

REPORT ON

**HOSPITAL CARE FOR 350 ACID
VICTIMS IN BANGLADESH (45128)**

2025

JULY - SEPTEMBER





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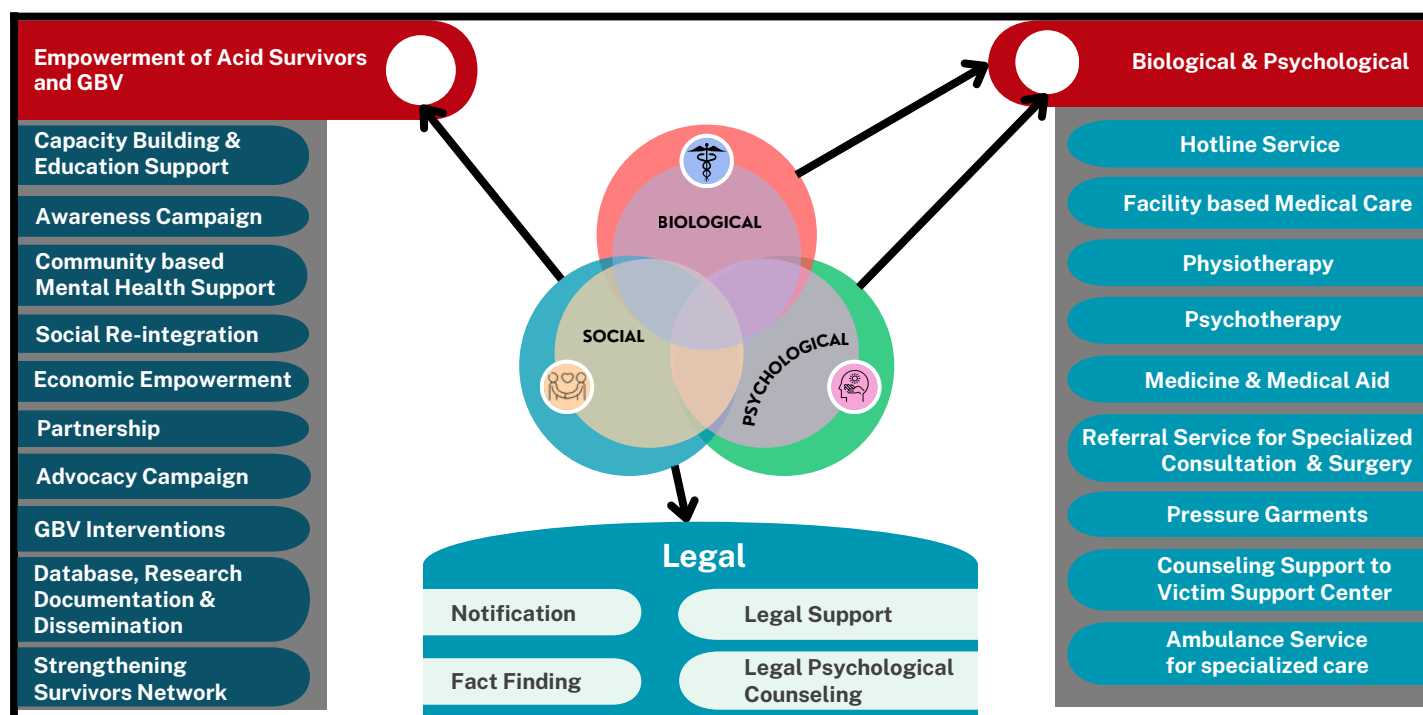
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INTRODUCTION

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,

Samia Ahmed

Executive Director
Acid Survivors Foundation



New Acid Attack Statistics 2025 (July-September)

