

Recap

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United Nations Day:

Reaffirming our collaborative efforts to strengthen the voice and agency building of acid survivors towards leading a life with dignity in an equitable and just society

| Oct 24th • In-House Event



On October 24, UN day 2021, Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) organized an in-house event over Zoom under the theme “Reaffirming our collaborative efforts to strengthen the voice and agency building of acid survivors towards leading a life with dignity in an equitable and just society”.

Speakers from four internal actors including the BoT, ASF staff members, survivor representatives, and interns came together to create a blueprint for strategic planning based on priorities addressed by the speakers. And help set the stage for evidence-informed decision-making to advance ASF’s mission.

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A portrait of a woman, Morjina, wearing a colorful headscarf (red, green, blue, and black) and looking directly at the camera against a blue background. The text 'CASE STORY - MORJINA' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

CASE STORY - MORJINA

In 2004, at just 25 years old, Morjina became the victim of acid violence. Her father died within 6 months of her birth. She grew up in a small village under the care of her mother Guli Begum and elder sister Khorsheda.

Following the death of her mother, Morjina began living with her sister-in-law. According to the wishes of her elder sister and her husband, Morjina married their neighbor Babul Mia who worked in Dhaka.

After marriage Morjina moved with her husband Babul Mia to a village in Dhaka. There she dreamt of starting a new family. But her dream remained elusive.

Hardly 9 months into their marriage, husband Babul Mia and mother-in-law began pressuring her for dowry. As Morjina failed to give the dowry her husband and in-laws started torturing Morjina regularly.

In the meantime, Morjina became pregnant. Her husband kept pressuring her to abort the baby. But Morjina refused to do so. Her husband and mother-in-law wanted the

unborn child dead. So, they fed Morjina acid in a bottle tricking her into thinking it was medicine, and fled the scene. Morjina screamed upon ingesting the corrosive. The acid burnt her food pipe and stomach inside out including her lips, chin, the lower part of her nose, and hands. And with that, just as her husband and mother-in-law wished, the innocent unborn child died too.

Neighbors and tenants took Morjina to Midford Hospital. The acid in her stomach and food pipe was flushed out with a tube passing through her nose. Morjina's family filed a complaint against her husband and mother-in-law. But the case did not proceed as the accused were fugitives.

Morjina could not make any sound or speak because her throat was severely damaged. She was later treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital under the supervision of Dr. Samanta Lal Sen. From there, on June 12, 2005, Morjina was transferred to ASF medical care. Eating with her mouth was impossible so she ate liquid food through a thin tube passing through her nostrils.

She received medical help from the ASF's Jeevantara Hospital including psychiatric care and a blender to consume liquid food. Gradually she was able to eat solid food. ASF provided financial assistance for her heathy care and monthly food allowance.

Morjina's elder sister had taken all her responsibilities since her acid incident. Morjina now lives in a small tin house next door to her sister. At present, their income has decreased due to the death of their elder sister's husband.

Currently, she gets some financial help from the local madrasas (religious schools) which is

sufficient to pay for their house. She is in a lot of financial crises at present and sought help from ASF. She still has difficulty eating food with her mouth so she comes to ASF for check-ups. Apart from that, she's being given regular medication from ASF.

Morjina has no one in this world but her elder sister. The elder sister is now widow so can not help Morjina financially. But we can stand by her side by helping her financially, arranging an employment opportunity for Morjina. She will need 10,000-12,000 BDT to continue selling clothes. She needs our co-operation to turn her life around.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - MD. ABDUL HALIM

Assistant Manager –
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Nearly a decade with ASF serving as an HR and administration professional, Md. Halim's main responsibilities include ensuring effective and efficient human resource management, conducting the overall recruitment and selection process of the organization apart from performing all sorts of procurement activities.

"I believe human resource is a heart an organization "

SERVICE REPORT

AT A GLANCE



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SURVIVORS

MEDICAL

Medical Advice (Physical & Hotline)
Physio Advice
Psychotherapy Counselling
Referral

- 58 offered medical advice regarding recurring complications associated with acid burn wounds
- 06 patients given pressure garments
- 06 referred to other hospitals

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SURVIVORS

LEGAL

Legal Assistance
Legal Counseling
Hotline service

- 05 given legal advice
- 15 offered hotline service

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