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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Prof. Muhammad Yunus (BD)**

Born in 1940. Muhammad Yunus studied Economics in the USA from 1965 to 1969 while on fellowships from Fulbright and from Vanderbilt University, where he received his Ph.D. in Economics. Returning to Bangladesh in 1972, he started his professional career at the University of Chittagong as Professor of Economics and Head of its Department. From 1975 to 1989 he served as Director of the Rural Economics Program. As Director he started the Grameen Bank Project in 1976 and saw it to its realization in 1983, and he continues to hold the post of Managing Director. The Grameen Bank offers small loans for self-help to the rural population, especially to women. During the 1980's, Muhammad Yunus was very active in the socio-economic field. As member of various national and international committees and boards, he contributed highly to the rural development of Bangladesh. Among many other awards he received the World Food Prize in 1994 for having created a bank loan system allowing the poor to access to adequate nutrition.

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