

REPORT ON

**MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT: ENSURING LIFESAVING
SUPPLIES FOR SURVIVORS OF BURN VIOLENCE**

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JULY - SEPTEMBER





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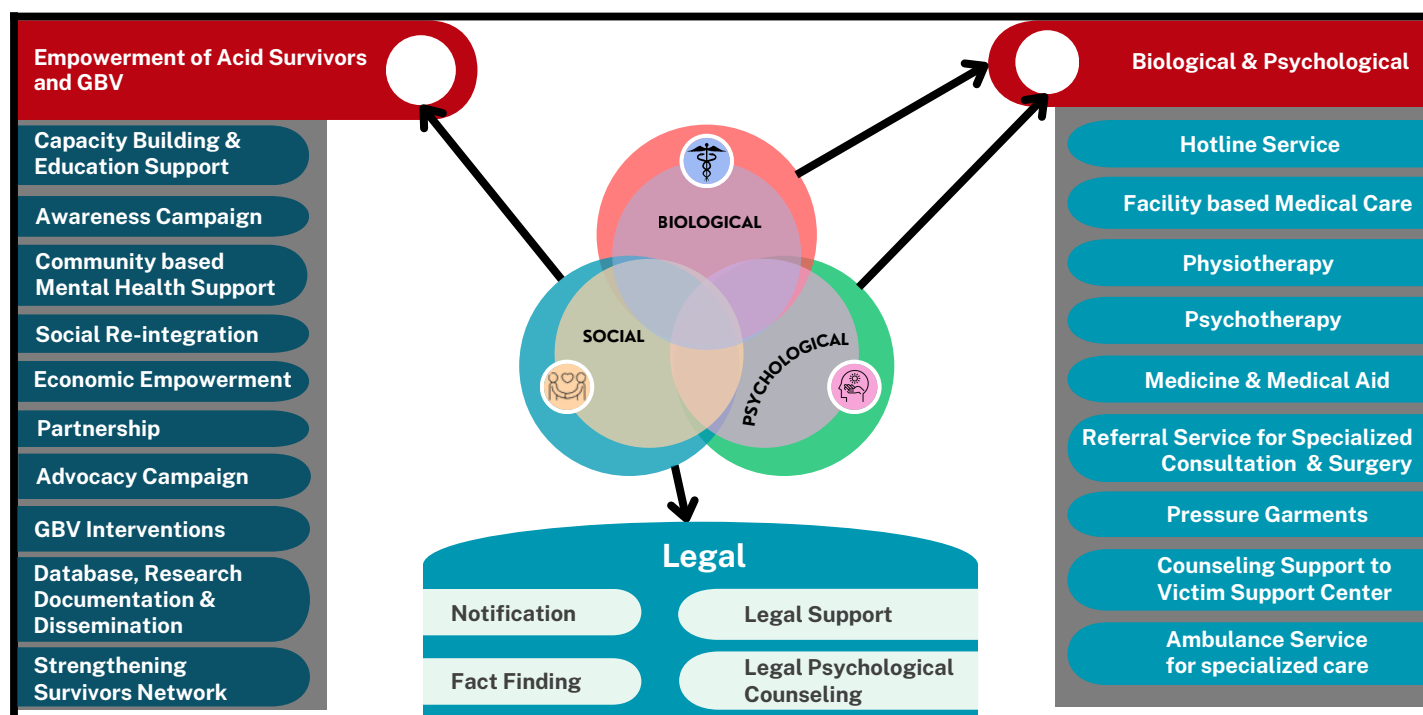
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INTRODUCTION

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)

