## REPORTON AMBULANCE SUPPORT FOR 3873 ACID SURVIVORS







# Ambulance support for referral service 18

Services	October	November	December	Total
Islamia Eye Hospital	3	3	2	8
National Institute Of Ophthalmology	4	2	1	7
Mental Health Care Institute	1	1	Ο	2
SP Hospital (for physiotherapy)	Ο	Ο	1	1



Case Story

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#### Romana's Struggle



Rumana, a resident of Sirajganj, grew up in the comfort in her parents' home. With six siblings, Rumana enjoyed a fulfilling life. Together with her siblings she attended school and experiencing a seemingly content existence. Afterwards, she married a businessman, but the man was addicted to drugs, that affected her life. Even though her husband had difficulties, she managed to make a living. They had two daughters. But, her husband didn't get better, and he demanded Rumana hand over a piece of land she owned. When she refused, he did a terrible thing, he threw acid on her in 2016. The police arrested him, and he's been in prison since then.

Rumana's face, neck, and hands got hurt badly by the acid. She needed to have eight procedures, first at Dhaka Medical and later at ASF. The last one was in February 2023 at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital. ASF provided assistance including medicines by courier. She visited ASF whenever she had problems with itching, pain, or bleeding from her burns. ASF also supported her with psychotherapy services and provided required logistics such as food and transportation on her every visit. Now, Rumana lives in her father's house. Her parents and siblings help her emotionally and financially. Her elder daughter is studying at Eden College in Dhaka, and the younger one is in class eight. Both are good students, but Rumana worries about how to pay for their education. She works in tailoring, but it's not enough. Despite the difficulties, Rumana dreams that her daughters will achieve something great one day. Let's hope her dream comes true.

### **Picture Gallery**











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