

***Dear Friends Lions International
and in particular Dear Friends of the Lions District 108 IA3!***

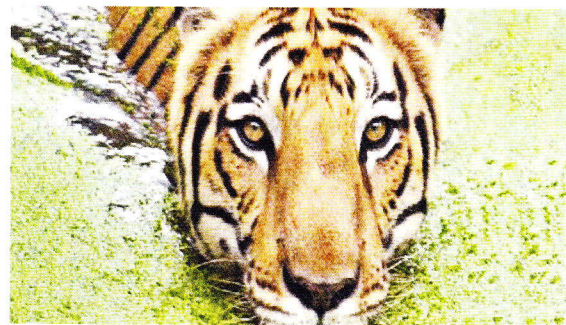
In 2012 you did come and visit our poor Mission in Bangladesh, that is located at the border of the Sunderban Forest, i.e. the Kingdom of the famous Royal Bengal Tiger, a protected species as every tourist knows.

However, still live in the Sunderban are also the people of the Munda Tribe which are almost unknown. Munda Tribals were brought from India at the time of the British Empire, more than a century ago, for clearing the forest and creating farmland for the wealthy landowners.

As a prize for their hard work, ownership of the piece of land on which to build their hut was promised to the Munda. But by means of any kind of cheating and deception... that promise was never maintained.

So the Munda of the Sunderban became those Bengalis still call with a very derogatory term "buno" (wild dirty savages of the forest), which were (and although a bit less still are!) socially discriminated, worse than the "untouchables", i.e. the "pariah".

And the Munda of the Sunderban are an ethnic group with Australoid connotations very easy to recognize... on sight!



Dear Friends Lions International and in particular Friends of the Lions District 108 IA3, you did come to see us in the top of the world where we are carrying on the Project "Disobedience Is Life!", a Project in support of the girls who escaped (disobeying parents) to a forced early marriage. Many girls like us found at our poor Mission not only shelter, but also the opportunity to study at the "Munda Education Centre".



Nilima



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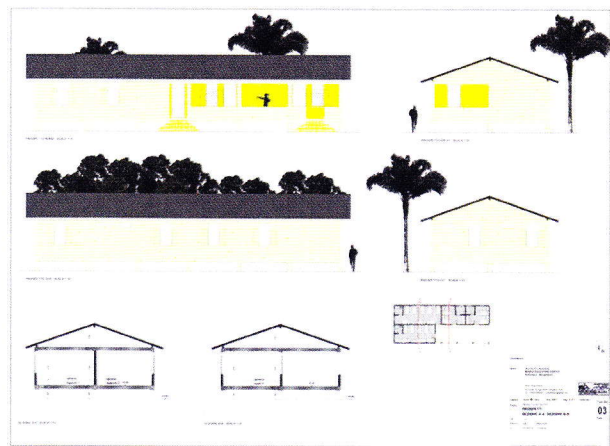
Chompa



When you did come, the roof of the Munda Education Centre was likely to come down with the first heavy rain, in the monsoon season, and even more so in the unfortunate event of a cyclone.



Thanks to your generosity that building was torn down and rebuilt with reinforced concrete and provided with a cyclone-proof roof, according to the project of an Italian architect, our great friend Elia Clerici. In the new building we enjoy now spaces and "luxuries" that we would have never dared even to dream of!



Although it is too little to say only THANKS in Italian and Bengali ধন্যবাদ (and herein tentatively in English), this is the reason why we wanted to hand you this letter with all our love.



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