

# REPORT ON

HOSPITAL CARE FOR 350 ACID  
VICTIMS IN BANGLADESH (45128)

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JANUARY-MARCH





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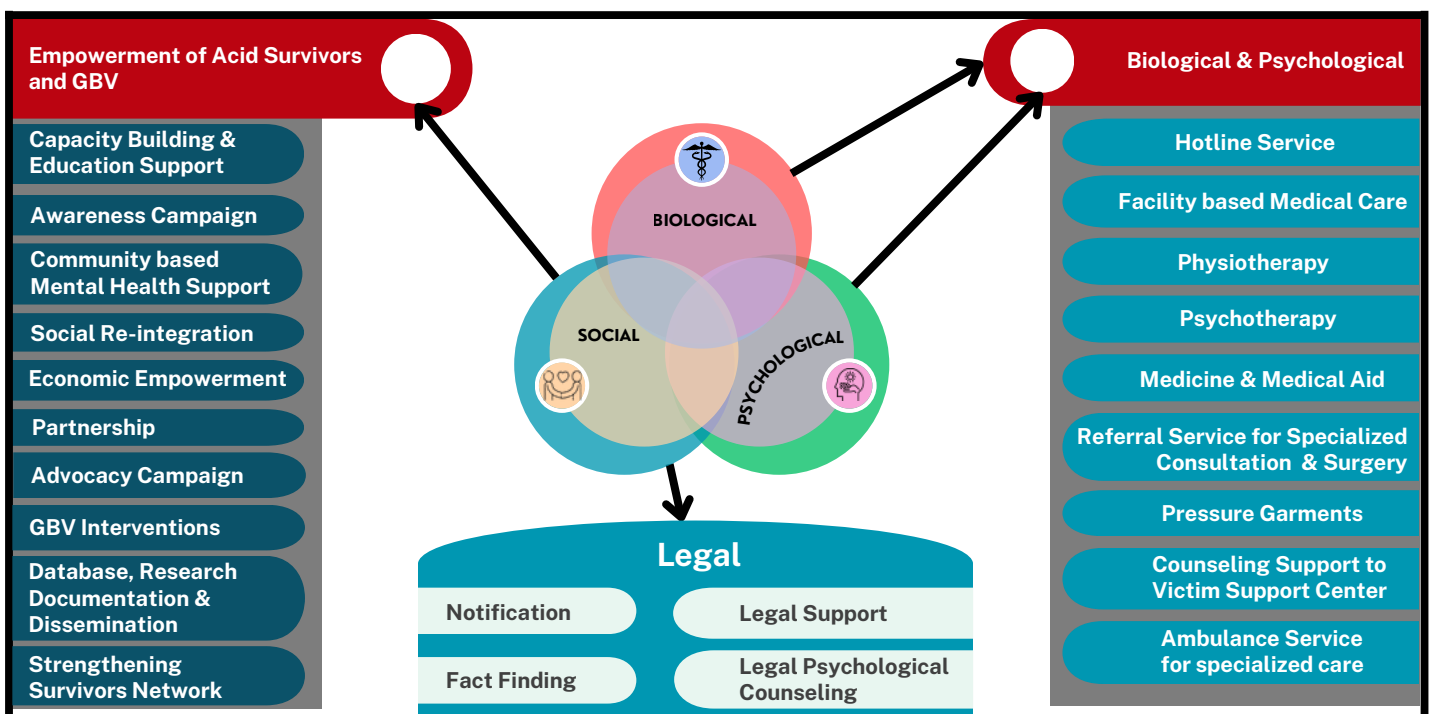
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# INTRODUCTION

The Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) is a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting survivors of acid attacks and preventing acid violence. Founded in 1999, Over the years the organization established itself as a specialized one-stop-service enter dedicated to the needs of the survivors and advocacy for elimination of acid violence. Utilizing a home-grown bio-psycho-social model, ASF offers comprehensive support services in free of cost to acid survivors, including medical treatment, psychological counseling, legal assistance, empowerment initiatives, awareness campaign, advocacy, and research. In this journey it has engaged government, relevant national, international NGOs, media, civil society forces, private sector, donors, and acid survivors.

