowerment, its challenges and opportunities! As rural development is multi disciplinary, Salma's endeavor area at RDA at times has to cross beyond her own for meaningful synergy as it is mandatory for all the faculties here. Currently she shoulders various responsibilities in training, research and as time permits, consultancy. The clientele group ranges from the simple rural people to the officials of nation building departments to the University students from homes and overseas. To date, Salma has attended 18 professional upgrading training courses of various nature including 15 in countries and three abroad, at the IRRI, Philippines and at the IRMA, Ahmedabad and NIMSME, Hyderabad, India.