

# Recap

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# CALL FOR DONATIONS

40-year-old mother of three, Mahinur, needs your help.

In 2002, Mahinur, her first child, then 3.5-year-old, mother and 3-year-old nephew were attacked with acid in their sleep from their beside window. The attack was allegedly over land disputes.

The acid burned the right side of Mahinur's body, including her hand, thoracic, back, chest, and leg, and her daughter's hand and belly.

Over the years, we treated Mahinur and her daughter.

Today, Mahinur's daughter is married. But Mahinur is yet to find respite. Her house is broken and has two more children to put through school.

Please consider donating by contacting us at [asf@acidsurvivors.org](mailto:asf@acidsurvivors.org) to help Mahinur afford her children's education and build her a new home.

For more information, please email us at [asf@acidsurvivors.org](mailto:asf@acidsurvivors.org) or call us at [+8801713010461](tel:+8801713010461).



# JUSTICE AT LAST

## SURVIVOR NEELA RECEIVES JUSTICE AFTER 14 YEARS

Ayesha Siddika Neela from Shahjadpur Upazila of Sirajganj district became both a victim of child marriage and acid attack when she was only in ninth grade.

She was removed from school and married to a man who would later become her perpetrator.

One day Neela overheard her husband's plan to sell her in Saudi Arabia so she refused to go with him overseas. As a result, on February 18, 2008, Akbar Ali, Neela's husband, threw acid on her in the middle of the night and fled the scene.

The next day Neela's father filed a case under Section 5(A) of the Acid Crime Prevention Act at Shahjadpur police station in Sirajganj. Neela herself served as the eye witness. Other witnesses testified that Akbar and Neela were in the same room on the night of the incident.

*After reviewing the testimony, the Appellate Division said in the verdict: "Neela and her husband, Akbar Ali were together on the night of the incident. He was not found at the scene after his wife was attacked. The fact that he went missing just as she was attacked proves that he (Akbar) threw acid on her (Neela). The evidence of the witnesses established the truth of the allegation."*

The Appellate Division also added, "there is no chance of reducing the accused's sentence." **The death penalty was upheld.**

Neela was first sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital post-attack before arriving at ASF. After 5 months of rigorous treatment, she returned home, started schooling again, and successfully passed her S.S.C. and H.S.C. exams.

She received training on gender justice and leadership both in Bangladesh and overseas with the help of ASF. She acted as an Ambassador of ASF. From 2017 to 2019 she served as ASF's Young Women Leader and Program Officer from 2019 to 2020. Later ASF elected her as the District Coordinator of Survivors set up by ASF.

Neela received the prestigious JOYITA award in 2015. She has an MBA and a BBA and currently serves as the Senior Program Officer - Gender Justice and Diversity Program at BRAC.



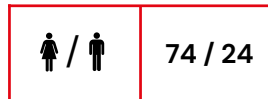


ASF at the National Girl Child Day program organized by National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCAF) in Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

# OCTOBER 2022 SERVICE REPORT

98

survivors served



- 05 Legal Counseling
- 73 Medical Consultation
- 06 Psychotherapy
- 01 Physio Advice
- 03 Medicine Couriered
- 05 Medical Referral
  
- 14 Pressure Garments
  
- 20 Hotline Service

232K

in BDT (USD 2,250)  
spent for survivors

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



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