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Dr. Ashrafi is the Chief of Health Information Unit at the Directorate General of Health Services, Health Service Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh. He has more than 28 years of experience working in the country's government health system and implementing a nation-wide health information system. He is currently supervising the National CRVS System, National COVID-19 Vaccine Management System (Surokkha), and National COVID-19 Surveillance System, while also leading the national health data collection and monitoring system.

Prior to the current position, Dr. Ashrafi was working as a Public Health Consultant (Country Coordinator) for the Bloomberg Data for Health Initiative in Bangladesh. Among other positions held at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh, he worked as Deputy Program Manager on e-Health, supervising and monitoring the e-Health activities and liaising with the Prime Minister's Office and other line ministries, development partners, and NGOs.

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