

## AsharAlo – Ray of Hope

The picture shows Prithy in her winter dress in the Mati Office. A couple of days ago Prithy started attending the second class of Sankipara Primary School. Additionally she attends a daily tuition ring in her neighbourhood, which has been set up by Mati free of charge for children from poor families, whose parents cannot afford to pay for tuition. But without help, the children are unlikely to pass the end-of- year -exams. Prithy says she enjoys going to school. Her favourite subject is Bangla and she is a good reader. That's why she is looking forward every week to go to the street library which Mati started in the area, so that poor children can have access to books and spend their freetime together. Volunteers sit down and read with the children. Prithy's parents have no money to buy books.

Her parents are happy that their daughter receives a school stipend. With shoemaking and repairing, her Dad earns only 60Taka (0,60 €) per day at the moment, as winter time is a low-season. The income is just about enough to buy their daily food. They have 2 meals a day, which consist of rice, dal (lentils) and some vegetables. If there are leftovers from dinner, it means they can have a breakfast in the morning. The family comes to the Mati Soup Kitchen once a week.

Prithy's Mom has started attending a sewing training which the community has set up as a self-help initiative. Thus she hopes to be able to contribute to the family's income in the future.

Prithy's Mom tells us that her daughter would like to have some pencils and a schoolbag, but she cannot afford it. She says it is a hard thing for a mother if you always have to explain to your child that there is never enough money. So Prithy is even more eager to attend the weekly drawing classes which the tuition ring offers.

Mati and Prithy's family would be happy if they were also supported in 2010 with 80 € per year. (Account details below)



(Report by Andrea Rahaman, January 2010)

Prithy and her family have been supported with a stipend since 2008, Prithy is in class 6 today.

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