

# REPORT ON

HOSPITAL CARE FOR 350 ACID  
VICTIMS IN BANGLADESH (45128)

2023 **JULY-SEPTEMBER**





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# Leading with Vision, Inspiring Success

*Dear Friends,*

I am delighted to present this Report, showcasing our remarkable journey and accomplishments throughout the months. As the sole NGO in Bangladesh committed to preventing, addressing, and ultimately eradicating acid violence while safeguarding the rights of them, including men, women, and children, who have suffered from this abhorrent form of violence, ASF stands resolute. Our aspiration is to foster a Bangladesh free from acid violence, where victims, particularly women and children, can lead lives of dignity with peace and happiness.

Services designed in bio-psycho-social model to acid and other burn survivors such as medical consultation, psychotherapy, physiotherapy, medicine couriered, medical referral, tele-medicine service, surgery, medical aid, pressure garments and legal counseling from ASF are provided in timely manner and in perceptions of their needs. It is with immense pride that I reflect on the unwavering support of our valued donors and partners, the dedication and resilience of our team, and the positive impact we have made in the industry.

In the face of unprecedented challenges, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to excellence, donors' satisfaction. Our focus on delivering exceptional services, coupled with our agility in adapting to survivors needs, has been instrumental in our continued growth and success.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our talented team members who have consistently gone above and beyond to exceed expectations and drive our organization forward. Their unwavering passion, expertise, and commitment have been the bedrock of our achievements.

Furthermore, I would like to express my appreciation to our esteemed donors and partners for their trust and collaboration. Your valuable insights, feedback, and loyalty have propelled us to new heights, and we are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to your success.

Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to our core values, fostering a culture of innovation, and delivering sustainable value to our stakeholders. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and confident in our ability to navigate the evolving landscape.

On behalf of the entire leadership team, I assure you that we will continue to prioritize transparency, integrity, and responsible growth in everything we do. Together, let us embrace the future with optimism and determination, knowing that our collective efforts will shape a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and I invite you to delve into the following pages of this report to discover the milestones, achievements, and exciting prospects that define our organization.

Sincerely,

**Sarder Jahangir Hossain**

Executive Director  
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# Acid Attack Statistics 2023

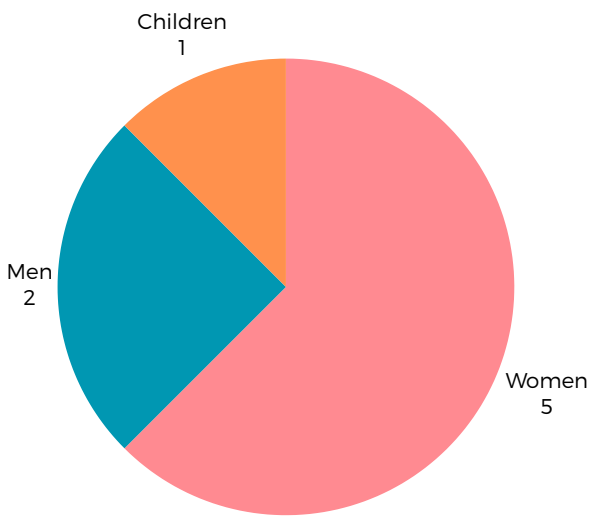
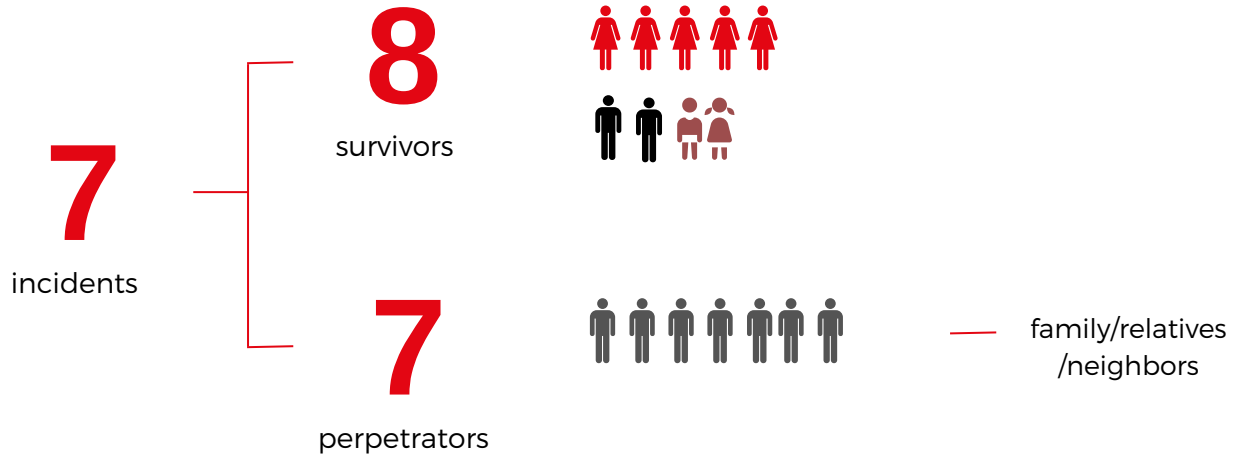


