Our Pledge for International Woman's Day
No More Acid Attacks
STOP ACID ATTACKS, SAVE WOMEN

100 Years of International Women's day
Men's Solidarity Against Acid Violence: 2002-2010
Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF)
ACID ATTACK STATISTICS

Acid attack trend (1999-March 2010)

- In 1999 - March 2010, 3,010 persons were acid attacked from 2380 incident.

Acid attack statistics - gender perspective

- In 1999 - March 2010, 2,061 (68.42%) were female, 951 (31.58%) male.

Acid attack statistics - age group - May 1999 - March 2010

- Refusal of desired partner: 17%
- Dowry: 3%
- Family-related disputes: 9%
- Land property/money disputes: 30%
- Not known: 13%
- Others: 11%

Acid attack statistics - reasons

Acid attack statistics - period

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Acid Survivors Foundation Statistics of Acid Attack 1999 to March 2010
ASF's declaration for International Women's Day

While all over the world, women are taking positive steps; the women of our country are facing different, forms of torture through out every moment. Torture such as the detestable acid attack. Everyday, countries of the women and children are losing their normal lives by being burnt in these barbaric attacks; amongst whom, a noticeable number are below the age of 18.

This heinous crime destroys societal balance and has held back the national development process. From families from society and from the state, we need to remove this abominable offence. We need to voice our protest loudly while prevention needs to be more organized. We need to emphasize that these offenders have no place in the home, society and in the state.

To comfort this frightful societal problem, to protest against these attackers and to empower women and children, it is most important for men to come forward today. It is important that means attempt of endorsing this campaign resonates through out all households. One aware man can raise awareness another man. An aware man ,by endorsing the stance against acid attacks will not stay quiet, but will say "NO" to all forms of violence, freedom of speech and finally involvement in the decision making process in the household, society and state.

8th March is International Women's Day. Men and women on an equal foundation are contributing to create a healthy and happy home, and finally, a peaceful society. Today's objectives to implement an example for men. Those who oppose acid attacks will always and everyday oppose all forms of violence against women. In celebration of international women's day, active and concerned men are taking a part in Dhaka an different districts. In this respect, as an aware man, join hands with us. Make your friends and colleague saw are.

Our Pledge

- Effective implementation of the acid crime control act of 2002, where speedy trials need to be ensured.
- The government must uphold the Acid Control Act.
- The support service for attacked women needs to be ensured.
- Men should get active to raise awareness against violence against women and children.
Monira Rahman

March 8th is the International Women's day. Hundred years anniversary of this day is being celebrated worldwide this year. According to German Communist movement's leader Clara Jekin's proposal to mark March 8th as the women's day internationally, declared at the second International Women's Convention, held in Copenhagen, March 8th since then is being observed as the International Women's day.

The impact of March 8th is very significant in reaching women's rights worldwide. One of the main obstacles in the development of women's lives is various social crimes and for that one of the main reasons is that women themselves believe that they need to obey and submerge to the men and that they have to be directed by men. This very mentality allows men in the society to abuse and manipulate women.

According to the World Health Organization's survey conducted in the year 2005, it has been found that 57.5% women are victims of sexual or physical abuse or some are even victims of both the cases. In one research it has been shown that in 99% of these cases, abusers are either adult men or teenaged boys. Among them, more than 50% are school dropouts, jobless, burn, drug addicts, and mostly economically in a better place than the victims. That's why to stop such abuse and physical and mental tortures against women, it is important to involve men in the movement. In this attempt we not only need to find those adult and young men but rather we need to seek out those male individuals who as responsible citizen shows respect to women, believes in women's equal rights and actively takes part in all the activities against women abuse and harassment.

In 2002 Acid Survivors Foundation and Prothom Alo have arranged men's convention and procession for the first time to celebrate the International Women's day. In this convention almost five thousand men of different ages took part spontaneously. Various well-known artists, singers, painters, actors, literates, journalists, labor leaders, lawyers, and educationists Came together to attend the Convention. There were also present founders of various industries and state dignitaries along with many male manual labourers.
2002 সালে আন্তর্জাতিক নারী দিবস উপলক্ষে এসিড সার্ককেরস্ট ফাউন্ডেশন এবং ধর্ম আন্দোলনের মধ্যে বাঙালিদের পুরুষদের সমাজের এবং পশ্চিমাঞ্চলে আলোচনা করে। এই সমাজে নারী পুষ্প সংরক্ষণের জন্য পৃথিবীর পুরুষদের বোঝালেন। এই উপলক্ষে একটি হয়েছিল নারী, মানুষ, আন্তর্জাতিক, সামাজিক এবং চার্চের ক্ষেত্রে। একটি সমাজে নারী পুষ্প সংরক্ষণের জন্য পুরুষদের বোঝালেন। একটি সমাজে নারী পুষ্প সংরক্ষণের জন্য পুরুষদের বোঝালেন। একটি সমাজে নারী পুষ্প সংরক্ষণের জন্য পুরুষদের বোঝালেন।

Thousands of people cried out loud at the convention uttering one sentence "We need to have effective law to stop the Acid Terrorism." Leading on that plight the Bangladesh Government has passed "An Act of Acid Crime Prohibition 2002."