# BIO-PSYCHO-SOCIAL SERVICE MODEL





# 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  
Acid Survivors Foundation

# New Acid Attack Statistics 2025 (January-March)

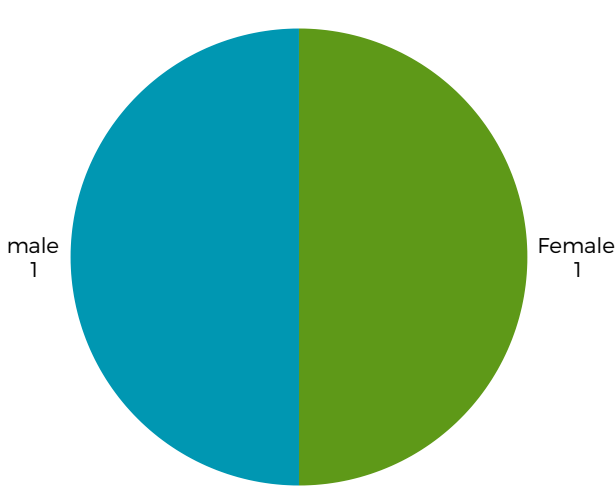
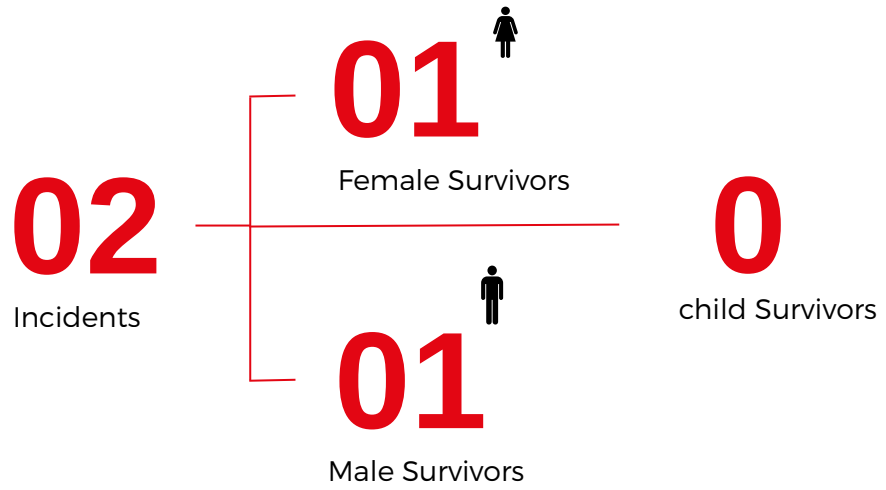


