

Recovery and Healing Center for Burn Survivors

- A PCVC Initiative



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Burn survivors of domestic violence experience a series of traumatic assaults to their body and mind, which provides innumerable challenges to physical recovery and psychological resilience. Contrary to what maybe expected, burn rehabilitation providers in many countries have shown that burn survivors do achieve a satisfying quality of life and most are judged as well-adjusted individuals despite severe social and psychological difficulties.

Burn care includes physical rehabilitation and psychosocial care from the hospital. Through the recovery process, it helps the survivor adapt to the challenges of the severe injuries, disfigurement and emotional breakdown.

The 'Recovery and Healing Centre for Burn Survivors' provides comprehensive burn care to women survivors to lead quality lives as well-adjusted individuals free from violence. The center provides for and facilitates the recovery process with physical rehabilitation and psychosocial care. This includes engaging with the hospital and the family to smoothen the process of integration into the family and the society.

Understanding that intervention at the primary level is the only way to eliminate violence, PCVC will work with communities, health care providers and other stakeholders in supporting, developing and implementing strategies that would stop acid attacks and burning of women in the community. Other strategies would gradually include educating the community, building support structures amongst the key stakeholders, developing programs to strengthen social networks, organizing community groups to challenge social norms that contribute to burning of women in the society. These strategies would transform those social norms and structures that are the root causes of domestic violence.

Activities at the rehabilitation center include, post-hospital care (small surgeries to facilitate self care; multiple surgeries for restoring sight, facial parts, movement of limbs and home care; disposable sheets, high protein diet and medicines), psycho-social care (empowerment and healing through arts based therapy, group therapy, support groups).

SSWF will support capacity building of burn professionals of PCVC by sharing knowledge and expertise in community-based physical rehabilitation for burn survivors.

About Sunshine Social Welfare Foundation (SSWF)

Sunshine Social Welfare Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in Taiwan in 1981 with the mission to assist burn survivors and people with facial disfigurement in their physical, psychological and social rehabilitation; and to uphold their human rights and dignity.

Working with children, youths and adults with facial disfigurement as well as their families, we provide services that include physical rehabilitation, psychological counseling, vocational counseling, school re-entry counseling, short-term housing, and financial aid. We also carry out advocacy and prevention campaigns to raise public awareness and change attitudes towards facial disfigurement.

Our multi-disciplinary team of 110 employees is composed of social workers, occupational and physical therapists, psychological counselors, vocational counselors and social educators, working in a service network that now includes five centers across Taiwan. Sunshine also operates a half-way house providing short-term housing to burn survivors undergoing rehabilitation, and a community-based rehabilitation center, the first in Taiwan exclusively dedicated to burns rehabilitation.

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