Since then every year while celebrating International Women's day, this gathering of men is being held to promote awareness against Acid brutality. Like every year, on March 7th evening this year a convention of men was held at the Dhanmondi Rabindra Shorobor.

Now many people have joined this fight against Acid brutality. The good news is that many people are now expressing the need to engage more men in the movement against Acid brutality. In the path to development to contain this need to have a better relationship between men and women, is a marker of a positive declaration. Another joyful news is that in 2002 when we started the convention of men for the first time, the there were 490 women victims of acid terrorism. But now in 2009, the number has decreased significantly to 145. But yet two people per day are still being attacked by acid terrorists in the society. When more men gradually will start possessing positive outlook towards women and their cause, more adult men and youth will act as better citizen and their socialization will be positive in creating "ideal" human beings.

In the plight against all kinds of human rights and other malicious crimes like acid terrorism, cultural sectors and media can play a very effective and positive role in building awareness. I gladly commend our media for playing an active role in this movement.

In order to rehabilitate the victims of acid terrorism, and to provide them with treatment and care on 12th May-1999 ASF was established. In the beginning a few NGOs were working sporadically on this issue ad was providing the victims with legal help and advice. For the acid victims the government run institution was the only shelter. Dhaka medical hospital was the only place for their treatments. The awareness against this social cause was also very limited.UNICEF proposed feature submitted in 1998, highlighted the importance of having a self -sustained institution that will be built only to cater to the victims of acid brutality. In that proposal it was requested that such an institution is very much needed in the
The women of Bangladesh are quite marginalized in the quest towards development. One of the main reasons behind this is the traditional and social bindings and understandings. Due to such traditional outlook, despite having various laws in place that promotes equal rights and activities for women, they are still experiencing sexual harassment, physical and mental abuse and heinous crime like acid burn. Acid throwing is one of the most brutal crimes against women in Bangladesh. The first case of such crime came out in public during the 1960s. Most of acid throwing cases take place in the rural areas and that's why the news do not get out in the masses most of the time. Recently the same crime against men has increased but still the majority of the victims are still the poor women.

It is impossible to give the compensation to those who are acid victims. In this crime the victim becomes helpless for the entire life. Acid burns a person's body and with that her/his dreams and desire in life. It especially breaks one's soul and traumatizes the mind for life in most of the time. They cannot even face friends and relatives fearing the social discrimination and humiliation due to having a burnt face and body. Gradually the victim becomes friendless and feels like a burden to the family/ society. The person's self esteem gets shattered. Life's progress stops. Vengeance or revenge are the root cause behind acid throwing. The main part of a person's body like her/his face and other visible parts are the target for such vengeance. The sexual organs of the body also don't get spared in this crime. Although females are the main victims of this crime but gradually
men are also being the targets of such crime. Children and elderly population are also not being left alone in this crime. Now a days most of the acid throwing cases have been increased in the land dispute and in the property distribution conflicts. Besides that business dispute, dowry, love affairs, marriage, political dispute and resisting ill-intentioned proposals are some of the main causes of such heinous crime.

According to the surveys conducted amongst the acid victims it has been found that most of the victims are women and almost 100% acid throwers are men. In this regard I want to express that men can make tremendous impact in raising voices against this crime. That kind of ideal men do exist in our country. We have to remember that all men are not the suppressors. Only due to some criminals all men should not be seen as offenders. At this convention we want to bring out those enlightened men as delegates who would acclaim “no” against acid crime and other social crimes that take place towards women and children.

In this movement we have various renowned stars and celebrities actively working with us. Films, dramas, music and sports stars are leading many different individual activities and awareness campaign from the forum known as the Stars Against Acid Thrower. Youths are also not inactive in this fight. Student Against Acid Thrower is another platform from which students of Universities, school and colleges are also taking parts and raising funds.

Monira Rahman, Executive Director, Acid Survivors Foundation
The event is to celebrate the 100 years anniversary of the declaration of International Women's Day. There were few thousands of men who took part in the convention. In the late afternoon of a spring day they all took oath with great vigour that they will not torture women and children in the society. They declared in the promises made that they will not throw acid to women and kids and that they will prevent any such activity by any means and will not tolerate another acid burnt face.