Fig.1: Sex Ratio

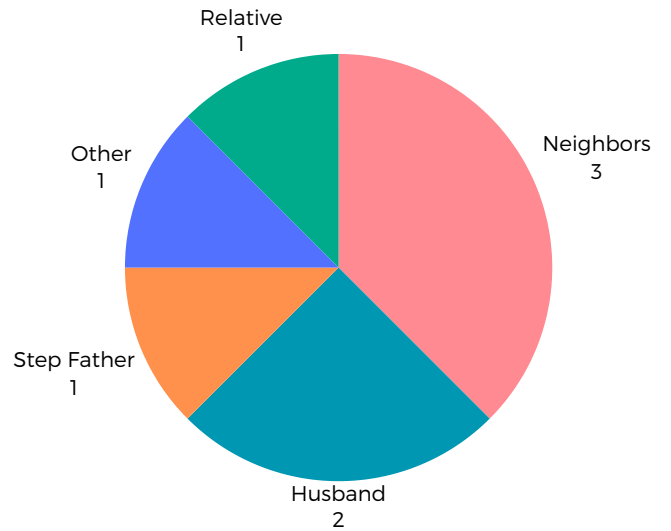


Fig.2: Perpetrators

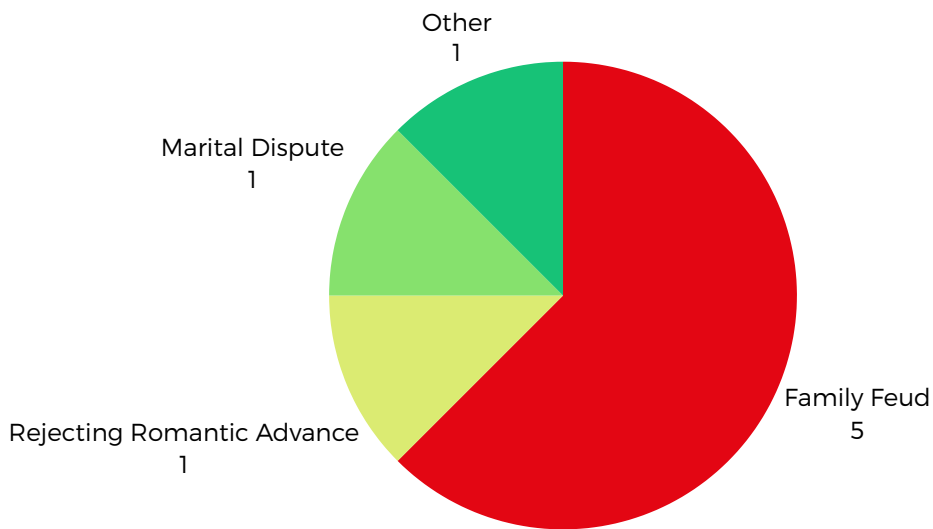


Fig.3: Causes

# Completed Activities



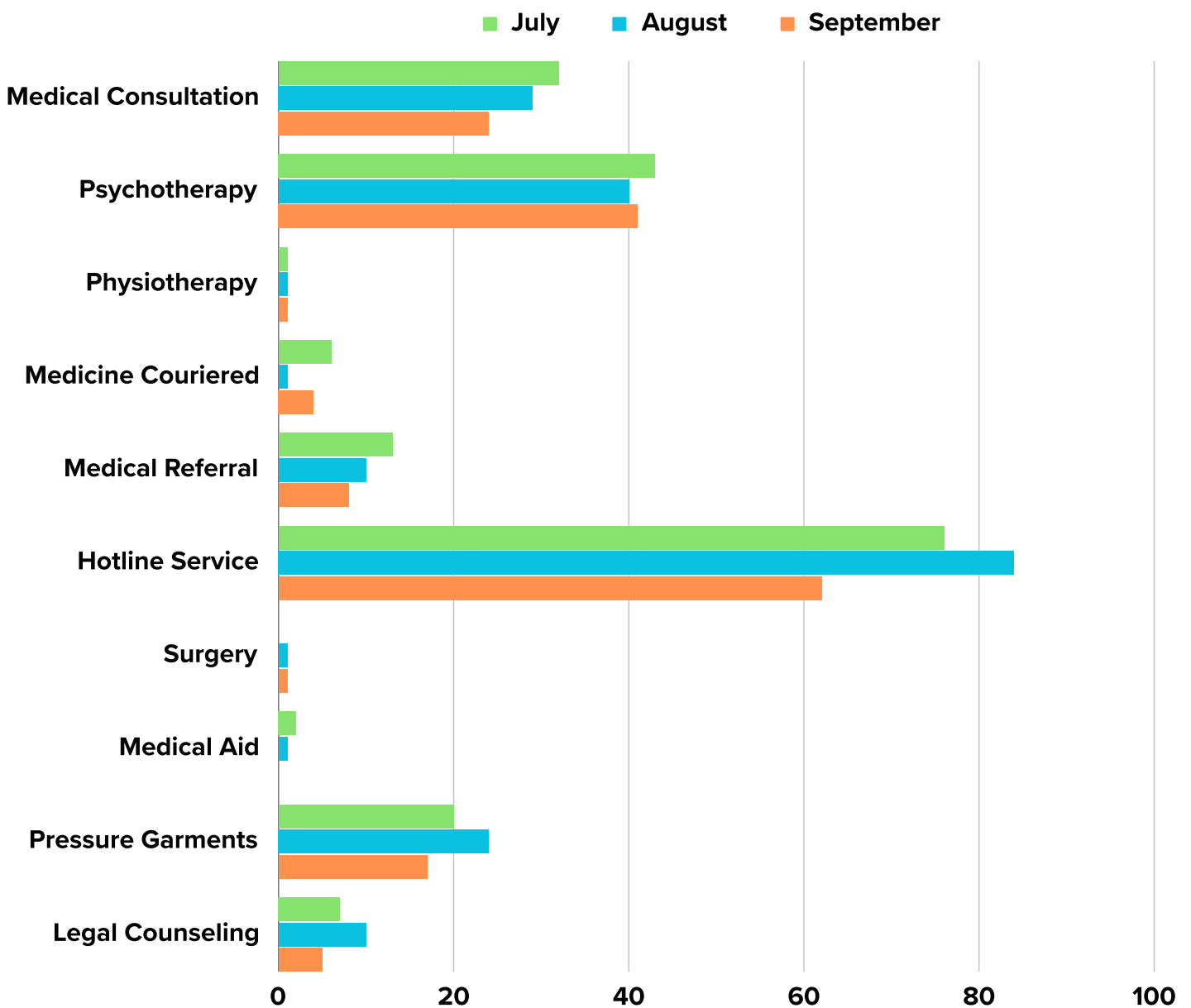
*It is a process where the volume of activities grows concurrently with group effort.*

Activity	Outcome
Medical Consultation	85
Psychotherapy	134
Physiotherapy	3
Medicine Couriered	11
Medical Referral	31
Hotline Service	222
Surgery	2
Medical Aid	3
Pressure Garments	61
Legal Counseling	22



# Services

## Month-Over-Month





## Empowering Resilience: Surma Akhter Sumi | 36



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In her desperate quest for healing, Surma was first rushed to Barisal Sadar Hospital and later found solace and treatment at the Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF). Undergoing numerous surgeries, she displayed incredible resilience in the face of excruciating pain.

Tragically, Surma's ordeal didn't end with her physical wounds. Her own parents, perhaps driven by fear or societal pressures, urged her to move on after filing a case against her assailant. This painful decision severed the ties that should have been her support system, leaving Surma without a home or family to turn to.

It was in this bleak moment that ASF extended its compassionate hand. Surma found refuge within its walls, where she resided for three years. ASF didn't stop at providing her shelter; they also helped her secure employment at the Bholā Children's School in 2005.

Yet, the shadows of Surma's past continue to haunt her. She carries the heavy burden of being the sole breadwinner for her family, as her husband refuses to work. Her daily existence is marked by constant pain in her eyes and head, leaving her in a state of perpetual discomfort.

ASF, recognizing the enduring trauma that Surma carries, has been her pillar of support. They provide her with not only medical but also psychological assistance. Her journey to recovery is arduous, but her spirit remains unbroken.

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Surma's story is a grim reminder of the heinousness of acid attacks and the profound resilience of survivors. It underscores the pressing need for concerted efforts to eradicate this menace from our society and provides us with an opportunity to stand by survivors like Surma as they strive to reclaim their lives.

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