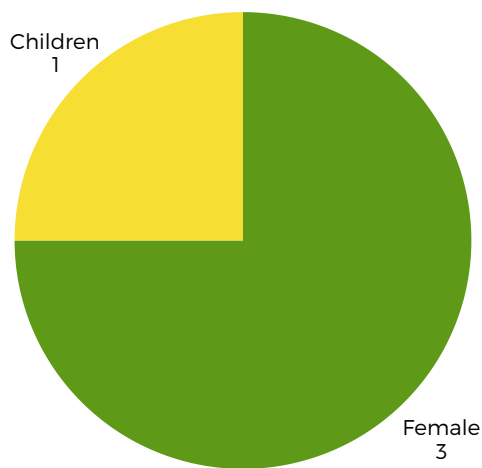
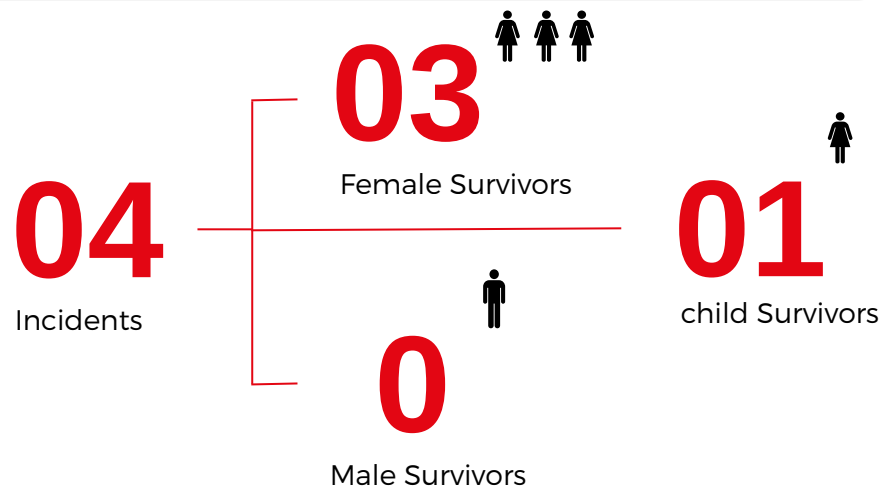


