

To
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Our dear Father Buschhausen and all our Friends and Benefactors at Koln,

Much love and greetings to all of you from all of us at Little Flower Convent, Basanti.

We hope and pray you all are fine. Since last year we and the people around us have been living a very uncertain life as the Covid-19 has created a havoc in everyone's life. Pandemic is one side and the nature's fury is another side. One after the other natural calamities are falling on this island and the entire Sundarbans. I would like to just brief you about the situation here.

Effect of Amphan 20th May 2020

20th May 2020 saw a great disaster brought by the super cyclone *AMPHAN* in and around the Coastal areas of Bengal. People were just recovering from the loss and havoc created by the previous cyclone *BULBUL* in November 2019. As the Cyclone hit the islands, with torrential rain and wind, People were shifted to safer places in different school buildings, Churches etc. so their lives were safe but the after effect of the Amphan left them in darkness without electricity for at least a week, many with no roof over their heads... The River Banks were washed away; as a result water entered and drowned some villages completely. Many were badly affected, specially the poor. We also were affected by destruction of property, our school building was affected very much, 2nd floor class rooms and roof has damaged very badly. But God still takes care of His people. It gave us an opportunity to extend our help to the people. Sisters of Little Flower Convent also joined hands with others to help poor people in affected areas of Basanti. 50 widows / widowers were given help, 65 Families were given help, during the Amphan (Super Cyclone).





Effect of Cyclone YASS

The inhabitants Sundarbans region had to face yet another cyclone Yass in May 2021. Their lives are saved from Cyclone Yaas due to timely evacuation. However, their livelihoods have been lost due to embankments in the region being breached. Many people lost their fisheries, cultivating land, due to the flood. With most of the region underwater currently, it will take a lot of time for shattered livelihoods to be revived. Due to lockdown and the pandemic situation people can't even go out to earn their livelihood. They are only depending on the generosity of some kind people who are providing some relief. But how long....!!! We were able to help two villages which are severely affected by the cyclone and flood.



Rev. Father Buschhausen, we are really indebted to you for all the help and support you give us to carry out our Mission here by reaching out to the poor and the needy in this island, during this situation we really need your help, specially to repair our school building. May God reward you for all your good work.

Affectionately,

Yours in Christ,

Sr. Anita F.C.