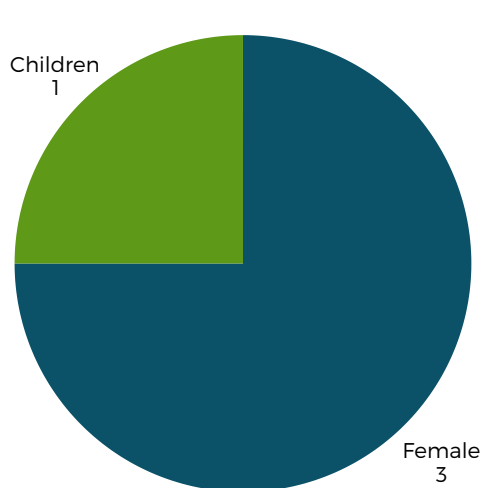
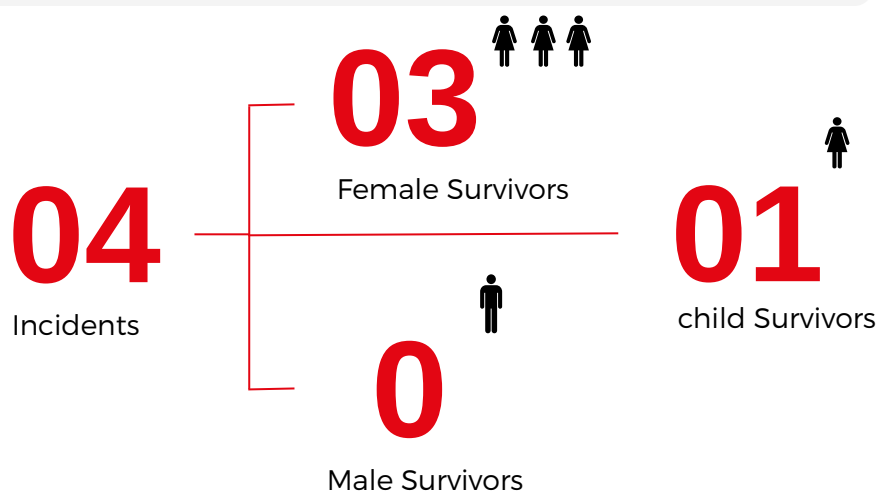