It was getting dark in the evening and the convention attending men held candles in their hands and took an oath of preventing acid related darkness that blinds us in the society.

The convention of men against acid crimes, which was held on the last Sunday was jointly arranged by Acid Survivors Foundation and Prothom Alo. Desh TV was the media outlet that helped the event. ASF has organized men's convention in 2002 in order to raise awareness against acid crime and to have effective legal help available to the victims. That event has now transformed into a social movement. The government has passed an acid crime law. Death penalty has been declared as the punishment of acid crime if proven wrong.

Although Acid crime has decreased significantly in recent time but it did not disappear totally. 145 acid crimes took place last year alone. Eradication of this crime in our society by the year of 2015-a vision of Prothom Alo and ASF is still alive and all the activities in achieving the target goal is also ongoing in full spirit.

In the hopes of reaching the goal a men's convention was held during the day before the International Women's Day celebration. The event resumed with the national song. Special guests of the event started the convention formally by throwing away bunch of balloons in the air with the help of few acid victim women and children. Many distinguished members of the society showed solidarity by attending the convention. The opening speech was given by Monira Rahman of ASF. She had mentioned in her speech that in 2002 there were 490 acid crimes but now in 2009 there were only 145. Still today there are two acid crimes per day. Acid throwers are mostly men and its victims are mainly women. That's why the convention was arranged to increase awareness among the men in the society. Abdul Quayyum, a joint editor of Prothom Alo has said that Acid crime is a great shame and a matter of sadness. He has urged the young generation to take bold steps in prohibiting such atrocious crime.

He has also mentioned that there is no right practice of the existing acid law in the country. As a result easy access to acid and getting away without punishment due to the loopholes in the legal services
and are depriving the victims from getting proper justice in the society. Ramendra Majumdar read out the declarations of the convention. The Former Chief Advisor of the Government, Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman has said that the acid crime cannot be decreased just by having death penalty as the punishment. We need to take other steps as well. He has promised full support in the cause and has asked for everyone in the society to be empathic and sensitive towards the victims.

Muhammad Aziz Khan, the Chairman of Prothom Alo Trust has stated that he feels ashamed being a man in this civilized society where men are throwing acid. He suggested that everyone needs to work collectively in order to have a developed society where men and women have equal rights.

Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed had mentioned that freedom of women means a freedom of the white markind. A mankind cannot prosper by marginalizing its women.

Re-known painter Qayyum Chowdhury had said that the matter of seeking legal help should come later but at first we need to act on having a prevention movement. So that no one gets attacked with further acid crime in the society.

Cultural personality and the parliament member Asaduzzaman Noor had stated that "Whatever success we have earned so far in the country is the product of both men and women. We need to keep this equal effort alive by both men and women in order to build our beloved nation."

In the midst of many solidarity speeches, there were songs and dances performed by the members of Pancham Shur whose members are former acid victims. Musical artist Shuvra Dev has sang a song to exhibit his solidarity in the convention, which had the message that honest men do not ever act on such crime like acid throwing. Magician Jewel Aich had said that "those who throw acid are coward, not man. We will for sure stop them."

Author Anisul Hug had expressed that "Human beings never throw acid. Those who does are not human being. They bring darkness to face of the nation. We need to prevent them by collective action."

Tanjib UI Alam of Prothom Alo Trust had mentioned that we not only need to have law but had expressed an appeal to provide a country without such crime need to have a platform where men and women can have a suitable environment where they can practice their equal rights.

The program came to an end by lighting candles and a music "Alor pohojatri" (travelers who seek light or enlightenment). In the second part of the convention later Topu with his band Yatri had performed. Besides the band Yatri there were other singers like Beauty, Kona, Rumi, Joy and Dpto.
সম্প্রচার কমিটির প্রক্রিয়া গোষ্ঠী

Press Conference on Men’s Gathering

এসিএফ নিকেলার দুনিয়াশীল পুকুর লাউ করেন। এই এসিএফ-আর্কাইবের ৩০ শতাব্দীর পুরুষ নারী এবং শিক্ষা। ২০১৫ সালের মধ্যে সমৃদ্ধ এসিএফ-আর্কাইবের কর্মীর জন্য প্রয়োজন পুকুরের আলোকায়। উদ্দীন নারীর বিজ্ঞান এবং পুরুষ যোগাযোগের সূচনা এবং প্রক্রিয়া প্রক্রিয়াকরণ জাতীয় প্রক্রিয়া সমূহের অন্যতম হয় এই সম্প্রচার।

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Monaria Rahman of ASF has given a speech where she highlighted the statistics of the acid crime and shared various information regarding legal processes of such crime. She has mentioned that from 1999 to 2009 almost three thousand people were attacked by acid. But due to the legal loopholes and other issues only very limited number of people received proper legal help. Artist Rashid Uddin Ahmed mentioned that we have to pay special attention to the young generation so that they do not become criminals of acid throwing. In regards to not receiving proper legal help, ASF board member Faijulunnessa has said that the administration always takes the side of the acid criminal. There are corruptions in every step of the way that's why nothing happens without spending any money. Acid victims are facing injustice and are being deprived of legal help due to the fact that they cannot provide the amount of money that is being asked for as bribe.

