Class 2 Student & 7-year-old girl from Kultia Village under Fingri Union of Satkhira Sadar Upazila, was subjected to rape...

At the time of the incident, the survivor's father was working as a daily wage labourer in Jashore District to support the family and was away from home. The family is in a highly vulnerable financial situation and depends entirely on the father's daily income for their livelihood. Following the assault, the survivor experienced severe bleeding and her physical and psychological condition deteriorated rapidly. Family members immediately took her to Satkhira Sadar Hospital. Considering the seriousness of her injuries, the attending physicians referred her to Satkhira Medical College Hospital for specialized treatment. She was subsequently admitted and received the necessary medical care. The family reported the incident to the law enforcement authorities, and on 13 July 2026, the survivor's mother filed a formal complaint with Satkhira Sadar Police Station. Based on the complaint, police initiated legal proceedings and launched an operation to arrest the alleged perpetrator. Since the incident, the accused and his family members have remained absconding. As part of the investigation, police arrested a relative of the accused for questioning, while the search and investigation to apprehend the main suspect remain ongoing. Upon receiving information about the incident, representatives of the HOPE Project and the respective CSO jointly visited the survivor's family. They collected preliminary information, assessed the survivor's immediate needs, and identified the required medical, legal, and psychosocial support services.

Actions Taken by the HOPE Project Team and CSOs:

- Closely monitored the survivor's access to medical treatment and assured the family of support for treatment-related expenses where possible.
- Regularly followed up on the progress of legal proceedings and access to justice.
- Provided psychological and social support counselling to the survivor's family.
- Coordinated with relevant government and non-government service providers to facilitate appropriate referral services.
- Prioritized the survivor's best interests by ensuring confidentiality, safety, and protection throughout the response process.

Recommendations:

- Ensure continued medical treatment and comprehensive psychosocial support, as the survivor remains in a vulnerable physical and psychological condition.
- Provide legal assistance and continued support to the family throughout the judicial process, considering their financial inability to bear treatment and legal costs.
- Strengthen coordination with local administration and law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety and protection of the survivor and her family.
- Ensure timely referral to appropriate government and non-government service providers for medical, legal, psychosocial, and rehabilitation services.
- Strengthen community awareness programmes on child protection, prevention of sexual violence, and available legal remedies.
- Continue regular follow-up visits by the HOPE Project team to monitor the survivor's recovery, safety, access to services, and rehabilitation progress.
- Maintain strict confidentiality of all case-related information in accordance with child safeguarding and data protection principles.

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