Fig.1: Sex Ratio

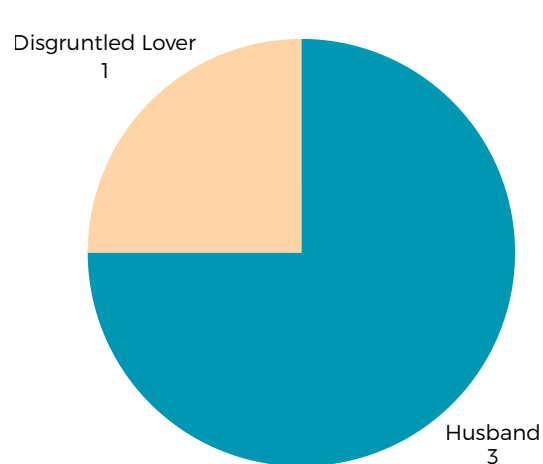


Fig.2: Perpetrators

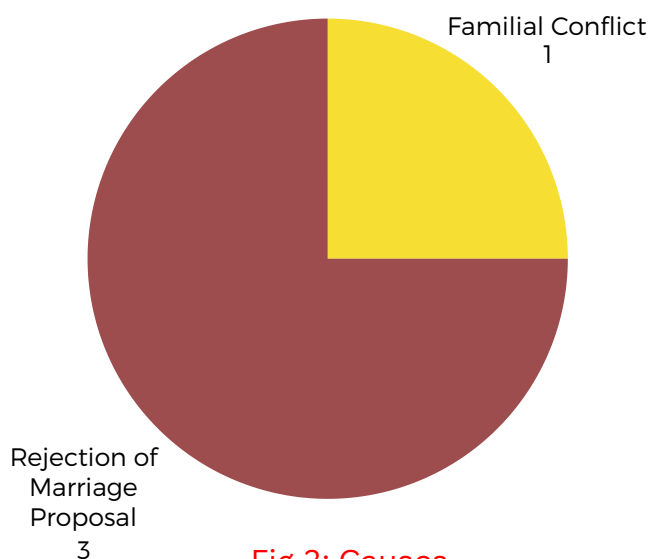


Fig.3: Causes



Completed Activities



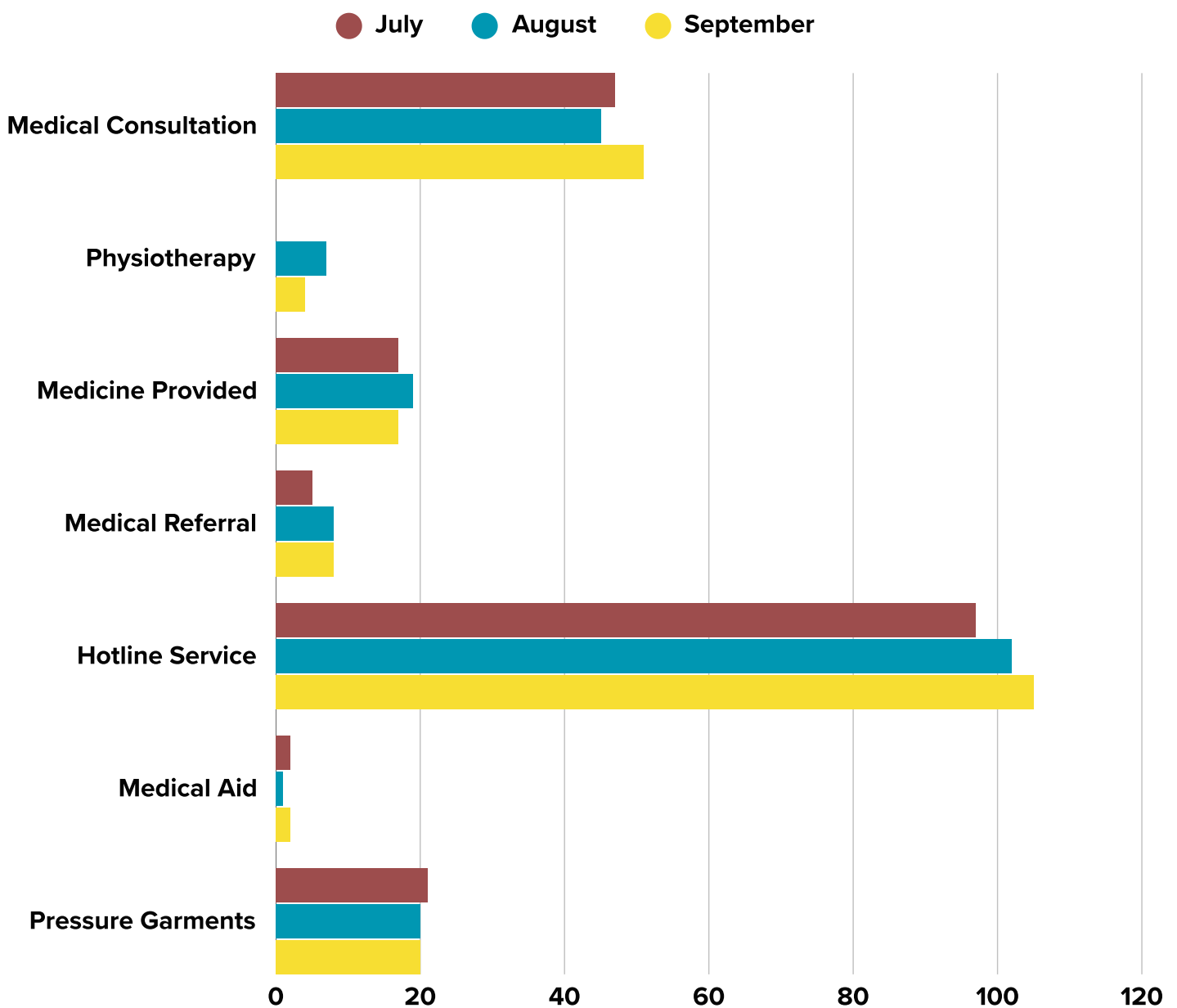
It is a process where the volume of activities grows concurrently with group effort.

