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# The climate detectives of Dhaka



Ugh! It's so hot here. And no shade whatsoever!

I think it's even hotter than it was last year.

Extreme weather is a consequence of climate change. Turn to p. 12 to find out more about the causes.



You don't look happy. What's the matter?

Listening to you reminds me of my friend Nasima in Bangladesh! Shall I tell you about her?

We wanted to play football. But it's just too hot.

The heat is making me feel sick ...

Yes please! Listening is easier than football in this heat!



That's better!

Tell us about Nasima, Baggy.

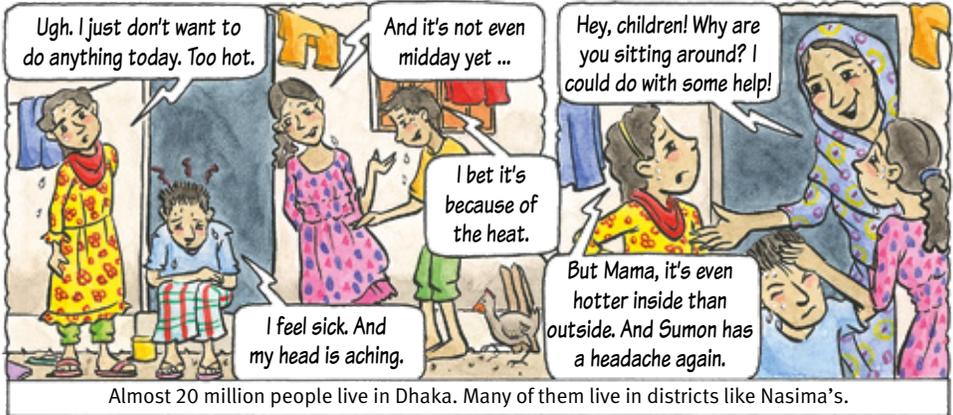
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Nasima lives in a shack in the capital Dhaka. When I visited her, it was much hotter there than it is here ...

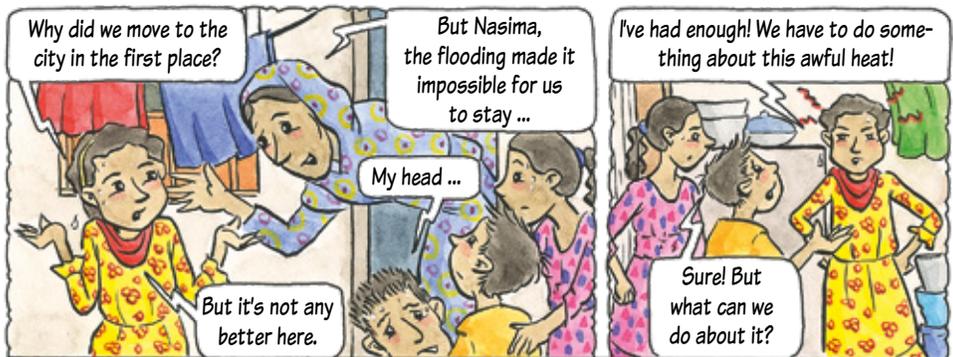
Germany

Bangladesh

Bangladesh is a country in Asia. To the east lies India; to the south, the Indian Ocean.