Abdul Quamim, a joint editor of Prothom Alo has given a speech at the convention. Parvin Mahmud, the Chairman of ASF, Executive Director Monira Rahman, artist Rashid Uddin Ahmed Topu and ASF board member Faijulunnessa were some of the other speakers of the conference. Polash Chowdhury has played as the convention director.
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eকে একাধিক সময় ধরে এগুলো বুঝার প্রচেষ্টা সংঘটিত হয়েছে। এ বিষয়ে বক্তার আইন করা হচ্ছে, দেশি-বিদেশী স্বাস্থ্যবিজ্ঞানীরা একাধিক সমাজের সূচনা একাধিক সহযোগী গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। একাধিক বিষয়ে শিক্ষার লক্ষ্যে কাজ করছেই। এই স্বাস্থ্য অপারাধের প্রয়োজনীয় অভিযান চান। এইভাবে সমস্যার মূল কর্তা হয়।

এসিড ভিকারিন্থের ফলাফলের পরিসংখ্যানে দেখা, ২০০০ থেকে ২০০৯ সাল পর্যন্ত এসিড-সন্ত্রাসের প্রয়োজনে হয়েছে দু'টি লোকজ নামুনক বিভিন্ন জাতি ও মানব নৃতাত্ত্বিক প্রকল্প। নারী ও পুরুষের জন্য এসিড-সন্ত্রাসের প্রয়োজন হয়। ২০০৯ সালে বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন জাতি ও মানব নৃতাত্ত্বিক প্রকল্পের মাধ্যমে একই সময়ে হয়।

আন্তর্জাতিক নারী দিবস
নারী উন্নয়নের অন্তর্গত জাতীয় আচার্যকর

আন্তর্জাতিক নারী দিবসের শর্তপ্রতিষ্ঠায় এ শর্তের বৈশিষ্ট্য প্রস্তাবিত হচ্ছে নারী অবকার, সমাজ সূচনা: তাদের প্রশিক্ষণ। শর্তজ্ঞ আপুর্নসন্ত্রাসের প্রস্তাব হচ্ছে তাদের প্রস্তাব। এই শর্তের বৈশিষ্ট্য প্রস্তাবিত হচ্ছে তাদের প্রশিক্ষণ।

নারীদের বিবেচনায় এর সমূহের কোন অংশ হন নারী অবকার। একাধিক সমাজের সমন্বয় ধরে কাজ করছে। এই সমাজ আশা করে হচ্ছে এই শর্তের বৈশিষ্ট্য প্রস্তাবিত হচ্ছে।

নারীদের বিবেচনায় এর সমূহের কোন অংশ হন নারী অবকার। একাধিক সমাজের সমন্বয় ধরে কাজ করছে। এই সমাজ আশা করে হচ্ছে এই শর্তের বৈশিষ্ট্য প্রস্তাবিত হচ্ছে।
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Rally-2006

Men Gathering-2007

Men Gathering-2008
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Photo Feature

Speach-2006

Hashem Khan
Artist

Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud
Vice Chairman, Bar Council

Ramendu Majumdar
Theater Artist

Dr. Badiul Alam Majumder
Country Director, The Hunger Project

M. Hamid
President, Group Theater Federation

Dr. Wajedul Islam Khan
General Secretary
Trade Union Center

Anisul Haque
Writer & Journalist

Suvro Deb
Singer

Abul Kalam Azad
President Hajaribagh
Tanari Workers Union

Riaz, Film Actor

Ahkam Ullah, Recitator

Bashir Uddin, Survivor

Speach-2006
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY: MEN SOLIDARITY 2008

Speach-2008

Kabir Chowdhury
National Professor

Mustafa Monwar
Artist

Amir Ul Islam
Barrister

Jewel Aich
Magic Artist

Niels Bentzen Pedersen
Country Representative, SCSD

Lieutenant General M. Harun-Ar-Rashid
Bir Protik
Freedom Fighter

Sayeed Arshed Ahmed
President, American Chamber

Md. Mozammal Hosain
(AIG) of Police, Crime -3

Fakir Alamgir
Singer

Sharifuddin Ahmed Sharif
Project Director, BGMEA

Md. Shah Owaliullah
Khatib, Sobhanbag Mosque, Dhaka

Dulal Hasan
Representative, Acid Survivors
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Muhammad Habibur Rahman
Former chief adviser of caretaker govt.

