



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Social Empowerment and Legal Protection (SELP) Programme
January – December 2025

In 2025, SELP strengthened its comprehensive response to child marriage and gender based violence by combining:



Girls' agency building



Family and community mobilisation



Accessible legal aid



Policy and system reform

SELP Programme Coverage

33 Districts

268 Upazilas

268 Legal Aid Clinics

Empowering Youth, Ending Child Marriage

Swapnosarothi – Building Agency for Adolescent Girls

63,000 adolescents (Swapnosarothi members) received life skills sessions

2,237 Child Marriage initiatives prevented by programme participants

7,098 Swapnosarothi girls graduated, crossing 18 without marriage

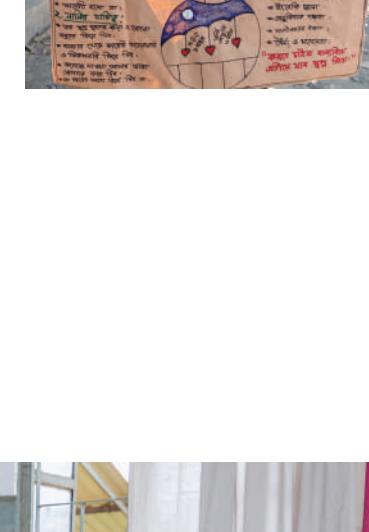
2,705 Popular Theatre shows

6,76,250 People reached

Dream Plan Innovation

1,600 Dream Plans completed with family commitment

A structured family dialogue process through which Swapnosarothi girls define their aspirations and co-create practical pathways to achieve them. The girl, her parents, and BRAC as facilitator jointly commit to specific actions to support the girl in pursuing her dreams.



Legal Aid | Access to Justice



24,691 people sought legal support

1,409 court cases resolved (civil and criminal)

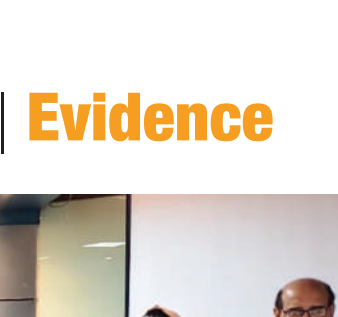
17,451 complaints resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

USD **3.435** million recovered in dower, maintenance and inheritance (17% increase from 2024)

368 survivors were referred to District Legal Aid Committee (DLAC) and others

Online legal counselling session 'Ain Bondhu'

Ain Bondhu for BRAC Staff: Around **100 BRAC HO** staff receive legal counselling support through online sessions provided by SELP Ain Bondhu.



Strengthening Systems | Innovation | Evidence



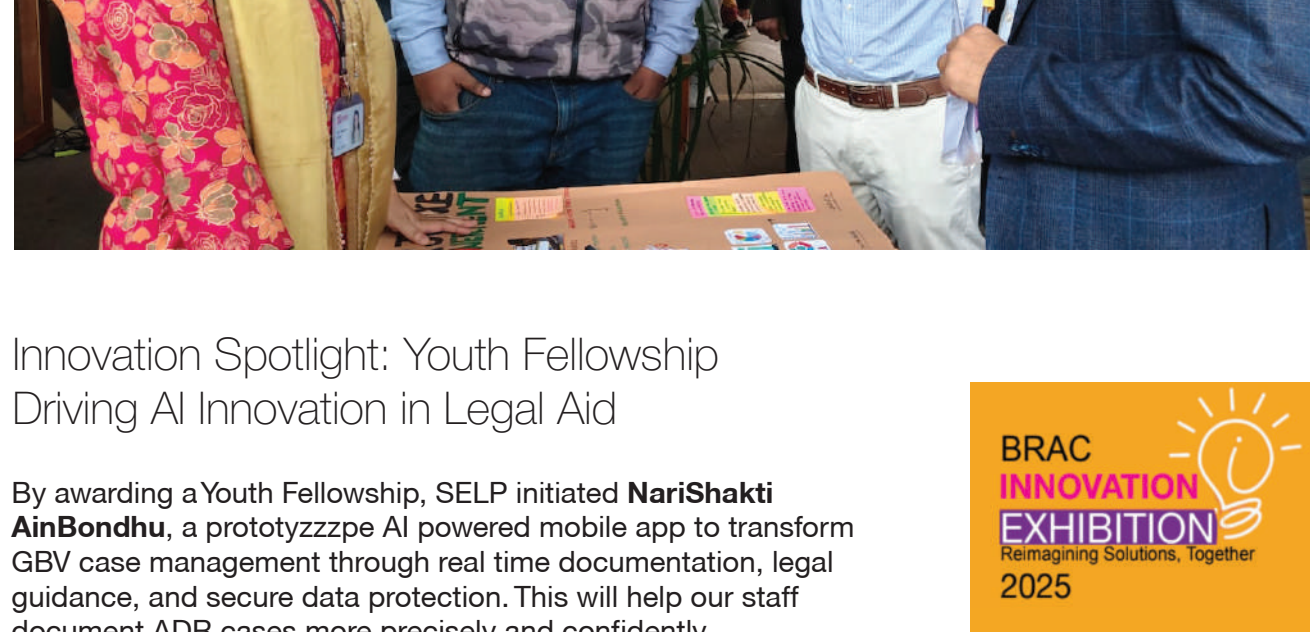
System Strengthening

SELP advocacy contributed to the establishment of **126 dedicated Family Courts** nationwide

Legal Fellowship launched to build gender-responsive lawyers; **9 fellows** from the first cohort now working with BRAC

Partnered with **NLASO** to standardise **ADR practices**

Became **Secretariat** of Citizen Initiative against Domestic Violence (CIDV) platform



Innovation Spotlight: Youth Fellowship Driving AI Innovation in Legal Aid

By awarding a Youth Fellowship, SELP initiated **NariShakti AinBondhu**, a prototyzppe AI powered mobile app to transform GBV case management through real time documentation, legal guidance, and secure data protection. This will help our staff document ADR cases more precisely and confidently.