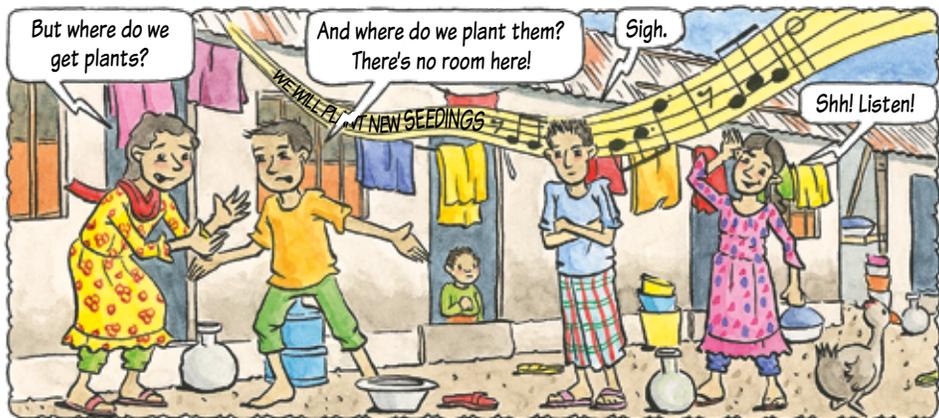
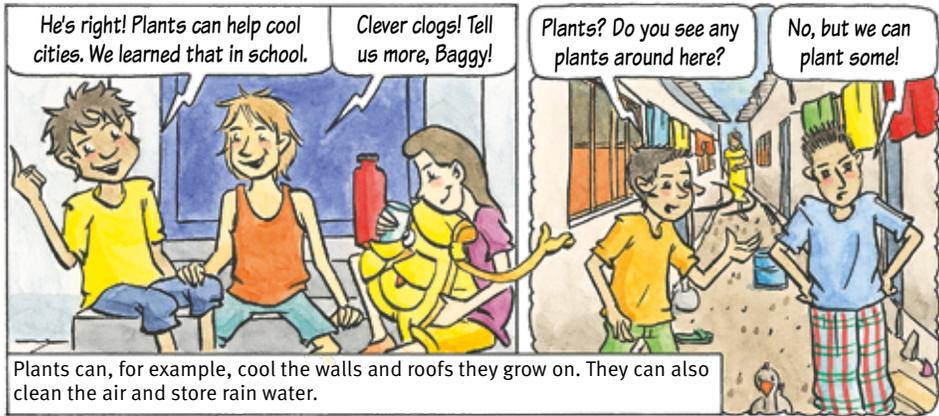


Almost 20 million people live in Dhaka. Many of them live in districts like Nasima's.



In Bangladesh, floods happen much more frequently than they used to. It's all because of climate change. Many farming families have to leave their land and move to the cities.







Nothing here.

No, it was further away.



I can't hear it any more ...

I want to know who was singing!

But how? It could have come from anywhere.

Let's split up and look for clues, just like real detectives!

Yes! Let's each go in a different direction!



If you find something, whistle!



Come on! Out with it! Did they find anything?

Wait and see.



I wonder who was singing?

There it is again. Quick! Let's go!

**DON'T LET YOUR HOPES DIE**

**PEEEEEP**



Look at this roof!

That's cool!

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Hello! Who are you?

And what are you doing here?

We heard singing and wanted to know where it was coming from.



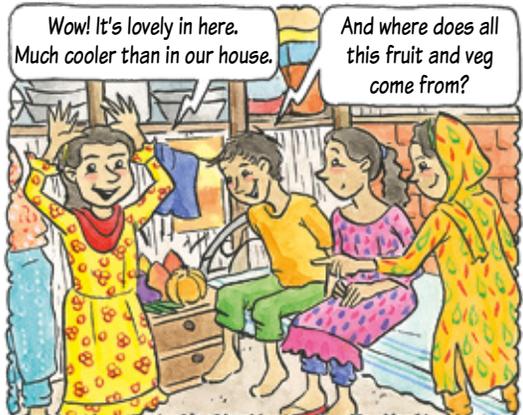
Your roof is so lovely!

Come on inside. It's much too hot out here.



Inside? But why? It'll be much hotter in there!

No, it won't. Come inside and see for yourself!



Wow! It's lovely in here. Much cooler than in our house.

And where does all this fruit and veg come from?



We grew it on our roof. Would you like to try some?

Mmm, yummy!

But now, please tell us: what was that song we heard?



It's about a girl called Athena. She's fighting to stop nature being destroyed in her city.

Because she knows how important nature is for people - especially in the cities!



Athena (9) really does exist. She lives in Davao, a big city in the Philippines. Turn to p. 15 to find out more.

I bet our street would be much nicer with more trees and plants ...



... and cooler!

And that's why your roof is so green?

Well, sort of.

Why don't we do the same at home!



But how?

Sudipta from BARCIK helped us to green our roof and plant and care for the vegetables.

What on earth is BARCIK?

This way! I want to show you something.





Hey, Sudipta! These children need your help.

We'd really like to have plants on our roof. Just like you ...

I can help you. First, we'll get the seeds and soil. Then we'll show you what to do with them.

