

A large portrait of Muskan Khatun, a young woman wearing a black hijab, smiling and looking slightly to the left. The background is a blue wall with a wooden archway.

## MEET THE PATIENT

# Muskan Khatun

20 YEARS OLD / NEPAL

## MUSKAN IS A 2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMAN OF COURAGE AWARD WINNER, RESURGE PATIENT, AND ACID ATTACK SURVIVOR.

At the age of 15, Muskan Khatun was brutally attacked by a group of boys from her school who threw a jug of acid on her face, hands, and chest after she rejected a romantic proposition.

The ensuing years were filled with both pain and healing at Kirtipur Hospital under the care of local ReSurge surgeons. With the support of her doctors and family, Muskan decided that she would not be ashamed, she would not let her attacker win, and she would not stand idle when such violence happened to others.

Muskan summoned the strength to advocate for stronger laws against acid attacks: she spoke before parliament, wrote to the Prime Minister, and eventually met with him in person. Within a year of her attack, there was a new ordinance with harsher penalties for acid attacks and regulations on the sale of acids.

In 2021, this resilient ReSurge patient was awarded the International Woman of Courage Award and is currently applying to colleges to pursue her dreams of becoming a human rights lawyer.

**ReSurge reconstructed Muskan's body  
— Muskan took back her life — and your  
donations make it possible.**

**Together we are restoring gender equity and closing the gap to reconstructive surgery once and for all.**

**“From the hospital  
bed, I raised my voice,  
so that others won't  
have to go through  
the same.”  
—Muskan**



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NOW!**



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