

His Dreams will never come true...

“ CRIED MY MOTHER OVER
MY SEVERELY BURNED
BODY AT 6 MONTHS OLD ReSurge International
reconstructed my body.
I took my life back.”

Aayush Devkota, 11 - Nepal, ReSurge Patient
Working towards being the next Ronaldo



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MEET THE PATIENT

Aayush

11 YEARS OLD / NEPAL



AAYUSH IS A CONFIDENT BOY WHO LOVES SOCCER AND DREAMS TO SEE HIS FAVORITE PLAYER RONALDO SCORE LIVE ONE DAY.

His mother, Sarita, is his strongest advocate. As an infant, Aayush suffered severe burns from an open-fire cooking accident, leaving him with extensive scarring that made it difficult for him to open his mouth to eat or use his hands for daily activities. Not too long after, Aayush's father left the family, leaving Sarita to fend for herself and their son.

Sarita feared that Aayush would never be able to dream big or have a bright future. Everyone around them lost hope, but something in Sarita told her to keep persevering and stay positive for her son. Sarita's hope was ignited

when she met ReSurge coordinator Hemanta Joshi while selling vegetable soup at her market stall. Hemanta brought Aayush to ReSurge's nearby outreach clinic. There, Aayush's future was rebuilt with reconstructive surgeries that restored function in his lips and hands.

Today, Aayush is surrounded by neighborhood friends. Like many 11-year-olds, they love to play soccer and dream about the future.

Sarita taught Aayush to have confidence and hope – ReSurge reconstructed Aayush's body – and your donations make it possible.

Together we are restoring dreams and closing the gap to reconstructive surgery once and for all.

"You have to be positive and strong in this life. If we can do it, you can do it." –Sarita



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ONCE AND FOR ALL FOR
PATIENTS LIKE AAYUSH.**

You will be Ashamed. Forever...

OR SO MY TEENAGE
ACID ATTACKER
THOUGHT

ReSurge International
reconstructed my body.
I took my life back.

Muskan Khatun, 20 - Nepal, ReSurge Patient
International Women of Courage Award Recipient, Activist



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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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YOU WILL NEVER SEE YOUR DAUGHTER SMILE

WHAT MY MOTHER WAS
TOLD WHEN I WAS BORN
WITH A CLEFT LIP

ReSurge International
reconstructed my body.
I took my life back.

Dilasha Hamal, 8 - Nepal, ReSurge Patient
With smiles as bright as her future



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MEET THE PATIENT

Dilasha Hamal

8 YEARS OLD / NEPAL

DILASHA IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DRAWING, SINGING, AND PLAYING WITH THE KITTENS ON HER FAMILY'S MOUNTAIN FARM.

Eight-year-old Dilasha lives in the remote mountains of Nepal. Her family farms rice, corn and ghords and her mother, Lalita, teaches in a small four-room school. Their community is only accessible by foot or by 4x4 vehicle, requiring a journey across mountainous terrain and eleven river-stream crossings to reach the main road.

Dilasha was born with a cleft lip, a revelation that initially brought her mother to tears. "When I found out, I cried very much because it would affect her speech, nutrition, and prospects for the future. On top of it all, I thought I would never see my daughter smile," Lalita shared.

Accessing medical care in remote areas is a challenge for rural communities. ReSurge's outreach programs are closing this access gap to ensure patients like Dilasha get the care they deserve. Lalita and Dilasha journeyed for days to a ReSurge center, where they received life-changing reconstructive surgery at no cost to their family. Post-operation, Lalita expressed profound relief: "After the surgery, I heard her voice more clearly; and we are so happy. Now my favorite thing is to make her laugh and smile."

Dilasha now looks forward to a future of possibilities. For now, she loves singing, games of chess with her mother, and playing with the animals on the farm.

ReSurge reconstructed Dilasha's cleft – Lalita loves to make her daughter smile – and your donations make it possible.

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You Don't Deserve to be Pretty...

SAID MY HUSBAND
WHO THREW ACID
ON ME

ReSurge International
reconstructed my body.
I took my life back.

Jenny Khadka, 25 - Nepal, ReSurge Patient
Miss Nepal, 2023 Winner Beauty with Compassion



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A close-up portrait of Jenny Khadka, a young woman with long dark hair, looking slightly to the side with a thoughtful expression. She is wearing a white shirt with a black floral pattern and a black bracelet on her right wrist.

MEET THE PATIENT

Jenny Khadka

25 YEARS OLD / NEPAL

“YOU DON’T DESERVE TO BE PRETTY.” THOSE CRUEL WORDS MARKED A TURNING POINT FOR JENNY KHADKA, TRANSFORMING HER ORDEAL INTO A JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT.

Now 25, Jenny is an acid attack survivor and a burn patient counselor at ReSurge International’s hospital in Kathmandu. Born into a family that longed for sons, Jenny’s early life was overshadowed by societal biases. She was forced into a child marriage at 14, and motherhood by 16, to a husband who was a cruel alcoholic.

Enduring years of abuse, Jenny eventually fled to Kathmandu seeking peace. However, her past caught up with her when her husband found her and attacked her with acid during an argument. Treated at Kirtipur Hospital, Jenny met another survivor whose optimism inspired her own healing journey. After recovering, Jenny dedicated herself to supporting others at the very hospital where she herself was treated, transitioning from patient to counselor.

Today, Jenny is not just a counselor; she’s a symbol of hope for other ReSurge patients. Winning the title of “Beauty with Compassion” at Miss Nepal 2023, she now advocates for other survivors of gender-based violence and burn injuries, aspiring to model and defy stigmas associated with scars. Through her work and public life, Jenny embodies the change she wishes to see, showing that true beauty and strength emerge not in spite of scars, but because of them.