Fig.1: Sex Ratio

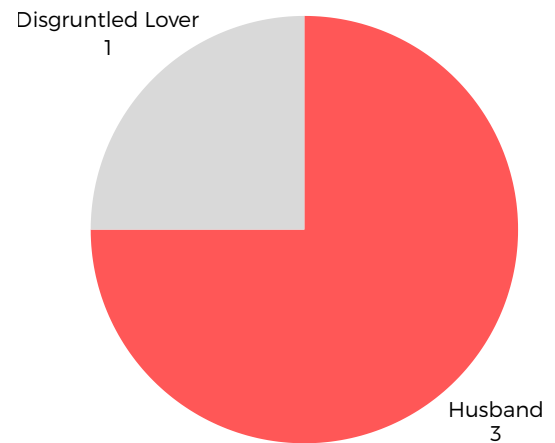


Fig.2: Perpetrators

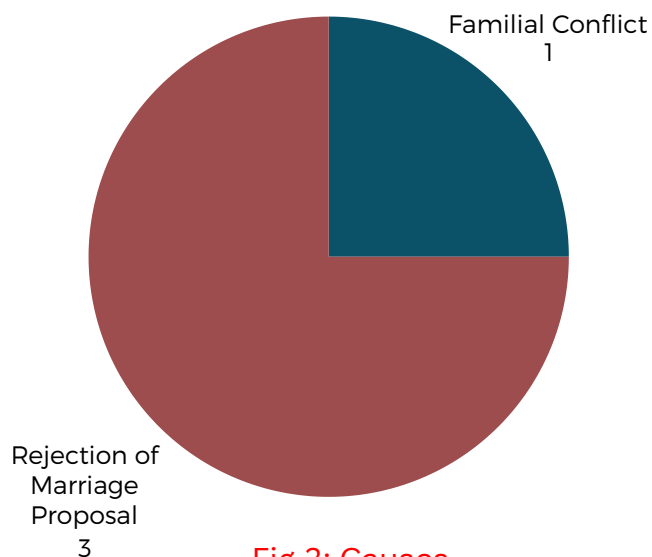


Fig.3: Causes



Completed Activities



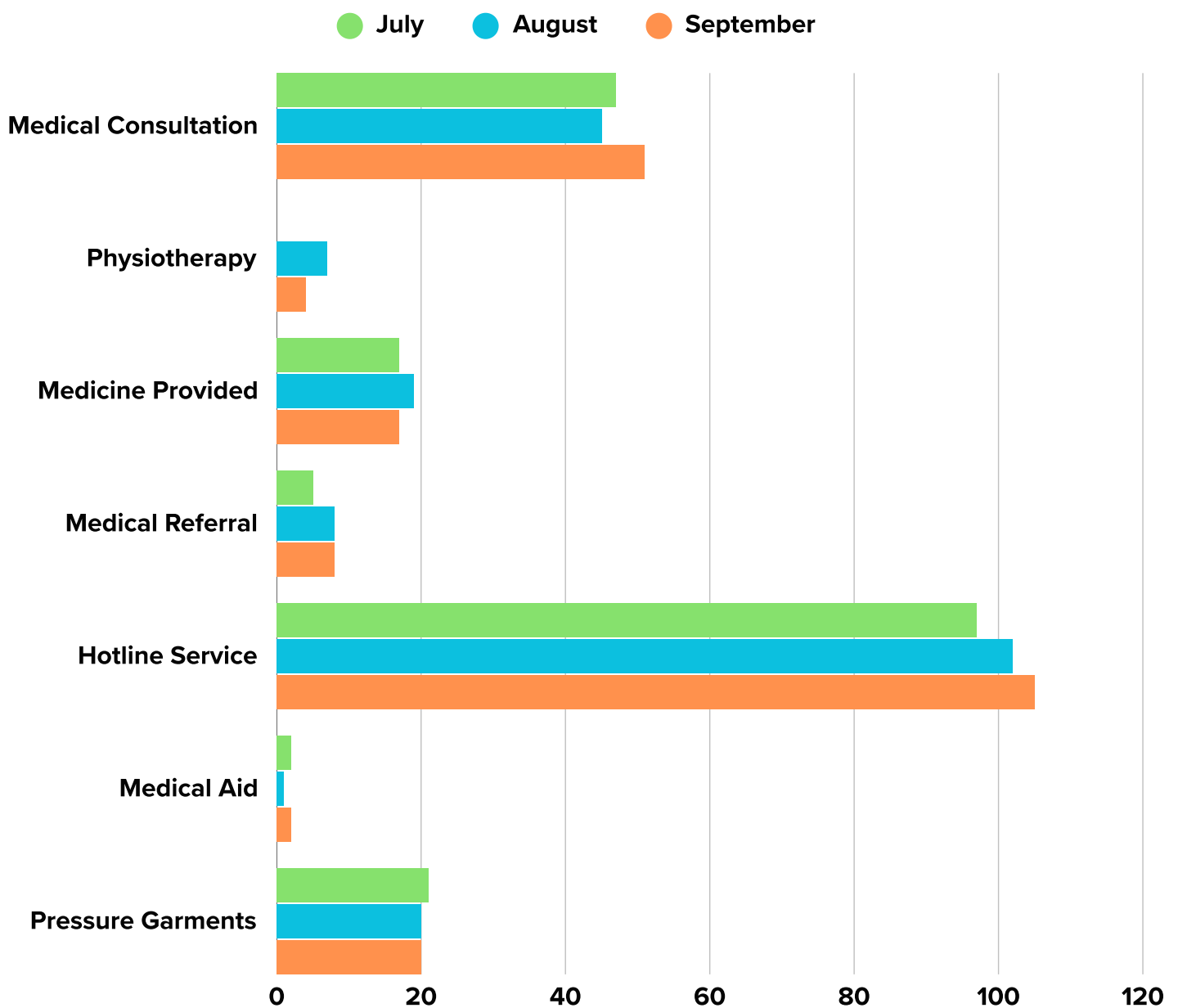
It is a process where the volume of activities grows concurrently with group effort.

Activity	Outcome
Physiotherapy	11
Medical Consultation(OPD)	143
Medicine Couriered	53
Medicine for OPD patients	90
Medical Referral	21
Hotline Service	304
Medical Aid	5
Pressure Garments	61
Ambulance Service	18



Services

Month-Over-Month



Acid violence can change the course of a person's life in an instant. Survivors may face permanent physical injuries, repeated medical procedures, psychological trauma, stigma, disruption to family life, and significant barriers to education and employment. For many, recovery is not a matter of months but a journey lasting years or even decades.

The Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) supports survivors throughout this journey through a holistic approach combining medical care, rehabilitation, psychosocial support, legal assistance, referrals and practical livelihood support. The goal is not simply to treat an injury, but to help survivors regain health, confidence, independence and dignity.

During the reporting period, ASF continued to respond to both the immediate and long-term needs of survivors across Bangladesh.



Responding when survivors need medical care

For long-term survivors, medical complications can emerge many years after an attack. Lilima Khatun, now 36, has worked with ASF as a patient attendant since 2009. She herself survived an acid attack as a child and underwent 28 surgeries at ASF. In August 2025, she developed an ulcer on an area previously affected by burns. ASF's Medical Unit arranged for her to undergo minor surgery on August 13. She recovered quickly and was able to return to work just four days later.

Lilima's story illustrates an important reality: even decades after an attack, survivors may require medical attention. Timely intervention can prevent a complication from becoming a much greater obstacle to a survivor's livelihood and independence.

ASF also continued responding to new cases. In July 2025, an acid attack in Jessore injured three members of one family, including an eight-year-old boy. ASF provided immediate legal guidance, psychosocial support, police liaison and safety planning while the survivors continued receiving medical treatment locally.

Recovery extends beyond physical treatment



For Kajoly Begum, the physical injuries from an attack in 2001 were accompanied by years of anxiety, depression, low self-esteem and social isolation. She suffered damage to her ears and eyes, chronic pain and itching, while relatives and neighbours made hurtful comments about her appearance and questioned her ability to contribute to her household.

Through counselling from ASF, Kajoly began to see herself differently. She described moving from feeling that she was "the worst person" to recognizing that she still had value and that her husband and children loved her for who she was. Her experience demonstrates why psychosocial support is an essential part of survivor recovery rather than an optional addition to medical treatment.

Mental Health



ASF's broader mental-health programme during this period further strengthened this aspect of its work. The British Asian Trust-supported programme provided face-to-face counselling and psychotherapy to 210 survivors, tele-counselling to 404 survivors, and group sessions benefiting 77 survivors, while seven survivors were referred for specialized mental-health care.



Popi Aktar, who survived an acid attack as a 13-year-old in 2001, similarly received extensive medical care from ASF, including several surgeries over almost two years. Although her physical wounds eventually healed, the psychological impact remained. Through counselling, she was able to address feelings of distress about her appearance and reported feeling better following the sessions.

From recovery to livelihood and independence

Medical recovery is only one part of rebuilding a life. ASF also works to help survivors regain economic independence.



Runa, a university student whose family was devastated by an acid attack in 2020, was struggling to continue her education because her father was the family's sole earner. Skilled in sewing, she applied to ASF for a sewing machine. In July, ASF provided her with one, giving her the opportunity to earn an income through sewing while continuing her studies and contributing to her family.



In Narsingdi, 10 survivors who completed sewing training received sewing machines and certificates, creating an opportunity to turn newly acquired skills into income. Later in August, 11 survivors received job placements with NGOs and private organizations, including positions in tailoring and block-batik enterprises.

From recovery to livelihood and independence



For Golam Hosen, a survivor since 2003, medical and livelihood support have been part of a much longer journey. After his attack severely damaged his leg and hand, he received surgery and pressure-garment support at ASF and has continued receiving outpatient care. More recently, he completed block-batik training and now hopes to use the skills to expand his fabric business and eventually pass the knowledge to his children.

Supporting survivors through immediate hardship



ASF provided a sewing machine to Rebeka Khatun, a survivor whose injuries left her dependent on her family. The machine was provided to her daughter, who already had sewing skills, creating an opportunity for the household to generate additional income.



Similarly, Hena has received long-term physical, psychological and skills-development support from ASF. After completing training, she received a sewing machine to support her livelihood and continues to receive physical and mental-health treatment, including regular sessions with an ASF psychotherapist.