A local farmer gave us these as a present.

Really?

... but we don't know what to do.

Super! Let's do this!

BARCIK is a MISEREOR partner organisation that helps people in Dhaka who have had to move to the city because of climate change. Turn to p. 14 to learn more about BARCIK.



Mama, things are going to get a lot cooler around here!

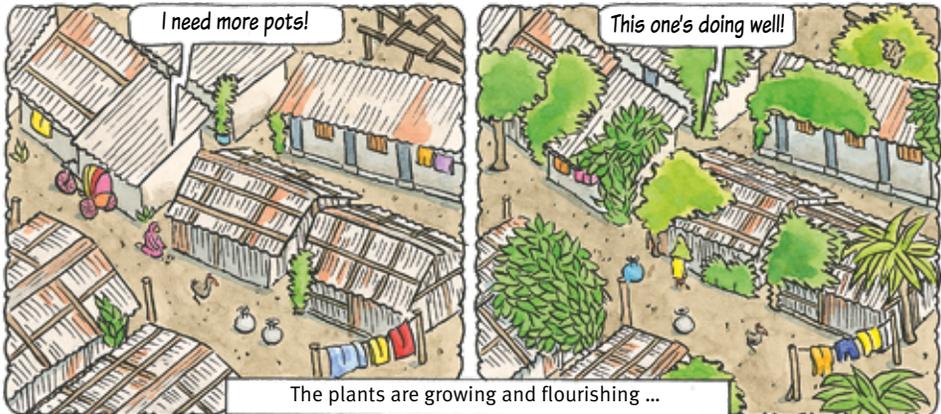
Then we'll be able to harvest veg too!

Pass me the trowel please.

Over here! I need the watering can ...

Just a few days later ...

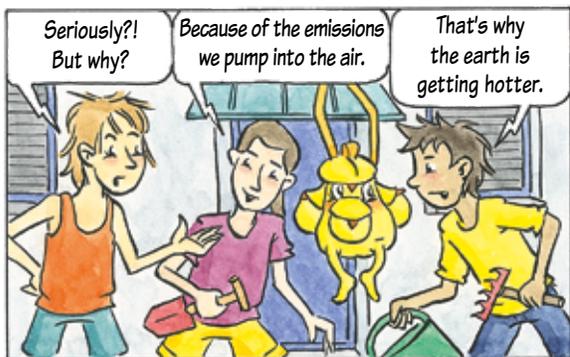
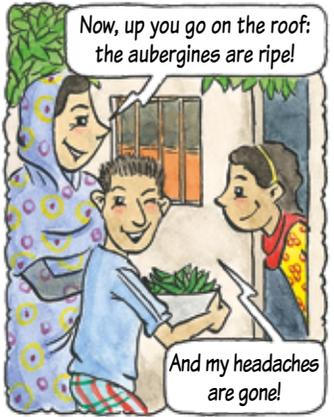
As time passes, more plants start to appear ...



I need more pots!

This one's doing well!

The plants are growing and flourishing ...



Although climate change is mostly being driven by industrialised countries like Germany, countries like Bangladesh are hit much harder by the consequences. Why? Turn to p. 12 to find out.



For more ideas on how to protect our climate, turn to p. 13 or visit [www.kinderfastenaktion.de](http://www.kinderfastenaktion.de).





# What is climate justice?



## Climate ...

Climate is the word we use to describe the weather over a long period of time. Throughout history, the earth's climate has changed many times. At the moment, however, it is changing very fast. The temperature on earth is rising steeply, which means there is a greater risk of storms, hurricanes and drought. Sea levels are also rising because the ice at the North and South Poles is melting and turning into sea water.

These changes were caused by us humans. We emit huge amounts of greenhouse gases such as CO<sub>2</sub> or methane, which surround the planet like a blanket and make the temperature rise. These gases are responsible for climate change.

Greenhouse gases are generated when we drive a car, travel by plane, and burn coal, oil or gas to generate electricity. These gases are also generated when things are made in factories and when animals are kept to make meat and dairy products.

## ... (in)justice

Countries like Bangladesh and the Philippines are being hit much harder than other countries by the consequences of climate change. A very large number of people there are threatened by the rise in sea levels, have to leave their homes or face terrible storms or drought.

