

Recap

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BIPASHA, 35



BIPASHA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Dear Reader,

35-year-old Bipasha, mother of two and a former tea-worker from Habiganj, needs your help.

22 years ago, at the age of 13, Bipasha worked at a Rubber Garden. There she was frequently sexually assaulted by her manager's son and other influential locals. One day she had had enough and complained to her manager. But soon after, to her utter dismay, her manager, his son and the powerful locals lured her to a quiet place and doused her with acid and raped her as she burnt.

The acid burnt Bipasha's esophagus so severely she had undergone 7 surgeries since. Over the years however, her esophagus became narrower causing difficulty swallowing food. She is in dire need of operations but she is unfit for surgery due to severe malnourishment and mental instability, both owing to dire poverty.

Bipasha's husband works in the tea gardens and makes a monthly income of 21 USD which is barely enough to keep their family of four healthy. Months ago, Bipasha used to work alongside her husband. But she quit due to weak health. Her body is unable to produce enough breast milk for her son of 9 months whose health is in gradual decline due to under nourishment.

Quitting her day job had financially affected her family and therefore their nutritional wellbeing. Please consider donating to help Bipasha afford her operations and to facilitate a care package at ASF including nutritional care, medicine, and psychological counseling. With your donation both Bipasha and her family's life can transform for the better.

For more information, email us at asf@acidsurvivors.org or call us at +88 01713010461.

Bipasha is one of ASF's many regular survivors receiving financial aid for medical treatment, medicine, transportation and food. Over the years since her attack, ASF covered the cost of all her operations and medicine. Last month, ASF granted her 15,000 BDT (161 USD) for nutrition.

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JUNE ACID ATTACK CASES

- **2 June | Bakerganj, Barisal**



On 2nd June 2022, at 11.30 am, in Bakerganj, Barisal, 27-year-old Kolpona Begum, a divorcee and a mother of an 8-year-old boy, was attacked with acid.

She reportedly visited a neighbor in the morning with whose cousin she had a relationship with and fell unconscious after eating the food they offered her. Upon returning to her senses, she felt her face, neck, and ears burn and poured water immediately.

She was first taken to Bakerganj Govt. Hospital by her family and then to Sher-E-Bangla Medical College and Hospital (SBMC). Later, on 4th June 2022 she was admitted to the Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (SHNIBPS) and receiving treatment there since.

The family is preparing to file a case at the Bakerganj Police Station.

On 9th June 2022, ASF visited Kolpona in SHNIBPS. Our lawyer and psychotherapist gave legal advice and psychotherapy respectively. Kolpona is suspected to be suffering from Acute Stress Disorder. She's been advised to make routine follow-up visits at ASF's Health Center for psychotherapy sessions to help her manage stress.

- **9 June | Doarabazar, Sunamganj**

On the 9th June, 2022, around 8 pm in Doarabazar, Sunamganj, 35-year-old Sorufa Begum was attacked with acid by a person in a face mask when she came out of her home to fetch water from a tube well. The acid burnt her face, lips, and other parts of the body.

Sorufa's family and neighbors rushed to her aid upon hearing her screams and poured water over her and took her to M.A.G Osmani Medical College and Hospital.

According to the OC of Doarabazar Police Station, evidence regarding the perpetrator's identity has been discovered.

ASF's lawyer reached out to the OC and requested to take necessary steps to help Sorufa receive justice. The victim is to file a case soon.

- **27 June | Barguna**



On the night of 27th June, 2022, in Barguna, Parvin, a 38-year-old tea stall owner was doused with acid by 3-4 perpetrators as she was closing up her stall for the night.

The impact burnt both her hands and the entire area between her head and stomach.

Parvin was first taken to Barguna Sadar Hospital and then to the Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery. A few years ago, Parvin lost her husband and remarried with 2 kids. She worked at a small tea stall to support her new family.

There were reportedly disputes between Parvin's family and their neighbors regarding her father's land. The neighbors evicted them when they tried to claim the land to build houses there.

A case has been filed at the Sadar Police Station, Barguna and one of the perpetrators, Nazrul Islam, has been arrested at the site of the crime on the night of the incident.

ASF's visited Parvin in the hospital and contacted her family via phone. The family is in dire need of support to help Parvin return to a normal life post-treatment.

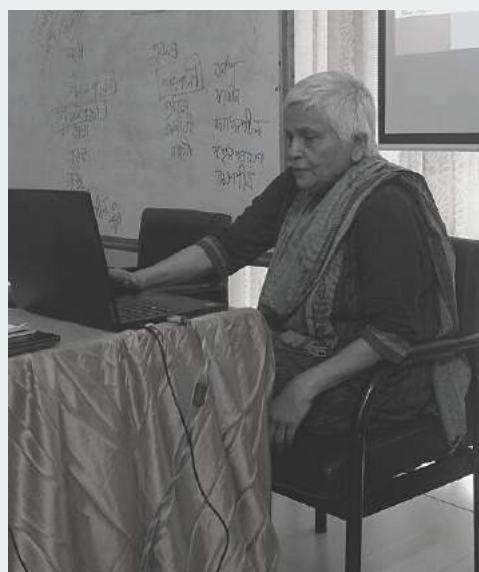
Please support her by donating to us at the link below.



Engage Men and Boys' Network Secretariat Meeting

On 27th and 28th June, 2022, at Chilekotha, Engage Men and Boys' Network Secretariat arranged a day-long quarterly orientation meeting on "Gender, Gender equality, Equity, Gender Transformative Approach, Intersectionality".

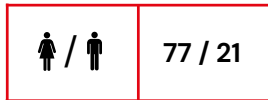
ASF's Coordinator - Case & Partnership Management, Tahmina Islam, attended the meeting on 27th and Legal Officer, Sabrin Mahamuda, on 28th June.



JUNE 2022 SERVICE REPORT

98

survivors served



- 06 Legal Counseling
- 72 Medical Consultation
- 52 Psychotherapy
- 04 Physio Advice
- 02 Medicine Couriered
- 09 Medical Referral
- 21 Pressure Garments
- 20 Hotline Service

89K

in BDT (USD 937)
spent for survivors

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