Qayyum Chowdhury
Artist

Abdullah Abu Syed
Professor

Ramendu Majumder
Theatre Personality

Asaduzzaman Noor
Theatre Personality

Jewel Aich
Magic Artist

Muhammad Aziz Khan
Chairperson, Prothom Alo Trust

Anisul Haque
Writer

Tanjib Ul Alam
Barrister

Suvro Deb
Singer

Rashed Uddin Tapu
Singer

Dulal Hasan
Survivor

Abdul Qaiyum
Joint Editor, Prothom Alo

Perveen Mahmud
Chairperson, ASF

Monira Rahman
Executive Director, ASF

A.K. Azad & Fatema Perveen
Presenter
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY: MEN SOLIDARITY 2010

PHOTO FEATURE

Men Mobilization 2010

National Anthem

Lit Candle

Audience

Cultural Performance 2010

Audience

Cultural Performance: Pancham Sur

Dance by Babi, an acid Survivor

Cultural Performance 2010

Rashed Uddin Tapu

Kona

Beauty

Cultural Performance 2010

Joy

Rumi

Dipto
On the occasion of International Women’s Day, the Canadian High Commission, in conjunction with the Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF), organized a lively programme at the Canadian Club on March 4. Chief Guest on the occasion was State Minister for Women and Children’s Affairs Shireen Sharmin Chaudhury. She spoke of the government’s efforts in women’s development and praised the work of ASF in fighting against acid violence. Also speaking on the occasion were the Canadian Charge D’Affaires and the ASF Executive Director. To signify their support for women’s empowerment, the male guests at the programme came forward to light lamps. The highlight of the programme was a cultural programme of the acid survivors. The Projapoti exhibition of fashionable clothes, bags and linen was also well appreciated by the guests.
আন্তর্জাতিক নারী দিবসের বিষয়বস্তুর মতামত
2002-2010

"একাদশ মাসিকছড়ি অন্তর্জাতিক নারী দিবসের মাসিকছড়ি প্রকাশ করেছে। নারীরা পত্রিকায় শোনান বুদ্ধি, অন্তর্জাতিককে একটি রস্তা। কিন্তু অজ্ঞাত নারীদের দায়িত্বে তাদের প্রতিকৃতি। পুরুষদের দায়িত্বে তাদের প্রতিকৃতি। এ অন্তর্বায় রোধ করতে অজ্ঞাতদের সরাসরি কাছাকাছি কাজ করতে হবে। সবার সম্মত প্রয়োজন হল কর্মের পক্ষে আমারা এ দায়িত্ব থেকে মুক্তি করবে।

- কবির চৌধুরী

প্রতিটি মাসিকছড়ি পৃথিবী থেকে সমাদৃত নদী করতে গেছে, কিন্তু সময়, সময় অজ্ঞাতকে নানারূপে দেখাতে পারি।

এর সময়ে নারীর মাধ্যমে কেন্দ্র কৌশল করে, অজ্ঞাত নারীর মাধ্যমে কৌশল করে। এই মাধ্যমে নারীর মাধ্যমে কৌশল করে।

- ব্যবহারকারী বালিরুন্নাম আইনজীবী

এর সময়ে নারীর কৌশল করে। জীবন যে পৃথিবী নারীর মাধ্যমে কেন্দ্র করে। ভুল হয় না।

- প্রতিটি মাসিকছড়ির মধ্যে উদ্যোগে হয়। কিন্তু তা আমার সারার মাধ্যমে হয়।

- যাহু উঁচুটাকাহার বালি, লেখকের হয়ে ঘুরলেন।

আমারা এক পুশীন পুরুষ নারীর সমাজের মাধ্যমে কেন্দ্র করে। 

- বালিরুন্নাম আইনজীবী

এই মাসিকছড়ি নারীদের মাধ্যমে কেন্দ্র করে। অন্তর্জাতিক নারী লেখার পক্ষে এই সময়ে মূল্যবান করে।

- পুরুষদের সমাজের মাধ্যমে কেন্দ্র করে।

এই মাসিকছড়ির মাধ্যমে কেন্দ্র করে। অন্তর্জাতিক নারী লেখার পক্ষে এই সময়ে মূল্যবান করে।

- হাসিনা মোস্তফা মোতায়েন
The partner organizations fight against Acid Violence

Khaleda Yasmin Eti

Acid Survivors Foundation is working towards fighting against acid brutality in the areas where it takes place in great numbers. Among the highly-prone areas in the country, ASF is dedicatedly working in nine of the vital areas, which are located in nine districts. These nine organizations are: Papi of Narshingdi, Aid Kuma of Kuma, Jagoroni Chakra of Jessore, JUS of Khulna, Agaragi Shangsha of Shattakh, Shabolomi Unnayan Samiti of Netrokona, Light House of Bogura, RDRS Bangladesh of Dinajpur, and Coast Trust of Vola.