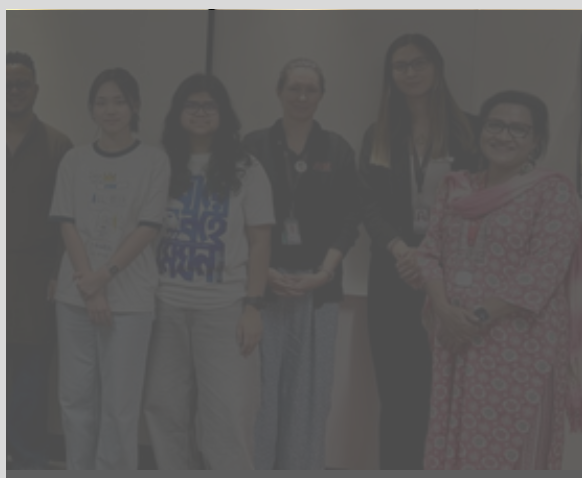
Supporting survivors through immediate hardship



Recovery can be undermined when survivors and their families cannot meet basic financial needs. During the reporting period, ASF continued providing targeted assistance to financially vulnerable survivors.

Five survivors received family assistance in July, while four newly affected survivors received support through ASF's Zakat fund in August. These interventions provided immediate financial relief to people facing significant hardship while helping them move forward with greater dignity and stability.

Building a stronger support network

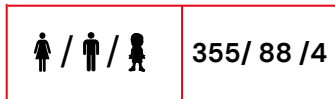


ASF's work also increasingly involves collaboration with schools, communities and partner organizations. In September 2025, ASF met with the American International School Dhaka to explore continued youth-led initiatives supporting acid and burn survivors and their children. Such partnerships help build broader awareness, compassion and community participation around survivor recovery.

Across these interventions, a common principle remains: recovery does not follow a single path. One survivor may need surgery; another may need counselling; another may require a pressure garment, legal assistance, financial support or a livelihood opportunity. Most need several forms of support in the initial months after an attack.



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* Survivors served from ASF Program & Medical

** includes survivor food, transportation to and from ASF Health Center and referral hospitals, medicine, physiotherapy, pre & post-operative expense..



- 143 OPD service
- 53 Medicine Couriered
- 90 Medicine for OPD patients
- 21 Medical Referral
- 18 Ambulance Service
- 61 Pressure Garments
- 304 Hotline Services



*** for a survivor with eye issues caused by acid attack

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MEDICAL

Out-Patient Cases	
Post acid attack complications	
Generalized complications (pain, itching, numbness, burning sensation, weakness)	85
Eye related complications (pain, itching, dry eye, watery or purulent discharge from eye, photophobia, partial or total blindness)	45
Mental health disorders- anxiety, depression, low mood, irritability, insomnia, headache, irritability.	09
Medical Hotline services: acid related case- eye disease, ear disease, mental disorder, contracture, lung disease, other medical conditions-lung disease, kidney disease, UTI, Uterine prolapse, insomnia	Female- 245 Male-58 Children- 01 Total -304
Medicine Couriered	53
Medicine for OPD patients	90
Ear-related problems- pain, itching, deafness, discharge.	03
Pressure garment	Other Burn pts- 61 Acid Burn Pts: 00
Ambulance Service	18
Medical aid	05(opticals)
OPD service	Female- 110 Male- 30 Female Child : 03 , Male Child:0 Total – 143 New pts –00

Medical Referral	Islamia Eye Hospital = 05
	National Institute Of Ophthalmology = 05
	NINS = 02
	ENT Foundation = 02
	Mental Health Institute = 03
	Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College & Hospital = 01
	Gonosastho shamaj vittik hospital = 01
	Al Mrkajul Hospital = 01

FINANCIAL

Patient Food & Nutrition	BDT 30,455
Patient Transportation	BDT 80,805
Medicine	BDT 207,733
Psycho-Social Services Burn to Victims	BDT 1,440
Pre & Post-Operative Exp. Medical	BDT 9,693
Specialists Fees	BDT 2,320
Physiotherapy Support	BDT 3,300
Referral Surgery	BDT 10,890
Total in BDT	BDT 346,636
Total in USD (1 USD= 122 BDT)	USD 2,841



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