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NEWSLETTER

ACID SURVIVORS  
FOUNDATION

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**Empowering survivors by Revolving Fund approach**

ASF is creating a Revolving Fund to support 500 survivor-owned businesses over the next 5 years. Tk 4.25 crore (USD 500,000) is required by the year 2022 to undertake this ambitious mission.

Help us uplift the lives of hundreds of survivors over the next few years by donating to us at the link below.



**Woman attacked by ex-husband with acid over contested divorce**

Rahima Begum, a 39-year-old medical assistant at the Extension of Diabetes Care (EDC), BIRDEM General Hospital, was attacked by her ex-husband Abdul Ali with acid last year over a contested divorce.

Rahima is in dire need of follow-up treatments from ASF and assistance to become financially independent.

You can extend your compassion and support to this audacious lady in her quest to establish herself and her only daughter by donating in the link below.

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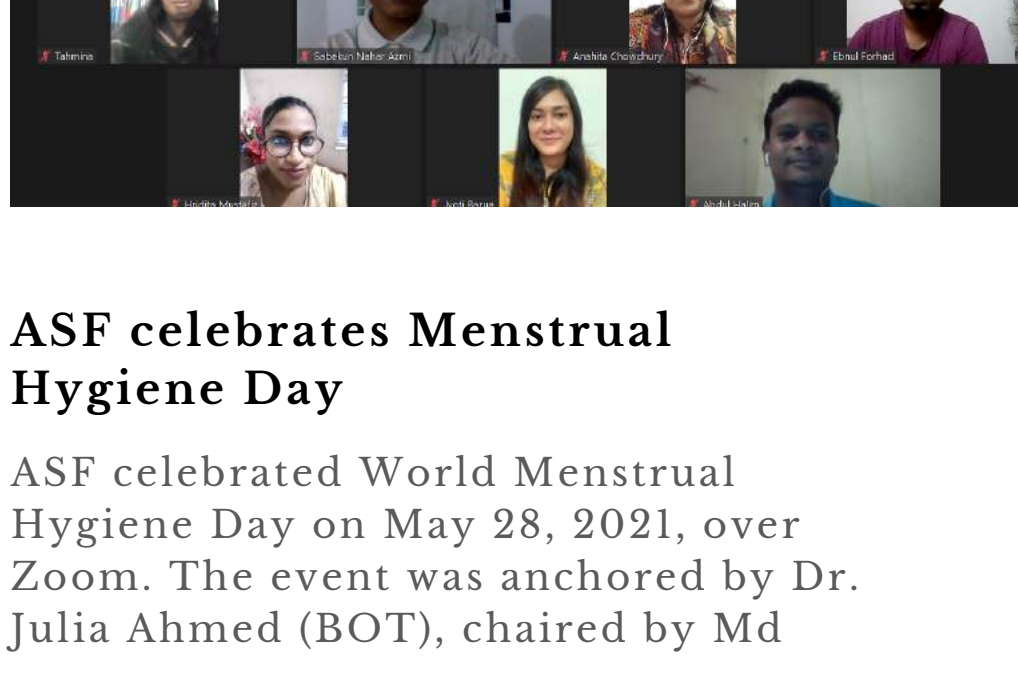


**Journalism students from Barcelona interviews ASF**

ASF is getting enormous recognition overseas due to its impact on empowering acid attack survivors over the past decades.

On the 20th of May, 2021, students from the Dept. of Journalism of Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, conducted an engrossing interview with ASF over Zoom for their upcoming project on survivors.

In the interview, ASF's well-known strategic bio-psycho-social model, and the implementation of various interventions amid the pandemic were discussed at length.

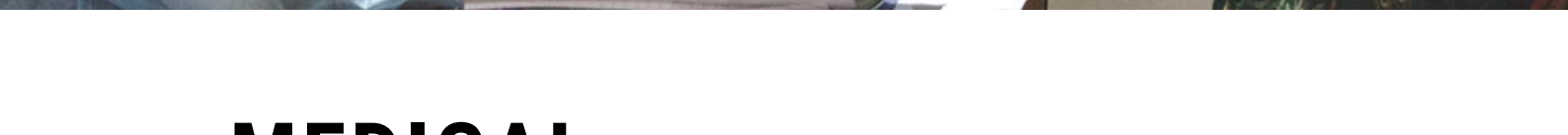


**ASF celebrates Menstrual Hygiene Day**

ASF celebrated World Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, 2021, over Zoom. The event was anchored by Dr. Julia Ahmed (BOT), chaired by Md Golam Abbas (BOT), and moderated by the Executive Director, Sarder Jahangir Hossain.