Some of the main activities are to arrange meetings with the government aid organizations for the advocacy lobby, to have dialogue and meetings with the sellers and the users of acid, having workshops with the local journalists, having meetings with the local representatives of the community, establishing acid terrorism prevention committees, arranging news conference, celebrating International Women’s Day, and campaigning in the school level, observing the socio-economic condition of the victims. There have been initiatives undertaken to make the acid control committee more effective. Many initiatives are also on going to help developing the leadership ability among the acid victims. These above mentioned nine organizations are playing very crucial role with the help of ASF.

Discussion with the government run aid organizations for the Advocacy Lobby: Some of the government affiliated aid organizations that are working actively towards the fight against acid crimes and who were present in various key meetings are: District Commissioner, Police Super, Civil Surgeon, District Judge, government lawyers, and district social and women’s welfare employees. In these meetings, some other key officials also take part and some of them are local journalists, NGO representatives, and the representatives of the acid survivors. Most of these discussion meetings are taking place with the help of ASF and its local partners. In those meetings besides having the district acid control committee discussions, other activities like providing effective treatment, providing legal help, providing shelter and rehabilitation, and prevention of acid throwing are being discussed. With the use of reports gathered from the partnering organizations, ASF present an overall picture of acid crime in the local district and in the country. In these meetings, acid survivors voice their own experiences and experiences.

Workshops with the local journalists:

Journalists are also playing a vital role in fighting against acid crimes in the country and helping those field workers of NGOs and government organization that are trying hard to promote the cause. Journalists have so far taken many effective steps and have been actively working from the national media and with great effort highlighting the importance of providing the true news regarding acid crimes. To raise more awareness among the journalists in the local districts, ASF have
taken initiatives to run more workshops. 8 workshops were conducted successfully by now. The people that were present in some of these workshops are—local Press Club Chairman, General Editor, members of electronic and national broadcast media, representative of acid survivors, and the local supporting agencies. Many journalists who have part in these workshops have raised their voices and have written proposals that highlight what needs to be done in the local level to eliminate such brutal practice.

Discussions among the community members for raising awareness against acid crime: The victim of acid throw needs to get physically healed and he/she needs as much help to get healed mentally as well. It is important to have the help of local leaders and key representatives beside the help of the family while a victim struggles to sustain his/her life and strive to rehabilitate. Local elders also need to play an effective role in finding solution to the existing conflicts that lead the criminals to throw acid as a result. In this regard ASF has started to have discussions and meetings in the communities. In every third month there is one such meeting. In those meetings besides the presence of acid victims in the community, local doctors, lawyers, religious leaders, chairman of the sub-district, members, journalists and local dignitaries do also show up. These meetings are being held mainly at those areas where acid crime is very high.

Meetings with the Acid Crime Prevention committee: Pressure group has been created to promote the cause of providing treatment to the acid victims, legal help, and rehabilitation important role of the government and the aid organizations in the fight against acid crime. Each of these committees consists of 13-15 members. Some of the members of these committees are—leading cultural figures, lawyers, doctors, Chairman of the Jewelry Association, General Secretary, journalists, professors, religious leaders, members of the partner organizations and acid survivors. These committees are playing a vital role in the backstop of this movement against acid crime along with the partnering bodies and the advocacy groups. A meeting or two is being held every month in these districts. The overall picture of the respective districts get discussed in those meetings and positive solution and the limitations of the community also get analyzed.

Meetings are held to stop acid sells and uses: ASF is arranging meetings with the acid businessmen and with the acid users besides organizing various other acid prevention initiatives locally in these mentioned districts. An initiative is already ongoing in all these districts that is collecting lists of acid salesmen and users and in the process they are finding names of those who do not have license to buy acid. In those meetings those who do not have license are being told to do so immediately. By knowing the result of the II use of the product many of the acid businessmen and users are becoming united in fighting against the acid terrorism.

