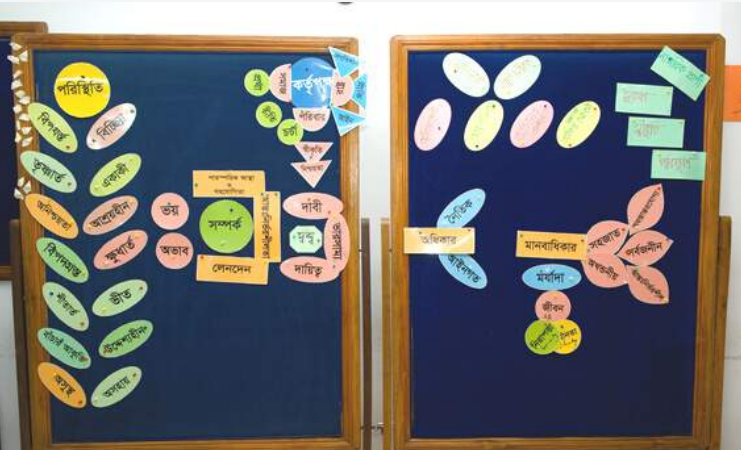
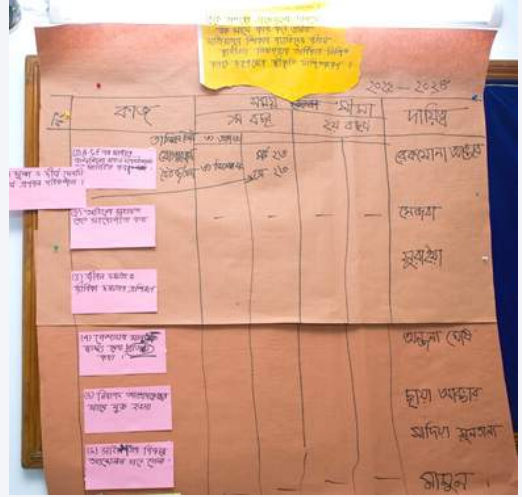


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RIGHTS BASED APPROACH TRAINING

- 20 -21 September

Powered by Mutual Trust Bank, ASF organized a 2-day training workshop titled “Rights Based Approach”. The training was held from 20-21 September 2022 at the training room of Chelekotha Limited in Lalmatia, Dhaka from 9 am to 6 pm. The sessions were conducted by Training, Human Rights, Gender and Theatre Expert Motahar Akand.

The objective was to equip survivors with knowledge on Human rights and Rights based Approach (RBA) so that they knew how to claim their rights and stand for themselves if the situation ever called for it.

12 participants across districts both man and woman below the age of 40 partook the training. Throughout the session they debated and discussed with enthusiasm and at the end of the

course evaluated their learning and gave feedback.

Apart from realizing the main goal of the training, the course was able to produce other valuable outputs which include: Participants agreed to reorganize the Survivors Network as a platform of claiming and realizing their rights and entitlements efficiently and identified 8 major activities of the network.

Participants formed an 11-member convening committee for organizing a central conference of acid survivors by March 2023 to formalize and strengthen the organization.

Lastly participants opened an online group with ASF to communicate among themselves.



NEED ASSESSMENT REPORT

- **21 September**

ASF organized a focused group discussion with 11 adult acid survivors from different districts to assess current and future needs of survivors and understand how ASF and survivors can jointly meet them.

Some of survivors' main needs included financial assistance (education sponsorship, job training, loans, medical costs, etc.), medical care, social support, campaigns destigmatizing survivors, implementing disability quotas and allowances.



- **06 September**

Dr. Rabiul Alam Khan, Assistant Professor of Burn and Plastic Surgery, Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, was summoned by the Judge's Court in Dhaka to serve as a witness. He was accompanied by ASF Health Care Coordinator Hridita Mustafiz and Junior Legal Officer Sabrin Mahamuda.

COURT VISIT



Soma Akter (28) and her mother and sister were attacked with acid in their sleep on the early morning of Eid-ul-Fitr, one of Islam's biggest celebrations. The acid burnt Soma's face, ears, head, hands and back.

The night before, prior to Soma's sister-in-law collecting drinking water from a nearby tube-well the perpetrators allegedly mixed something in with the water. Soma's family used the water to make juice for Iftar and became drunk on consuming it.

The family suspect there to be more than one perpetrator. The thought of perpetrators freely lurking around has made the family live in constant fear and paranoia.

Soma recently visited ASF hospital with her husband and received doctor's consultation, treatment, physiotherapy, medicine, psychotherapy, legal advice, food. The cost of her accommodation was reimbursed.

"I have never seen a hospital like ASF's before", said Soma's husband. "They treat me like their son-in-law. They gave us food and medicine in time and even fixed and reimbursed our transportation. I have not seen a place like this before. ASF's hospitality is praiseworthy."

Soma is currently pursuing her Masters and her sister is doing an internship at the Dhaka Medical College.

SEPTEMBER 2022 SERVICE REPORT

94

survivors served



- 08 Legal Counseling
- 61 Medical Consultation
- 07 Psychotherapy
- 01 Physio Advice
- 01 Medicine Couriered
- 02 Medical Referral
- 15 Pressure Garments
- 25 Hotline Service

37k

in BDT (USD 366)
spent for survivors

includes survivor food and transportation to and from ASF Health Center and referral hospitals, medicine, diagnosis, etc.



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