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



The Vision: A Future Free From Fear

Help us protect the vulnerable and fortify healing—make an investment today.

With your support, we can build a world where survivors of burn violence live with unshakeable dignity.

This project is a visionary mission born from the heart of a 10th-grade student who saw a brutal injustice and refused to look away. Driven by a dream to become a reconstructive plastic surgeon, Kohinoor partnered with the Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) to build something revolutionary: a lasting fortress of healing that combines world-class medical care with total institutional independence.

We are honored that our work is fueled by passionate individuals from all over the world who share our values. Our absolute independence is vital to our mission. By investing in our infrastructure, you are helping us build a self-sustaining shield that allows us to care for survivors for decades to come—free from political shifts or outside compromise.

The Challenge: The Theft of a Future

Acid violence is a devastating crime that targets the innocent—overwhelmingly women and children in Bangladesh. In a single, violent second, an attack attempts to steal a person's face, vision, mobility, and future. The physical agony of severe burns is compounded by deep psychological trauma, weaponized social stigma, and immediate financial ruin.

True recovery is a long, arduous journey. To heal, a survivor requires a lifetime commitment:

- Multi-stage reconstructive surgeries to repair tissues and restore physical function
- Intensive medical wound management to fight off life-threatening infections
- Specialized pressure garments to prevent agonizing scars and contractures
- Trauma-informed counseling to heal deep emotional wounds and rebuild resilience
- Vocational training to break the cycle of poverty and reclaim financial agency

For most families, these costs are impossibly out of reach. Without a powerful institution to stand between them and despair, survivors face a lifetime of forced isolation.

The Guarantee & The Promise

We are leading the way in how the world treats, heals, and rehabilitates victims of burn violence. Following a strict model of compassionate care, survivors and their families never receive a bill from ASF for surgeries, specialized medicine, psychological care, or long-term housing. By removing the crushing weight of medical debt, we ensure they can focus entirely on what matters most: reclaiming their lives.

To make this promise permanent, Mountain of Light does not rely solely on traditional, temporary aid. Instead, we invest in a sustainable, independent social enterprise model.

Driving Total Independence Through Garment Production

The heart of this initiative is a virtuous economic cycle that turns your one-time donation into an ongoing engine for care:

A Proven Supply Chain

We maintain a direct, tested partnership with UK-based medical textile specialists to source elite, medical-grade fabrics—including latex-free Lycra Powernet specifically designed for burn care. This relationship, established over years of successful collaboration, ensures reliability and quality.

Restoring Mobility

These specialized materials act as a secondary skin, actively preventing hypertrophic scarring and contractures so survivors can move, work, and thrive. The fabric, priced at approximately £29.95 per meter, is a critical investment in each survivor's future.

The Self-Sustaining Cycle

Donations fund the raw fabric. ASF utilizes this fabric to manufacture specialized pressure garments. The revenue generated from this sustainable enterprise directly funds the foundation's core operations—including free housing, nourishment, and rehabilitation.

To date, ASF has successfully produced garments from consignments of approximately 140 meters of fabric (weighing around 82 kilos), demonstrating the tangible impact of this model. This cycle dramatically reduces our reliance on unpredictable external funding, securing the Foundation's absolute independence and ensuring our doors stay open forever.

Fortifying the Institution: Infrastructure & Technology

To scale this proven model and meet a \$50,000 milestone, we are modernizing our entire healthcare ecosystem. This capital investment upgrades ASF's facility into a state-of-the-art institution equipped with the tools required for decades of service:

Investment	Impact
Dedicated Ambulance	Swift transport for acute burn victims from remote villages to our Dhaka hospital, radically improving survival rates
Advanced Hospital Beds	Upgrading our specialized 20-bed facility for hygienic, dignified, comfortable long-term care
Operating Theater Instruments	Precision tools for surgeons to perform life-altering reconstructive procedures
Patient Management Software	Digital tracking to ensure no survivor is ever lost on their multi-year journey from admission to independence

These investments transform ASF from a reactive charity into a proactive, modern medical institution—a permanent shield for the most vulnerable.

