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RAJNAGAR MOULVIBAZAR ACID ATTACK

14 May

18-year-old Vaggo Rani Bauri was attacked around 9:30 PM when cooking. Accused 26-year-old Lal Chan Bauri has been harassing her for a long time. He threw acid on her because she recently turned down his marriage proposal.

The acid burnt Vaggo's right eye and cheek. According to her brother, their cousin poured water on her after hearing her scream. She got treated at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital and her brother filed a case in Rajnagar Police Station. The police arrested the perpetrator on 15th May 2023 and sent him to jail.

ASF communicated with the survivors' families about their primary needs. ASF's Legal officer advised Vaggo's brother on legal issues and communicated with the Officer-In-Charge, Inspector, and Investigation Officer of Rajnagar Police Station to provide Vaggo with legal services.

FORMER ASF MANAGER CALLED AS WITNESS FOR ACID CASE AT SIRAJGANJ COURT

14 May | Dhaka

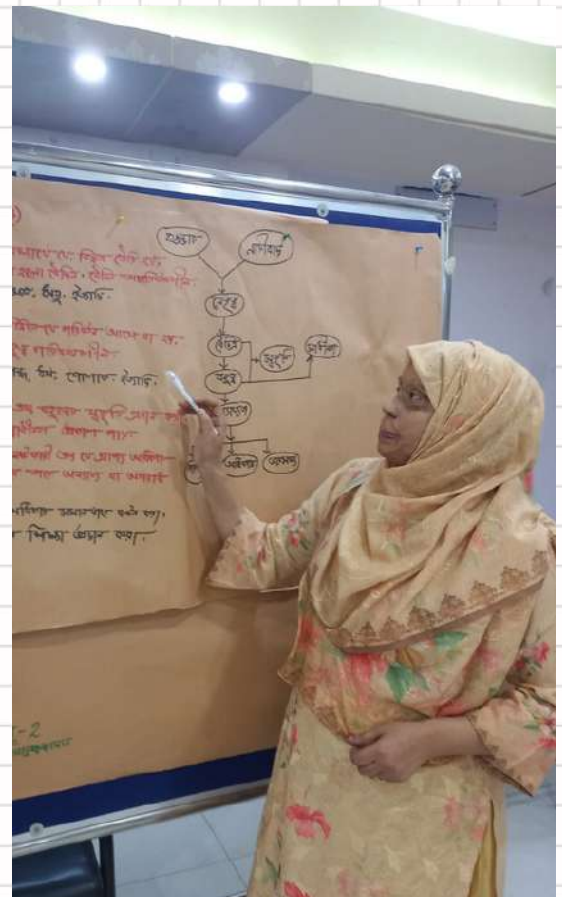
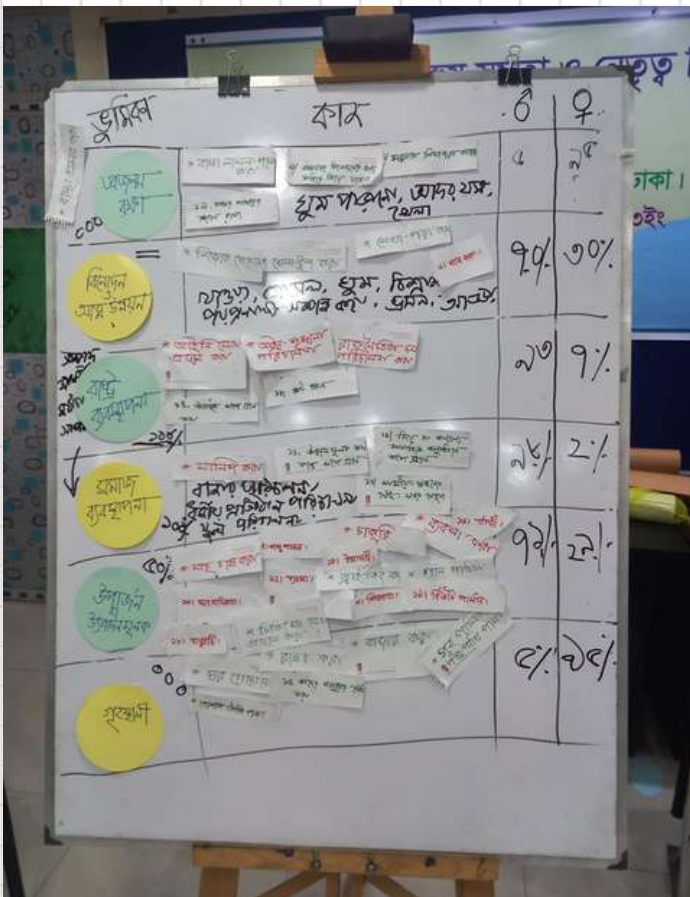
Dr. Ferdous Wahid, former ASF Manager-Medical Unit, was called as a witness for an acid case on 14th May 2023 at Acid Crime Control Tribunal, Additional District Judges Court, Sirajganj. He has successfully provided his statement before the court. ASF facilitated him in his communication, transportation, and legal assistance to ensure justice for the acid survivor.

FEMINIST LEADERSHIP & GENDER TRAINING

13 & 14 May | Dhaka

ASF held a 2-day long training session in Dhaka for 13 acid survivors on 13th and 14th May. Funded by Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) Ltd and facilitated by Mr. Motahar Akand, the training was educated survivors on “Feminist Leadership and Gender” to help survivors navigate the patriarchal society.