Countries like Germany are more responsible for climate change because they have been emitting more greenhouse gases for longer. The countries that are hardest hit by climate change have emitted much fewer greenhouse gases.

That's not fair, and that's what we call "injustice"! It would be fair – or "just" – if we did much more to protect the climate and help people to have a good life despite all the consequences of climate change.

To find out more, take a look at the map at: [www.kinderfastenaktion.de/wimmelkarte](http://www.kinderfastenaktion.de/wimmelkarte)



That's why I think we have to do much more to protect the climate, so that we can all live well on our planet for many hundreds of years to come. What can I do? What can you do? What can we all do together for a healthy climate?

Plant trees, create a school garden!

Avoid waste and properly separate any unavoidable waste!

Buy second-hand clothes and toys or swap with your friends (for a while)!

Save energy!

Ask your parents if your family uses green electricity.

Eat less meat and dairy products!

Buy organic food!

**Ask politicians what they are doing to protect the climate. If they aren't doing much, ask them to do more!**

Drink water from the tap instead of buying bottled water!

Eat fruit and veg grown in your region!

Cycle, walk or take the bus or the train!

Take the bike, train or car on holidays – don't fly!

Throw away as little food as possible!

...

**Have you any other great ideas? Think about what you could do during Lent (and afterwards too!) to keep our climate healthy.**





## What does **BARCIK** do?

people to protect themselves from the heat is to grow plants on the roof. They found that out together.

Every day, up to 1,400 people in Bangladesh move to the capital city, Dhaka. Many of them have no choice: they have to leave their homes because of climate change. In some cases, extreme storms destroyed their homes. In others, flooding made it simply too dangerous to go on living there. But life in the big city is certainly not easy. There's not enough space to live; the parents have to find work and a place at school for their children. In the districts where people who don't have much money live, there is often no electricity, no fresh water and no refuse collections. **BARCIK** is a MISEREOR partner organisation. It works with these poor families to make their lives better as quickly as possible.

**BARCIK** has even helped some families to grow melons, pumpkins, spinach, papayas and aubergines on the roofs of their homes. Fruit and vegetables are generally grown in pots. This keeps the temperature inside the shacks down, and the families also have lots of delicious things to eat – harvested straight from the roof.



Some families harvest so much fruit and veg that they share their produce with others in the neighbourhood or sell it. Everyone wins!

To learn more about **BARCIK**, visit [www.kinderfastenaktion.de](http://www.kinderfastenaktion.de)

You can help families like Nasima's by putting a donation in the Lenten collection box or by supporting a Lenten campaign activity. **See p. 17 for more.**



People who live in the city also feel the full force of climate change. It gets very hot in the narrow streets and in the little shacks that many people call home. One good way for the

# Athena's Song

The mysterious song that was mentioned in Baggy Wanderlust's story really does exist! It's about a girl called Athena. She lives in Davao, a big city in the Philippines. When she was small, there were plans to cut down trees in her city. When she heard about the plans, she painted a picture of herself hugging a tree and sent it to the mayor. She wanted to show the mayor just how important plants and trees are to people's well-being. And that's what the song is about. Her older sister wrote it for her. Athena is now nine years of age and is still working to save the trees in her city.

*This is my world too.  
Leave some for me please ...*



## Athena's Song in Filipino

At kung sakaling dumating  
Ang oras na ang puno mo'y pabagsakin.

Pag-asang wag isama sa libing.  
May bagong binhi tayong itatanim.

*Bata, bata. Pakikinggan kita. Yayakapin ko  
ang puno, Tatawagin ko sila*

*Bata, bata. Di mo na kailangang higitan.  
Pagkat kami'y naririto lang, Ikaw ay  
sasamahan ...*

## Athena's Song in English

Should the time come for your tree to fall

Don't let your hopes die

We will plant new seedlings together.

*Little one, little one,  
I will hear your cry.  
I will embrace your tree.  
I will call my friends.*

*Little one, little one,  
You will not need to hug your tree as tight,  
For we are near, right here with you.*

The full lyrics of the song as well as a video are available at [www.kinderfastenaktion.de/song](http://www.kinderfastenaktion.de/song)



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