

Acid Survivors Foundation

Service Report May to September 2021



Medical Team

Acid Survivors Foundation is nonprofit organization established in 1999 in concern to the rising trend of acid violence in Bangladesh. In the nineties, Acid violence was at a peak and was not considered as a form of gender based violence until Acid survivor foundation (ASF) started its journey on 12th May 1999.

Since inception ASF is ensuring and provides quality health care support and other facilities to the survivors at free of cost.

Previous survivors of acid violence requires (acid victims also need) life-long support. There are over 3,840 survivors across the country and mostly female and children. Acid survivors often seek for more services, due to lack of funding it is difficult to provide holistic support. ASF also had to suspend indoor and operation theater facilities, only outdoor facilities are available at ASF premises.

Even with the funding crisis and pandemic situation, ASF is providing medical services by maintaining all safety measures.



Physiotherapy taken by a survivor

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Medical Services at a glance of ASF



Total No of Patients (all were survivors)	Survivors Support services 291
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Type of Service	Medical Advice(Physical)	Medical Advice (Hotline)	No. of total advice	Physio Advice	Psychotherapy Counselling	PRESSURE GARMENTS	NEW CASE	Refers
May	29	46	75	01	01	0	01	05
June	29	54	83	06	0	02	0	08
July	02	26	28	0	0	00	0	00
August	19	32	51	0	0	06	0	06
September	19	35	54	0	0	03	0	09
Total Number	98	193	291	07	01		02	28

Hotline service

Acid victims request for health consultation on their regular complications occurred due to chemical burn. Most of these issues are due to contracture, eye problems, hearing problem, infection, feeding tube management and many more. We address to solve these problems through our hotline, direct service, referring to nearby available government hospital and support from our specialized consultation panel.

Financial assistance for emergency medicine and foods

We provided emergency medicines and food support. We enlisted 13 acid survivors who are in need of food and emergency medicine during COVID-19 lockdown. We have already disbursed BDT79,432 (USD 925.38) to 13 acid survivors from ASF.

Social welfare Fund

19 Survivors received BDT 3,22,500 (USD3757.15) from Social welfare department of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College (ShSMC) hospital. ASF advocated through advocacy for this government fund and assisted the survivors submit accurate documents.



Cheque received by the survivors

Remote Medical Consultation through online or phone:

Eight (8) survivors received remote medical consultation service from ASF medical over phone. Medicine was delivered through courier services in different district of Bangladesh.



Medical consultation

Surgery:

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital (IIEI&H) carried out two (2) survivors patient eye surgery. The survivor patient received necessary devices from ASF.

Total 2 patient completed eye surgery on Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital (IIEI&H) and received necessary devices from ASF.



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