Fig.1: Sex Ratio

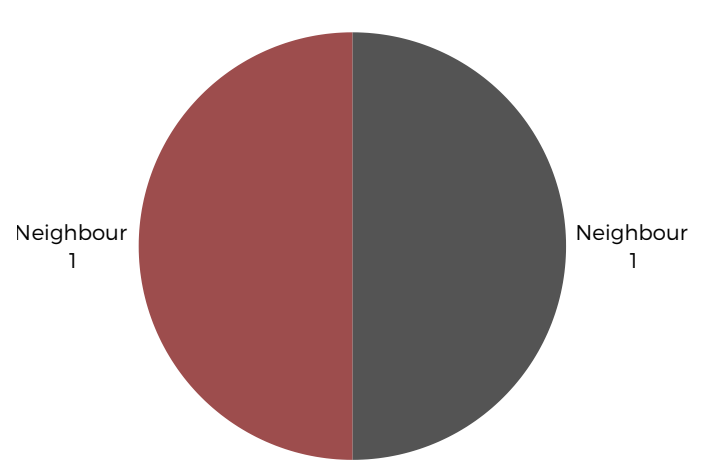


Fig.2: Perpetrators

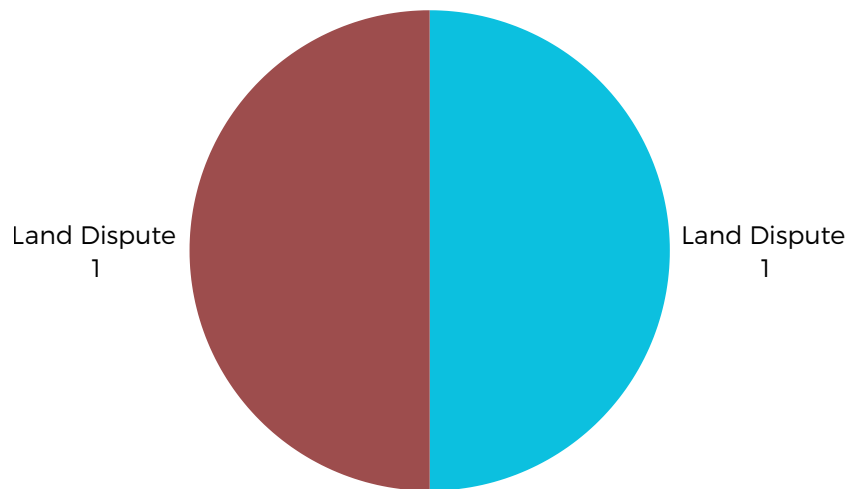


Fig.3: Causes

# Completed Activities



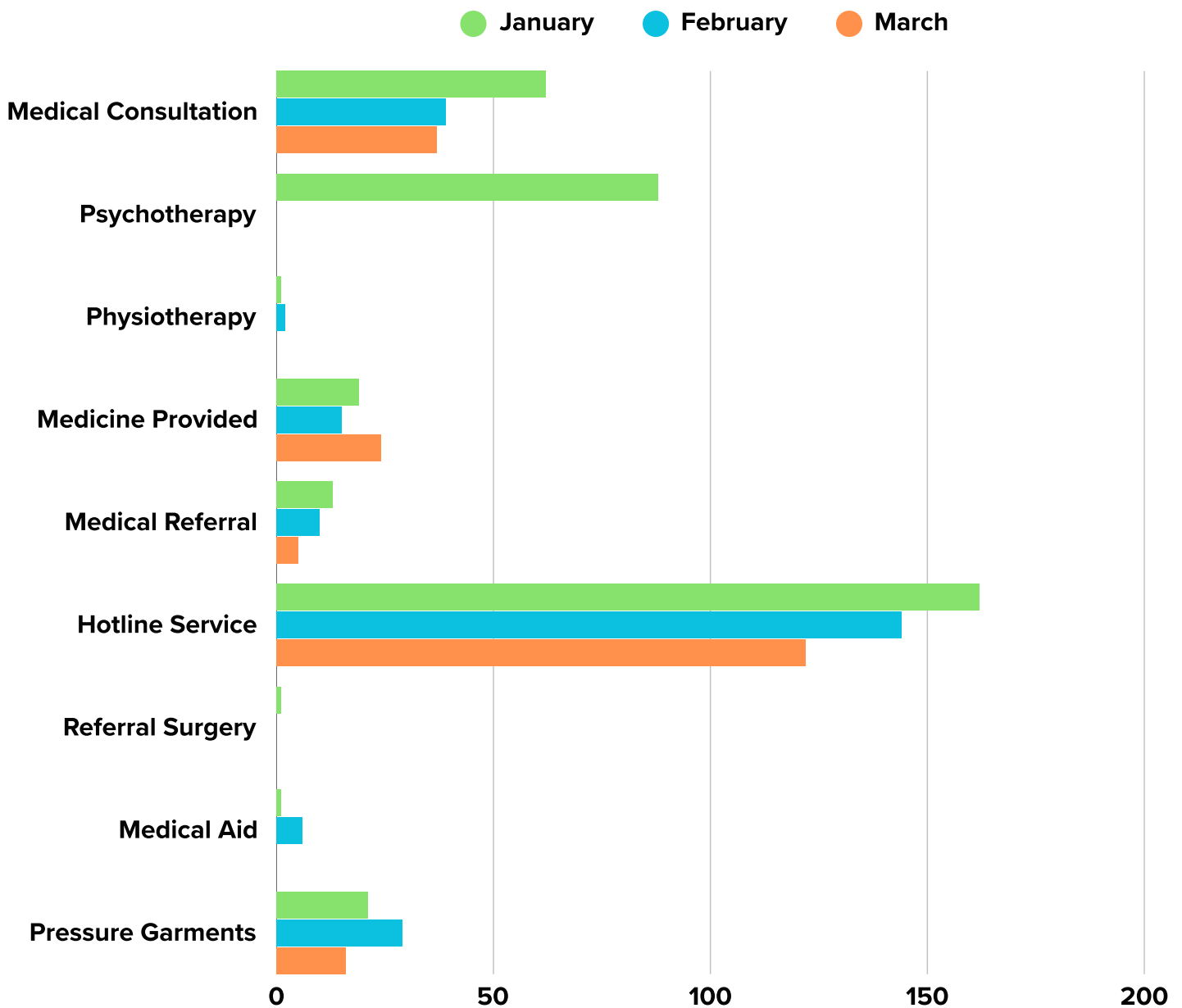
*It is a process where the volume of activities grows concurrently with group effort.*