ReSurge reconstructed Jenny’s scars – Jenny celebrates the beauty in herself and others – and your donations make it possible.

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PATIENTS LIKE JENNY.**

You Will Never Rise from the Ashes

“ SAID THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE MY CONDITION IS A CURSE ReSurge International reconstructed my body. I took my life back. ”

Rajkumari, 18 - India, epilepsy warrior,
burn survivor, ReSurge Patient
Aspiring chef and animal rescue activist



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MEET THE PATIENT

Rajkumari

18 YEARS OLD / INDIA



"THEY THOUGHT I WOULDN'T RISE FROM THE ASHES. BUT THEN, I BECAME A QUEEN."

Rajkumari's story is not just one of survival, but of rising regally over adversity—true to her name, which means "princess" in Hindi. In her remote mountain village in Northern India, whispers of curses surrounded her untreated epilepsy, fueling the social stigma associated with this misunderstood neurological disorder. Forced to conceal her condition, she lived under constant threat, especially from the open flames used for cooking—known triggers for epileptic seizures. At 17, while making dinner one night, a seizure caused her to fall unconscious into the flames, resulting in catastrophic injuries. Survival seemed all but impossible.

Rushed to 'Helping Hands Hospital' over six hours away by her uncle, Rajkumari embarked on a grueling journey of physical and emotional healing under the care of Dr. Kush Aeron of ReSurge International. Rajkumari spent months at the hospital, undergoing multiple reconstructive surgeries. Throughout her recovery, Rajkumari gradually rediscovered her inner and outer strength, greatly supported not only by ReSurge surgeons and donors but also by the unwavering emotional support from her sister, Diksha, who stood by her every step of the way.

Today, Rajkumari lives with her extended family, including her sister and a beloved kitten named Whisky, who has brought joy throughout her recovery. While she still has quite a few surgeries to go, Rajkumari stands as a testament to what can be achieved with courage, support, and access to life-changing reconstructive care.

ReSurge reconstructed Rajkumari's scars
— Rajkumari rose from the ashes — and your donations make it possible.

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You'll never BE A Surgeon

IS WHAT I WAS
TOLD BECAUSE I'M
A WOMAN

ReSurge International
helped me become a
maxillofacial surgeon.

Dr. Pramilla Shakyar - Nepal, ReSurge Surgeon
One of the few female reconstructive surgeons in Nepal



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MEET THE SURGEON

Dr. Pramilla Shakyar

RESURGE SURGEON / NEPAL

“PEOPLE OFTEN SAID THAT SURGERY WAS NOT A WOMAN’S FIELD, THAT IT WAS TOO DEMANDING, TOO TOUGH FOR A WOMAN.”

There is a massive global shortage of reconstructive surgeons. To close this gap, we must train more surgeons, and get more women into the surgical workforces.

Dr. Pramila Shakyar, a skilled maxillofacial surgeon at Kirtipur Hospital in Nepal, is a testament to this initiative. From a young age, Pramila faced skepticism and discouragement, with many telling her that a career in surgery was unattainable for a woman.

Despite these challenges, Pramila’s ambition and passion for medicine were undeterred. Her journey took a transformative turn when she joined ReSurge International and SkinCeuticals’s Pioneering Women in Reconstructive Surgery (PWRS) program, which equipped her with leadership training, advanced surgical skills, and a strong mentorship network. Now, she leads a team of three women surgeons at Kirtipur Hospital, all beneficiaries of the same program. They represent a new era in healthcare where women excel in previously male-dominated fields.

Pramila patients are benefiting from having access to women doctors. “Being a woman surgeon has allowed me to connect with my patients on a deeper level,” she explains.

Through ReSurge International’s support, Pramila has overcome societal barriers and now champions the cause of women in surgery.

Your donations make this possible. Together we are closing the gap to reconstructive surgery once and for all.



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**HELP RESURGE CLOSE THE
GAP TO RECONSTRUCTIVE
SURGERY ONCE AND FOR ALL
BY TRAINING MORE DOCTORS**

Your Baby Will never have a Future...

“
THOUGHT THE PEOPLE WHO SAW MY BABY'S CLEFT LIP
ReSurge International
reconstructed her cleft lip.
We took our life back.”

Salina Sharki, 5 - Nepal, ReSurge Patient

Moving forward, 24 hours post successful cleft reconstruction



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SALINA SARKI

RESURGE PATIENT / NEPAL

BABY SALINA JUST GOT A CLEFT LIP SURGERY AFTER TRAVELING FOR TWO DAYS WITH HER MOM AND AUNT.

Born in a remote village where the nearest medical facility was days away, baby Salina arrived at Kirtipur Hospital—ReSurge’s Cleft and Burn Center in Kathmandu, Nepal—bearing the hopes and dreams of her family. Salina was born with a cleft lip, a condition that challenged her ability to eat and breathe properly.

“When Salina was born, I was overwhelmed with a mix of emotions. People saw her cleft lip and told me she would never have a future. There were all these superstitions about why she was born this way,” her mother shared.

Learning that Salina’s cleft lip was treatable sparked a glimmer of hope. With a resilient spirit, they embarked on a formidable two-day journey across Nepal’s rugged terrain, driven by the promise of a free reconstructive surgery. Upon reaching ReSurge’s center, the family was met with warmth and expertise. Salina received surgery from a dedicated team, focused on more than just restoring appearances—they were rebuilding lives.

“Seeing her after the surgery was like a light had been turned on. Her future suddenly seemed so bright,” reflected her mother with relief and joy.

Now back home, Salina’s giggles fill the air as she explores her world with newfound potential. Her mother watches over her, their hopes for her future renewed.



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ReSurge reconstructed Salina’s cleft – Salina’s future is bright – and your donations make it possible.

Together we can close the gap to reconstructive surgery once and for all.