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ASF Training Activities

Md. Rajib Dorji

Every human being in this world has some sort of uniqueness and individuality. He/she also have some abilities. Due to the lack of favourable time and opportunity, many of those unique abilities/strengths often face obstacles. In order to make any developmental work accepted amongst the masses and to work for the benefit of humanity, one fundamental concept is being firstly thought of is that “having the faith in other’s ability”. What it means is that every human beings is individually a free self. Everyone knows about a lot of things, they abide by many things, they can think of a lot of things and can do a lot of things. It is important to provide them with a space to learn, work, and speak to have faith in them. If we can create that platform properly and if we can have faith in people’s abilities then we can expect high quality work. That means is it important to have a scope created where people can act freely to express their individual abilities- a place where the individual will have the room to think; will have the opportunity to express his thoughts and actions and will have the scope to share his/her thoughts with others. As a result they will be revitalized and will have the inspiration to work with renewed energy and inspiration. People will be interested towards their lives and duties. Thinking of the importance of expressing one's vitality and to make the future work of Acid Survivor's Foundation (ASF) more dynamic, and to help those acid victims rehabilitate and to gradually move forward from being an acid victim to an acid survivor, ASF has established a “Training Unit.” This unit’s main target is to work towards promoting self-expression. Although this unit was created recently, still the outcome of this project especially providing training and reporting according to the plan was successful in fulfilling the goal. Keeping the above mentioned goals in mind, Acid Survivor’s Foundation have arranged several effective time-befitting trainings. Here are the lists of some of the works that ASF Training Unit has done to promote self-expression:

- Developing module: Based on the assessed training needs, selection of the content materials of the training was done. Based on the selected contents, then the training modules were created. Some of the training modules, which were created by the training unit, are now playing very much Unit of United Kingdom were the conductors of these trainings.
- Assessment of the training needs: In order to conduct the project effectively per to the proposed plans, and to attain the goals, assess training needs in participatory style and training provided accordingly.

- To promote the development of self-expression, trainings were arranged and some of those significant training highlights are:

Providing training to increase the development skills among the acid victims. Establishing rights and dignity among the victims and to help transform one victim to an acid survivor. To be a part of the mainstream society and to lobby for achieving their rights, to have better skill in communication, to get various services, and to have a successful social network within the victim community— was some of the main goals of having such training. 100 survivors altogether get the training under 4
সমাজের মূল ধারায় প্রতি কার্যত লাগের জন্য নিজেদের অধিকার ধরে আসা করার ব্যাপার সংলাপ, বিচারোক্তি দ্বারা আমাদের একটি সমাজের প্রকৃতিকে তৈরি করা হয় এবং এই জন্য নিজেদের সংস্কারকে তৈরি করা হয় একটি প্রশিক্ষণ ফ্রেম যা হয় এক প্রস্তুতির মাধ্যমে।
• একটি আচরণের মাধ্যমে সমাজের প্রতি বৃদ্ধি পাওয়া এবং তার বিষয় সম্পর্কে বিশ্বাস লাগানোর মাধ্যমে সমাজের মাধ্যমে সরকার প্রদত্ত লোকের জন্য একটি সমাজের প্রকৃতি তৈরি করে নেতৃত্ব দেবে।
• নির্দেশনার জন্য মানুষের মাধ্যমে প্রাণ ধরে তৈরি করার লোকের জন্য একটি সমাজীকরণ করবে।
• জ্ঞান বিদ্যালয়ের মাধ্যমে সমাজ প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদত্ত এবং তার জন্য একটি সমাজ প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদত্ত করা হয়।

স্থায়ী পর্যায়ে এক সময়ে সকল প্রশিক্ষণের লোকের প্রকৃতি বৃদ্ধির জন্য একক সমাজকে তৈরি করে নেতৃত্ব দেবে।

• প্রশিক্ষণ পর্যায়ে সকল প্রশিক্ষণের লোকের প্রকৃতি বৃদ্ধির জন্য একক সমাজকে তৈরি করে নেতৃত্ব দেবে।
• সমাজের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদত্ত এবং সমাজের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদত্ত করে নেতৃত্ব দেবে।

সমাজের মূল ধারায় প্রতি কার্যত লাগের জন্য নিজেদের অধিকার ধরে আসা করার ব্যাপার সংলাপ, বিচারোক্তি দ্বারা আমাদের একটি সমাজের প্রকৃতিকে তৈরি করা হয় এবং এই জন্য নিজেদের সংস্কারকে তৈরি করা হয় একটি প্রশিক্ষণ ফ্রেম যা হয় এক প্রস্তুতির মাধ্যমে।

To understand the mental state of the acid victims and to provide them with different layers of mental care during different phase of their life, ASF workers and their partner workers are provided with “socio-psychological development” training. In two batches 40 workers have been trained under this program. Dr. Mehtab Khanam, Dr. Shaheen Sultana, Farah Diba, Zaheer Uddin, Selim Chowdhury, Aminul Islam were the professors of the psychology department of Dhaka University who conducted those trainings.