Activity	Outcome
Medical Consultation(OPD)	138
Psychotherapy	88 28 in-person 60 E-counseling
Physiotherapy	3
Medicine Couriered	58
Medicine for OPD patients	80
Medical Referral	28
Hotline Service	428
Medical Aid	7
Pressure Garments	66
Referral Surgery	1
Ambulance Service	18



# Services

## Month-Over-Month





## Medical Hotline



To prevent recurring complications caused by chemical burns, a total of 428 survivors sought medical advice through our hotline service. The services requested included the management of contractures, issues related to feeding tubes, and problems affecting burned eyes and ears.

## Direct Consultation (OPD)



Survivors received health consultations for recurring complications resulting from chemical burns, including contractures, ophthalmological issues, hearing difficulties, and infections. During the reporting period, a total of 138 survivor patients were served.



## Medicine and Medical Aids



Medicine was provided to 204 patients. Among them, 80 received their medication in person from the ASF health care Center, along with a one-way transport allowance. The remaining 58 patients had their medication delivered via courier, as they were unable to visit the center due to reasons such as physical condition, distance, cost, or the lack of an attendant. Additionally, eyeglasses were provided to 6 patients, as their eyes had been damaged by acid burns.

## Physiotherapy



Physiotherapy plays a crucial role in the recovery process for burn injuries. If not administered timely, it can lead to complications such as contractures, deformities, and subsequent disabilities.

In this period, 03 patients were treated as a referral service in the SP Hospital, utilizing a variety of techniques such as stretching, massage, and exercise to aid in their rehabilitation.

## Psychotherapy



Acid violence has a profound and lasting impact on the mental health of survivors, who are at a heightened risk of developing depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Additionally, children exposed to violence and abuse are more likely to exhibit violent behavior as adults.

Psychotherapy services, including counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation for survivors and their families, have been proven to mitigate the negative psychological effects of violence and reduce the likelihood of re-victimization. In total, our psychotherapist served to 88 acid survivors, with 28 conducted in person and 60 through e-counseling.

## Referral Care for specialized consultation and surgery



A total of 1 patients were referred to various hospitals for specialized advanced care, including the National Institute of Ophthalmology Hospital, Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital, Ispahani Islamia Eye Hospital, the National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Dhaka Medical College & Hospital.

## Ambulance service to carry referral cases

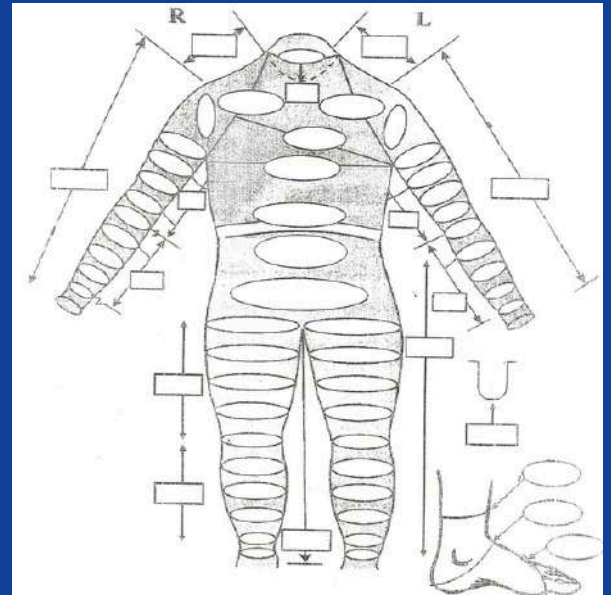


A total of 18 referred patients were provided with ambulance service to transport them to the hospital.