Evidence Generation

Research on **bottlenecks in Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Tribunals**

Socio-economic profiling of street vendors to support inclusive urban policy and improve protection mechanisms for informal workers

Feasibility **study on digital marriage registration system**

Planning Forward: 2026 Priorities

Reposition Swapnosarothi towards economic empowerment, integrating life skills with livelihood pathways and vocational linkages

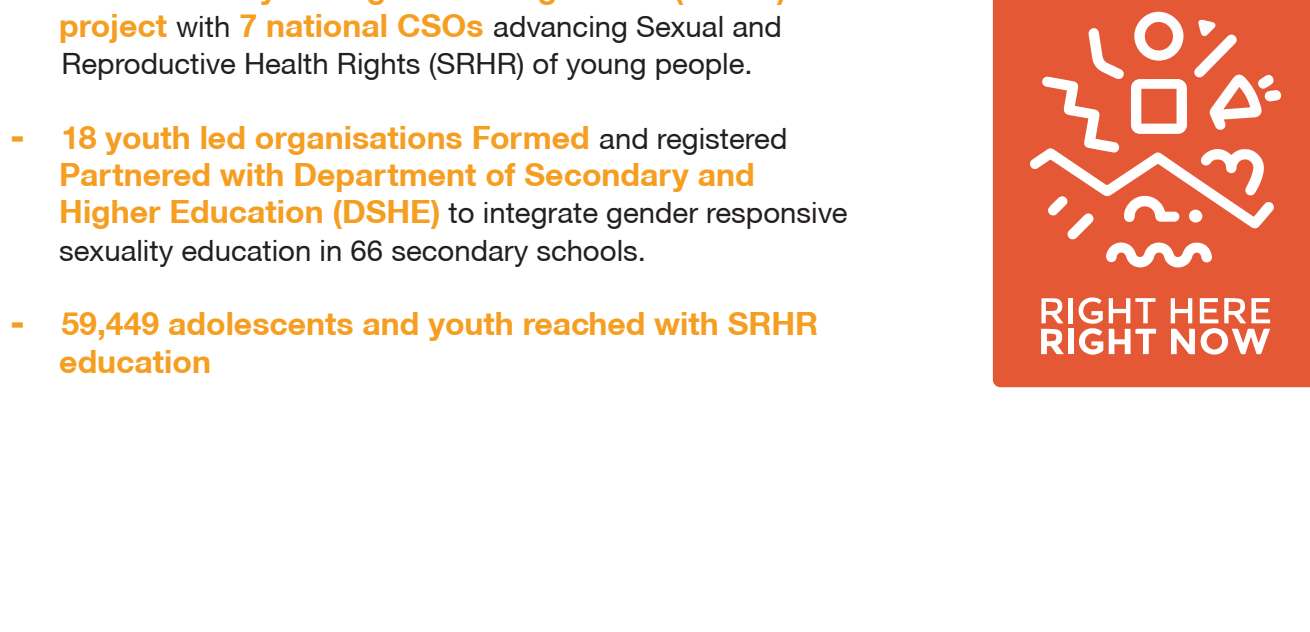
Maximise the BRAC ecosystem to connect Swapnosarothi girls and violence survivors with skills development, employment opportunities, and financial inclusion

Scale to new villages within existing Upazilas, **onboarding 65,000 additional girls**

Expand Legal Aid Outposts nationwide in collaboration with BRAC Microfinance

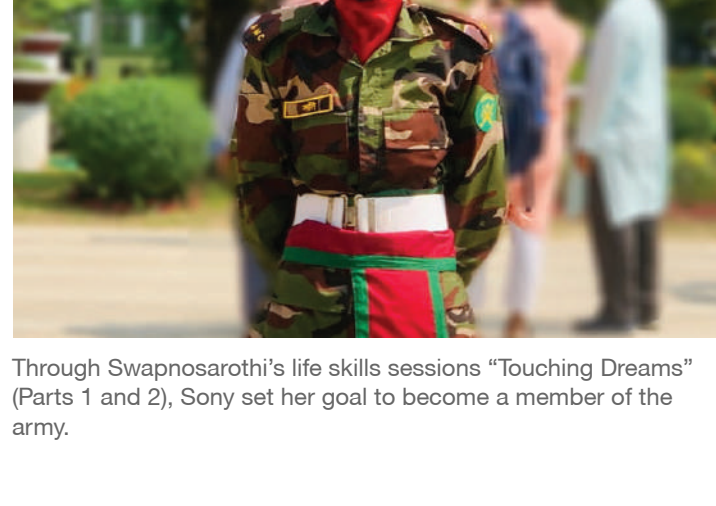
Launch an **AI enabled, web based legal support platform** for 24/7 guidance and referrals

Project Insights



Story From The Field

How Sony broke barriers and chose her own future



19-year-old Sony Akter grew up in a small village in Netrokona where girls are often expected to marry early. A member of Swapnosarothi, she turned life skills into life goals. When a marriage proposal arrived, Sony stood firm: "Not before my dreams." Backed by her mother, she refused early marriage and applied to the army.

On 6 October 2024, she stood in line at Ghatail Cantonment- and earned her place. Today, a trained soldier, Sony salutes not just a flag, but a future she fought for. Her courage now echoes across her village: if Sony can, so can we.