Members came together to discuss the importance of creating an accepting environment for female survivors' menstrual health and to understand their specific needs and experiences to better serve them.

*service report*



**MEDICAL SERVICES**



ASF ensured services related to chemical burn complications such as contracture, eye problems, infection, feeding tube management, etc. via hotline or direct service, and referred to government hospitals as needed with the help of its specialized consultation panel.

ASF disbursed Tk 75,632 in total to 11 acid survivors for emergency food and medicine costs during the Covid-19 pandemic in May 2021.

Moreover, 14 survivors received Tk 250k as financial assistance from the Social Welfare Department of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College & Hospital. ASF nominated the survivors and assisted them in this regard by helping them with all the paperwork.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**



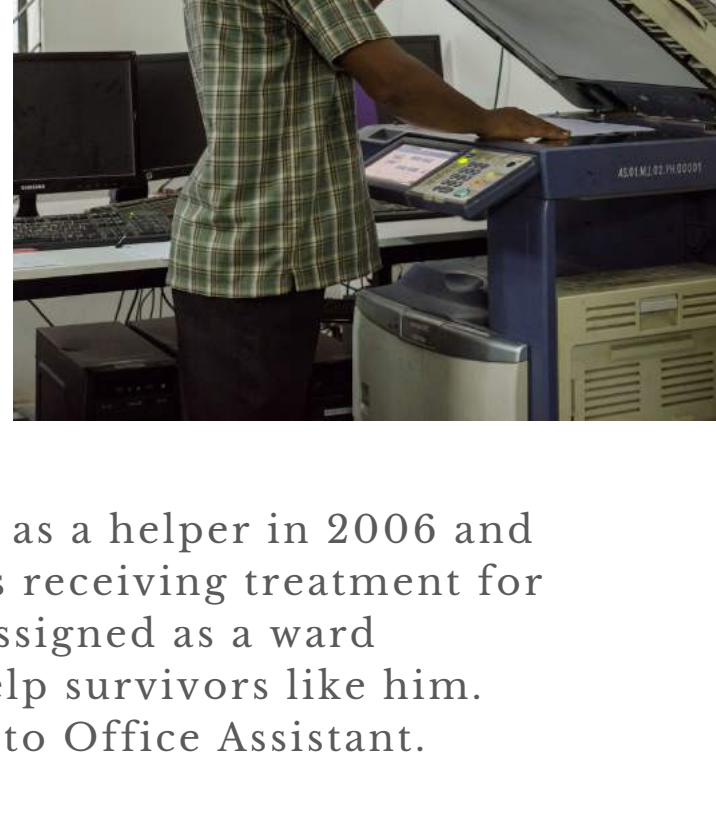
*hero of the month*

**Survivor turned ASF employee**

Monjil Mia started his journey with ASF as a patient. In 2004, he used to make a decent living out of farming in Barga land and selling rice residues until the landowners