LONG-TERM IMPACT: FROM TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH

Mountain of Light is designed to create lasting, transformative change:

For Survivors:

- Restored physical function and mobility
- Healed emotional wounds and renewed confidence
- Financial independence through vocational training
- A future filled with hope and possibility

For Families:

- Relief from the crushing burden of medical debt
- Reunification as survivors heal and reintegrate
- Freedom from the cycle of poverty

For Society:

- Empowered survivors who become advocates against violence
- A stronger, more resilient institution serving for decades
- A replicable model for sustainable survivor care

BE PART OF THE LEGACY

Your gift to Mountain of Light is far more than a temporary handout. It is a strategic investment in institutional strength, clinical excellence, and systematic economic empowerment. Every dollar strengthens a proven foundation that has stood as a shield for survivors for over two decades.

We also welcome in-kind contributions. If you or your organization are able to donate medical-grade pressure garment fabric, we are glad to accept shipments from outside Bangladesh. This is a powerful way to directly supply the materials that become life-changing garments for survivors. Please contact us to coordinate logistics—every meter of fabric translates into healing, mobility, and dignity for someone in need.

We invite you to step into this story. Whether you choose to invest financially, contribute materials, launch your own grassroots fundraiser, or champion this message across your network, you are turning darkness into light. Send us an email at ed@acidsurvivors.org, we are excited to hear from you.

Your support means the world. Together, we won't stop until no survivor is left to carry their trauma alone.

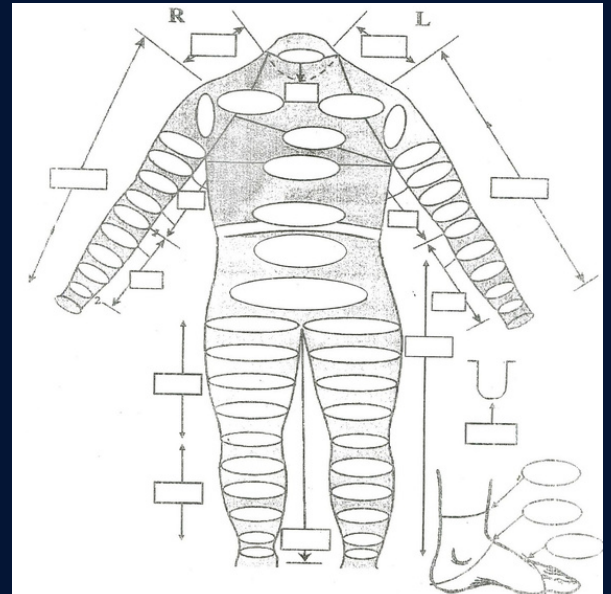
SUMMARY OF KEY DATA

Item	Details
Fabric Supplier	Spentex BCA Ltd, UK (established partner)
Fabric Types	Bronze Lycra Powernet N77 (latex-free); Bronze Lycra 20% Cotton 610
Current Price	Approx. £29.95 per meter (approx. BDT 5,000.00)
Typical Consignment	140 meters, approx. 82 kilos
ASF Location	Dhaka, Bangladesh (20-bed hospital)
Model	Free care for survivors; sustainable revenue through garment sales
In-Kind Donations	Medical-grade fabric welcome from outside Bangladesh



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.

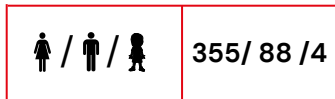
PGs are tailored to meet each survivor's specific needs based on the physician's advice. ASF operates two survivor-run pressure garment manufacturing unit in Dhaka Medical College & Hospital (DMCH), and another at the ASF Service Center. In the reporting period, ASF provided pressure garments to 70 survivors. They are all the other burn survivors.



Pressure Garments



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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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