## Pressure Garments

Pressure garments (PGs), also known as compression garments, are useful protecting components for burn injury management. These are specialized pieces of clothing made of elasticized fabric called Lycra. PGs are used for keeping the burn area tightly fitting in order to prevent the skin from scar formation and protect the skin from the development of contracture from the maturing scar and ensuing disability conditions.



The tightness of PGs has multiple benefits. It helps stop the itching associated with healing burns, provides support and protection for fragile skin, and reduces swelling, and relief from pain while promoting healing. They also help to reduce discomfort caused by burns. Additionally, they help improve the range of motion in burned areas by providing support during movement.

PGs are tailored to meet each survivor's specific needs based on the physician's advice. ASF operates two survivor-run pressure garment manufacturing unit in Dhaka Medical College & Hospital (DMCH), and another at the ASF Service Center. In the reporting period, ASF provided pressure garments to 66 survivors. They are all the other burn survivors.



# Pressure Garments





## JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS: LEGAL AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Netrokona

January 17, 2025

### Acid Attack Survivor's Legal Battle Justice for Khalilur Rahman

Khalilur Rahman, a 48-year-old farmer from Netrokona, was attacked with acid on January 17, 2025, due to a long-standing land dispute. The attack left him with 10% burn injuries on his back. His wife and children acted swiftly, pouring water to minimize the damage before he was taken to Mymensingh Medical College for treatment.

ASF stepped in to provide medical support, mental health counseling, and legal assistance. His son, Mijanur Rahman, filed a case against ten accused individuals, leading to one suspect's arrest. ASF's legal team is actively following up to ensure justice for Khalilur.

JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS: LEGAL AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS Support ASF's fight against acid violence by contributing today.

**WE  
MOURN**

### Tragic Death of Emon Mia: Seeking Justice for Domestic Violence Victim

On January 3, 2025, Emon Mia, a 30-year-old man from Bhairab, Kishoreganj, was allegedly set on fire by his wife and in-laws following a prolonged domestic dispute. Severely injured, Emon was rushed to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries the following day.

His father has filed a case against six individuals, including Emon's wife, mother-in-law, and brother-in-law. While the police have confirmed the case, no arrests have been made yet.

ASF expresses deep sorrow over this tragic incident and strongly advocates for justice against all forms of domestic violence.

Stand with ASF in the fight against domestic abuse. Every voice counts!



# Sewing Machine Support for Parvin Begum

Impact  
Story

## A New Beginning:

Parvin Begum

January 5, 2025



Parvin Begum, a resilient 50-year-old acid survivor from Jessore, has faced numerous hardships since her attack in 1999. After losing her husband, she moved to Dhaka with her two daughters in search of livelihood. Unfortunately, she became the target of an acid attack by a rejected suitor, suffering severe burns on her head, hand, chest, and back.

ASF stepped in, providing her with four life-changing surgeries, physiotherapy, and mental health counseling. She also received vocational training, including embroidery, and later found employment as a ward attendant at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

However, in 2024, Parvin's declining health left her unable to work, prompting her and her daughter, Rikta Akhter, to request a sewing machine to support their livelihood. Thanks to the generosity of ACTEUS, ASF successfully handed over a sewing machine on January 5, 2025.

**A New Beginning: Sewing Machine Support for Parvin Begum** Expressing gratitude, Rikta shared: "This sewing machine will help me earn a living for my mother and two children. It's a step toward financial independence."

A small contribution can create a big impact. Support survivors like Parvin by donating to ASF.



## ASF's Effort to Fulfill Abdur Gofur's Dream

Abdur Gofur

January 28, 2025



Abdur Gofur, a 45-year-old acid survivor from Gaibandha, was attacked in 2002 over a financial dispute. The attack left him blind in one eye and with minimal vision in the other. Despite undergoing multiple surgeries and mental health counseling with ASF, he struggled to find sustainable employment.