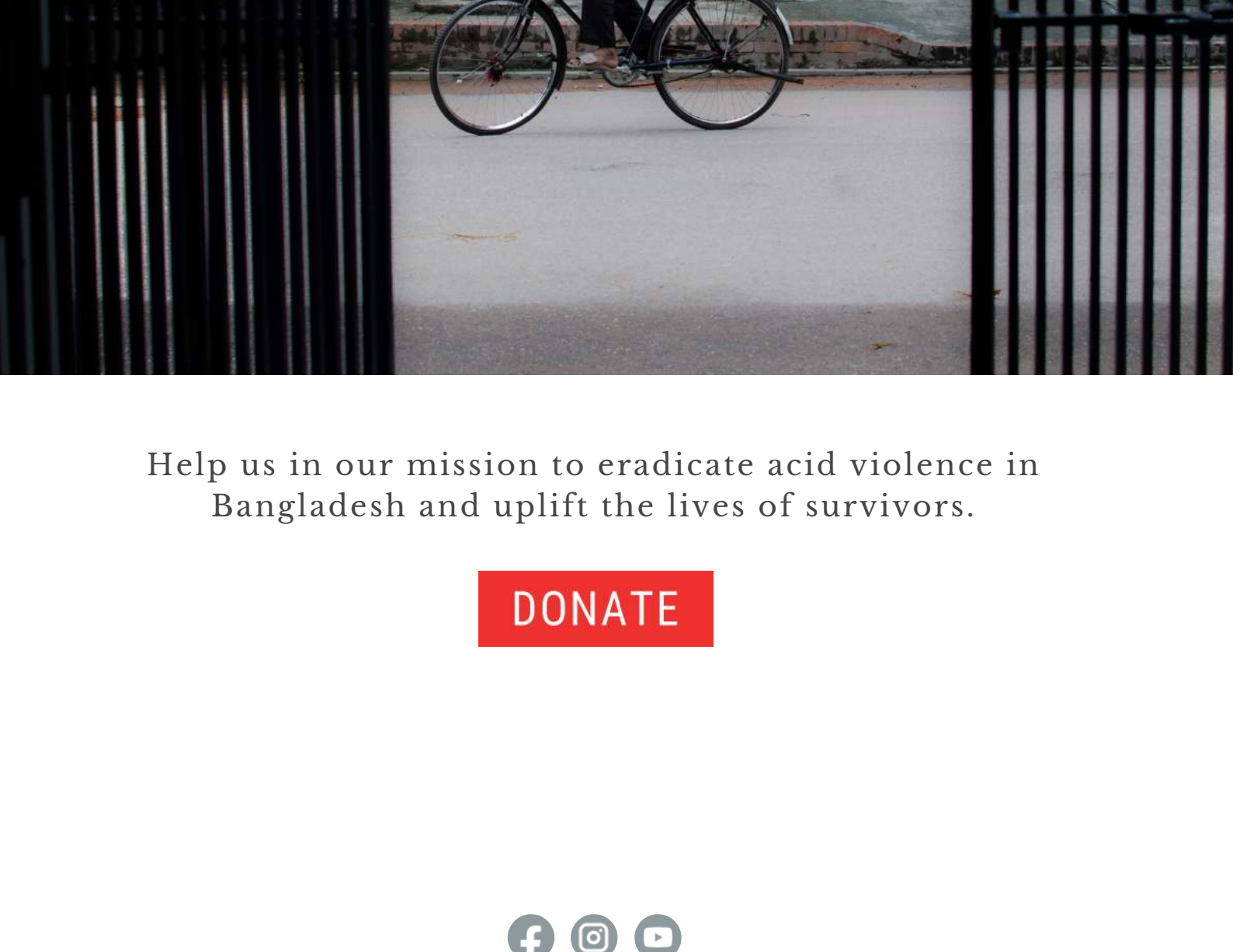
began stealing from him. Following a heated confrontation with the perpetrators, Monjil filed a case against the culprits upon consultation with the village chairman. One day returning home, Monjil was brutally attacked with acid by the perpetrator along with 7 to 8 other men. The incident left him with severe burns from the neck to his lower back, leaving him strengthless to continue the case.

The perpetrators served only a year in prison and those who supported him in the heinous crime were proven not guilty. Upon pressure from his relatives and the perpetrators' family and an ever-growing debt, he unwillingly negotiated with the perpetrators and was compensated with only Tk 100,000 whilst he was nearly Tk 600,000 (USD 1.0= BDT 85.0) in medical debt.



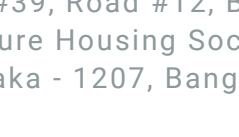
Monjil Mia joined ASF's canteen as a helper in 2006 and worked diligently even as he was receiving treatment for his burnt back. In 2011, he was assigned as a ward attendant at ASF's Hospital to help survivors like him. Later in 2009, he was promoted to Office Assistant.

During the pandemic, Monjil did not skip a single day of work. Every day he rode 24 Km on his bicycle to the office. Even during the lockdown, he alone went to the office for maintenance. ASF is inspired by Monjil's hard work and dedication and is proud to have a hero like him onboard. Thank you Mr. Monjil



Help us in our mission to eradicate acid violence in Bangladesh and uplift the lives of survivors.

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