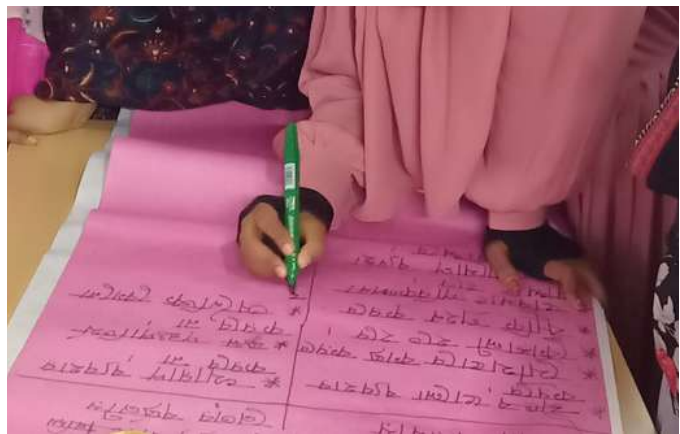
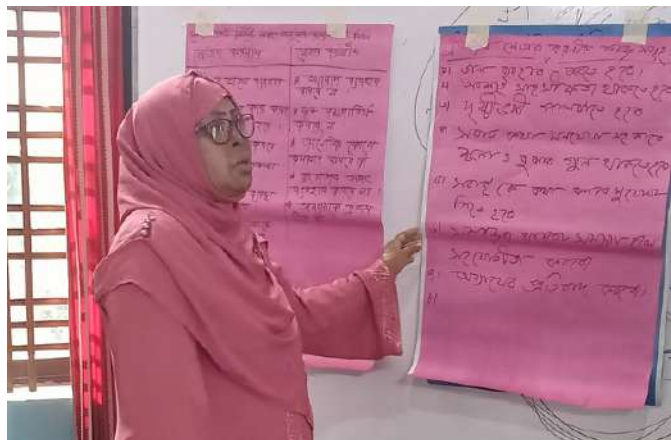
LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR SURVIVORS

28 & 29 May | Bogura

A 2-day leadership training program was held in Bogura from 28th May, 2023 to 29th May, 2023 under the “Strengthening acid survivors’ network to eliminate acid and other gender-based violence” project, funded by Australian Government.

15 acid survivors from Bogura participated. Trainers discussed in depth qualities of a good leader and educated survivors on how to get support from the government and private sector.

The training was inaugurated by Mr. Haroon-or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House. ASF Program Coordinator, Tahmina Islam, represented ASF. The training was coordinated by ASF and Light House organized and assisted in its implementation.



ASF HELPS JHUMUR PURSUE HER CAREER GOALS

Jhumur was attacked on 3 March 2001 in Gazipur. She was first treated in Dhaka Medical College and in ASF since. She worked with ASF between 2012 and 2020 as a Peer Counsellor under the Medical Unit, but lost the job while COVID pandemic hit ASF.



"My feelings are inexpressible. I feel like I can breathe again. I am very grateful to ASF"

- Jhumur after receiving financial support from ASF

Jhumur is headstrong in manifesting financial freedom. She is learning web development and preparing for IELTS for good career opportunities. Due to her unemployment, ASF supported her financially after she sought help to pursue her career goals.

2 ACID SURVIVORS JOINED ASF AS CASUAL EMPLOYEES

Rexona Akter and Hasanuzzaman, both acid survivors joined ASF in May 2023 as Data Collectors. They will collect data and update existing information on acid survivors in the country to strengthen the Acid Survivors Network.



Rexona Akter



Hasanuzzaman

EXPLORING COLLABORATION BETWEEN ASF AND MEGHNA EXECUTIVE FOUNDATION

21 May

On 21st May 2023, a preliminary meeting was held between ASF and the representatives of the Meghna Executive Holdings (MEH), on behalf of Meghna Executive Foundation, in the ASF Office, to explore opportunities for partnership and collaboration to create a meaningful impact and make a difference in the lives of acid attack survivors.



SAHANAZ PARVIN (38)

2004 | Dinajpur

38-year-old housewife Sahanaz Parvin from Dinajpur was attacked in 2004. Her husband and in laws set out at night to throw acid on the people they were in a land dispute with. But due to the darkness they mistook Sahanaz for one of their opponents and threw acid on her.

She was admitted to Dinajpur medical college & hospital and came to ASF through BRAC. The acid burnt the whole of her back. She had undergone 2 surgeries in ASF. After her recovery, she was trained by ASF in the pressure garments unit. She did not, however, work in the unit due to personal reasons.

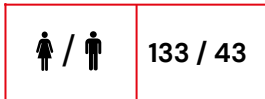
Sahanza suffers from cardiac & kidney disease. Moreover, her husband separated from her after having a handicapped child. She has no home. She floats from one brother's house to another with her 20-year-old handicapped son. She considers herself & her son as a burden to her brothers' family.

ASF spent around BDT 30,000 to support her financially and help treat her kidney & heart disease till now. She comes to ASF's health center every one or two months for checkups, medicine and psychotherapy. But now she needs financial support the most to cover their cost of living.



Sahanaz Parvin

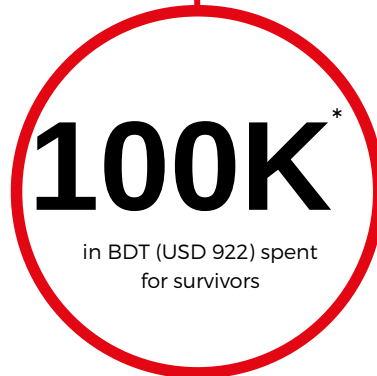
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- 01 Eye Glass*
- 38 Pressure Garments
- 40 Hotline Service

* for a survivor with eye issues caused by acid attack

* includes survivor food, transportation to and from ASF Health Center and referral hospitals, medicine, physiotherapy, pre & post-operative expense..



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