Determined to rebuild his life, Gofur proposed opening a food cart business selling snacks near a school. ASF launched a fundraising appeal, and thanks to an individual donor, he received 25,000 BDT on January 28, 2025, to start his business.

Gofur joyfully stated:

"ASF has always supported me in my toughest times. This donation is a lifeline for my family."

Your donations help survivors regain independence.  
Support us today!



## Empowering Selina Begum: ASF Provides a Sewing Machine for Income Generation

Selina Begum

February 9, 2025



On February 9, 2025, Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) provided a sewing machine to Selina Begum (49) to help her and her daughter regain financial stability. Selina, a mother of four, was attacked with acid by her brother-in-law on June 24, 2008, due to a land dispute. She sustained burns on her face, arms, and chest and sought treatment at ASF, where she has continued to receive medical and mental health support over the years. With four psychological counseling sessions, ASF helped her heal from the trauma of the attack.

Despite her resilience, Selina's family has faced severe financial struggles. Her husband, a former rickshaw puller, lost his livelihood due to an accident and now struggles with poor eyesight. Their youngest daughter, a widow, returned to live with them after losing her husband in a road accident.

ASF Provides a Sewing Machine for Income Generation Seeing her daughter's skills in sewing and block-batik work, Selina requested a sewing machine to help her daughter earn a living. ASF fulfilled her request, handing over the machine at its premises, giving the family a chance to rebuild their livelihood. Filled with gratitude, Selina shared, "This machine means everything to us. Now my daughter can earn and support herself. We may not always be able to provide for her, but she can now stand on her own."

ASF remains committed to empowering survivors and their families, helping them move towards financial independence and dignity.



## ASF Extends Continued Support to Acid Attack Survivors Sathi Rani and Bijoyini

Selina Begum

February 9, 2025



On November 21, 2024, during a robbery incident in Turag, Dhaka, Sathi Rani and her two-year-old daughter Bijoyini were attacked with acid. They were immediately admitted to the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery for urgent medical care.

ASF initially supported the family on December 19, 2024, with a financial grant of BDT 20,000. However, their treatment journey is far from over. Sathi Rani is scheduled to undergo another nose surgery on April 6, 2025. Her husband, the sole breadwinner, is struggling to meet the ongoing medical and household expenses.

In response to their request for further support, ASF provided an additional BDT 15,000 on March 23, 2025, to help alleviate their financial burden.

## Durjoy Seeks Help to Sustain Life and Education

Durjoy Torofdar

February 19, 2025

Durjoy Torofdar, now 21 years old, survived a brutal acid attack when he was just 1 month and 19 days old. The attack occurred on January 19, 2005, in Ajimpur, Jessore, inflicted by a family member due to a property-related conflict driven by gender-based insecurity.

Durjoy sustained severe burns to his mouth, throat, and neck, resulting in lifelong complications. He cannot eat orally and relies on a feeding jejunostomy tube. His speech is impaired, and his physical growth remains stunted.

Over the years, Durjoy underwent numerous surgeries at home and abroad, including Hong Kong, facilitated by ASF. He continues to receive outpatient care and previously benefited from ASF's education support. Durjoy recently visited ASF on February 19, 2025, seeking assistance for further treatment and educational support.

He expressed his wish to be sent abroad for advanced medical procedures that could enable him to eat normally. His father, a blacksmith, struggles to afford Durjoy's high treatment and education costs. ASF is currently reviewing the request.





## ASF-ASS ORIENTATION: STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS

January 13, 2025



On January 13, 2025, ASF and Agragati Seba Sangstha (ASS) held an orientation for the Resilience Building through Mental Health and Livelihood Support to Acid and Burn Survivors project, funded by the British Asian Trust (BAT). This eight-month initiative focuses on mental health and livelihood support for survivors, ensuring their recovery and empowerment.


The session, held at ASF's office, was attended by 16 participants (Male: 7, Female: 9), including ASF's Executive Director Sarder Jahangir Hossain, Coordinator (Case Management & Partnership) Tahmina Islam, Psychotherapist Israt Jahan, Finance Coordinator Md. Saiful Islam, and ASS's Executive Director Jamal Hossain, along with project officers and field representatives.

The event emphasized collaboration between ASF and ASS in building a strong mental health and livelihood support system, ensuring effective project implementation.



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