

Report on the victims of Savar Tragedy

(Based on the information collected from different hospitals)



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Rational of the report

On 24 April 2013, an eight-story commercial building, Rana Plaza, collapsed in Savar, a sub-district in the Greater Dhaka Area, the capital of Bangladesh. The search for the dead ended on 13 May with the death toll of 1,127. A total 2,438 injured people were rescued from the building alive. It is considered to be the deadliest garment-factory accident in history, as well as the deadliest accidental structural failure in modern human history.

As per official record, 1,744 of the rescued people had been sent to different hospitals. Many of them went back to their homes after receiving first aid while some were still being treated for their injuries at different hospitals during this reporting period from 15 May to 25 May 2013.

Many of the Savar building collapse victims lost limbs after being trapped inside the debris. They are undergoing long medical treatment process. Meanwhile, government and non-government agencies made their commitment to support victims of Savar tragedy. So it is necessary to analyze victims to know their level of injury and to assess needs for their long term rehabilitation.

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With this above backdrop, Access Bangladesh conducted a survey on the victims of Savar Tragedy who are under treatment in four main hospitals Enam Hospital, Dhaka Medical Collage, NITOR and CRP. This survey has delved several information, such as level of their physical injury, their family information, their contact numbers, their permanent address, their pre tragedy employment status, their educational qualification, their age and sex and lastly their future plans. Through its observation, findings, and recommendations in this report based on the data of the survey, Access Bangladesh is offering its expertise to facilitate rehabilitation work initiated both from government and non government sector along with international agencies.