ASF workers were provided with training to properly handle local conflicts peacefully and their partner workers were also given training on “development of skills in managing conflicts locally. In total 41 workers were trained in 2 batches. Azizur Rahman Khan Asad conducted the training as the key resource person.

“Essential burn care” training was given to the various health professionals (doctors, nurses, and others) across the country to provide immediate care to the acid burn victims in their respective areas. 218 health professionals were trained in 7 batches in this training. Professor A. J.M. Salek, Professor Dr. Sharif Hasan and the Inter Burns Unit of United Kingdom were the conductors of these trainings.

“Monitoring and Evaluation” related training was provided to the workers of ASF and to its partner workers who are involved in this project. 22 members were trained under 1 batch in this training.

• Creation of training materials: In order to provide psychosocial and local area based conflict resolution, ASF has established a training unit that arrange seminars and workshops. Two sets of training materials have been developed to run such workshops.
• Proposals: Following are some of the proposals that ASF and its partner organizations have expressed—
  Providing step by step training to the acid survivors to increase their development skills.

Providing RBA training to the survivors. Providing RGA training to the survivors. Providing counseling training to the ASF workers. Providing more monitoring and evaluation related trainings to the employees.

There is no alternative to creating a well-trained human force. It is important to have trainings to make people believe in their abilities, to inspire, to gain trust and to make them get motivated in their works. Training is one of the main scopes of inspiration and it helps people to gain proper knowledge, skill, and helps them to make positive change for the betterment of the society.

Training unit is a very crucial part of any institution to have well skilled employees. Keeping this fact in mind ASF has arranged its training unit. I hope that ASF training unit will leave a tremendous mark in future in achieving the goals and visions of the company.

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CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING PROGRAM OF ASF

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Essential Burn Care Training

Orientation on Essential Burn Care
19-20 January 2012
CIF Secretariat Office, Dhaka

Psychosocial Training

Conflict Management Training

Capacity Building Training for Survivors
Community, Pressure Group, Acid Seller & Journalist Meeting

PHOTO FEATURE

Sectoral Meeting, Light House, Bogra

Sectoral Meeting, PAPRI, Norshingdi

Sectoral Meeting, RDRS, Dinajpur

Community Gathering, Aid-Comilla, Comilla

Pressure Group Meeting, RDRS, Dinajpur

Community Meeting, RDRS, Dinajpur

Community Meeting, RDRS, Dinajpur

Community Meeting, RDRS, Dinajpur

School Campaign, JCF, Jessore

Community Meeting, Aid-Comilla, Comilla

Community Meeting, Agrohort Sangstha, Satkhira

Meeting with Acid Seller & user, JJS, Khulna

Community Meeting, COAST Trust, Bhola
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সমাজের অসমান্য অবস্থার শীতোষ্ণ শীর্ষ চাপ বাংলায় সাংবাদিক বাংলা কানী মিলান সান্নার এক অস্ত্র পরিচিতি পঙ্ক। এলিফটার নাচের প্রতিষ্ঠা ও নুননাম এলিফটার সাংবাদিক বাংলার মধ্যে আর সদঃ ক্রমান্বয়ে শুরু হবে।

আর দেশের সাংবাদিক পরামর্শক হিসাবে মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধিকার; নাম বিনাম্বে তিনি শির্ষস্থানের জন্য আরেক সাংবাদিক হিসাবে পারে মন্ত্রণালয়।

এলিফটার নাচের প্রথম দিঃ আর মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধিকার; তাকে অপ্রত্যাশিত করে এলিফটার সাংবাদিক হিসাবে পারে মন্ত্রণালয়।

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ED of Acid Survivors Foundation gets int'l award

The executive director (ED) of Acid Survivors Foundation Monira Rahman received the ‘American Honorary Awards 2009’.

She has been awarded for her outstanding contribution to protect women health and especially for her work for the acid victims.

Secretary General of United Nation, Ban ki-moon presented her award in New York on October 8.

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to UN AKM Momen and ambassadors from different countries were present on the occasion.

ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM VISIT TO ASF

England have just finished playing Bangladesh in a series of test matches and one-day internationals. Ten members of the England contingent including captain Alistair Cook, Kevin Peterson and Paul Collingwood visited the Acid Survivors Foundation in Dhaka. They toured the nursing and rehabilitation centre and met many of the survivors, including eight children who had been injured in acid attacks. The players were great! They sat on the beds chatting (through interpreters) to the women and gave all the children “high fives” as they left. As one of the players, said, “We lead a privileged life, playing cricket and touring the World. But we often don’t meet many local people. Today we feel privileged to meet the survivors and see the magnificent work of the Acid Survivors Foundation in Bangladesh.”
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