

Case Story: Support to a Survivor of Violence through the Initiative of Keshabpur Upazila CSOs

Through the initiative of the CSO members of Keshabpur Upazila, a case of physical violence against Sathi Khatun (30) was identified and necessary support was provided. She was married about 15 years ago through a family arrangement and has two sons. Since the beginning of her marriage, she had been experiencing regular physical and mental abuse due to family disputes and dowry-related pressure. According to the allegation, her husband frequently made various demands, and when she refused to fulfill them, the level of abuse intensified.

On 02 March 2026, at around 4:00 PM, during an argument over a family matter, her husband physically assaulted her. At one stage, he attacked her with a local sharp weapon (dao), striking the left side of her neck. She became seriously injured and fell to the ground. Fearing public exposure, she was confined at home for two days without receiving any medical treatment. Later, with the support of local people and relatives, she was rescued and taken to Keshabpur Upazila Health Complex, where the on-duty doctor treated her wound and applied four stitches.



After learning about the incident, the CSO members of Keshabpur Upazila took immediate initiative, contacted the survivor, and verified the situation. They collected the complaint filed at the police station and relevant medical documents. The project also provided rapid support to the survivor to address her immediate needs. To raise awareness and ensure justice, a press briefing was organized at the Keshabpur Upazila Press Club. For legal support, the case was referred to the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Jessore Unit.

Currently, the survivor is staying at her father's house and receiving treatment. Following the referral, a case has been filed and the legal process is ongoing. The coordinated efforts of the Keshabpur Upazila CSOs, along with project support, have helped facilitate access to justice for the survivor and stand as an important example of their active role in preventing violence against women at the community level.

news link:

1. <https://dainikkhulna24.com/%e0%a6%af%e0%a7%8c%e0%a6%a4%e0%a7%81%e0%a6%95%e0%a7%87%e0%a6%b0-%e0%a6%a6%e0%a6%be%e0%a6%ac%e0%a6%bf%e0%a6%a4%e0%a7%87-%e0%a6%a8%e0%a6%bf%e0%a6%b0%e0%a7%8d%e0%a6%af%e0%a6%be%e0%a6%a4%e0%a6%a8%e0%a7%87/>

2. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CFcfgKkci/>