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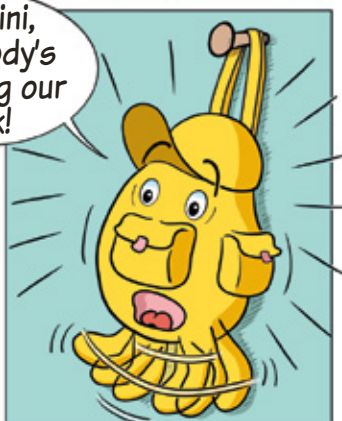
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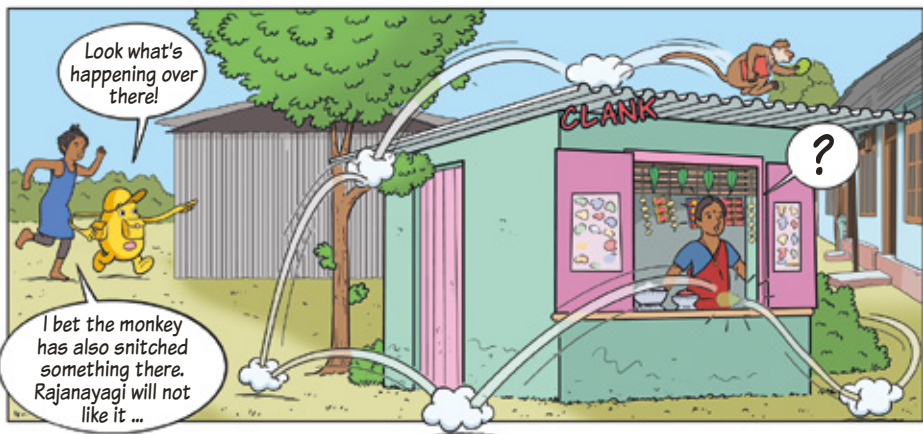
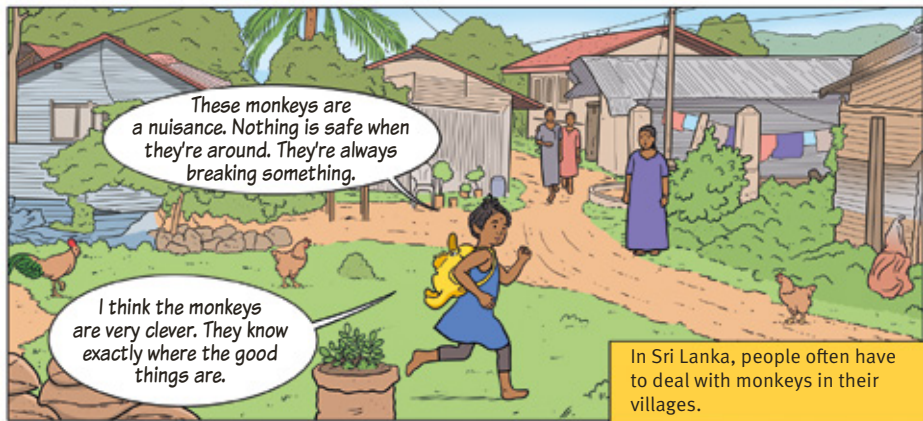
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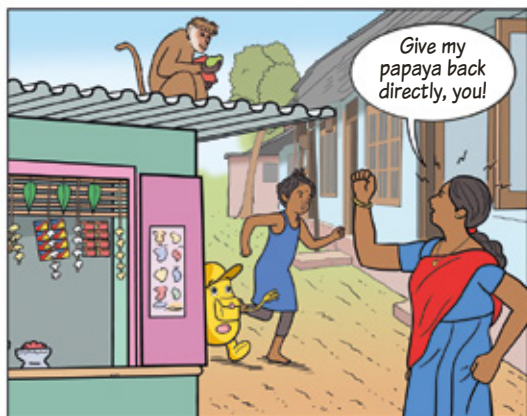


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Monkey Alert!



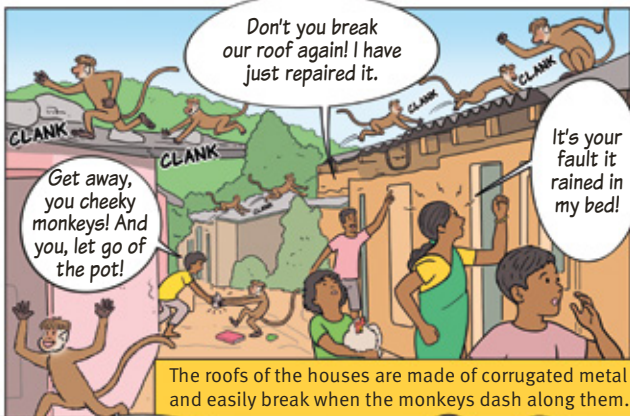




On they go through the village ...



Don't you break our roof again! I have just repaired it.



Get away, you cheeky monkeys! And you, let go of the pot!

It's your fault it rained in my bed!

The roofs of the houses are made of corrugated metal and easily break when the monkeys dash along them.



CLANK CLANK CLANK
Look, the monkey over there has a book!



CLANK CLANK
I must get the book back, it's from the library.

We've been chasing the monkey. But it keeps slipping away.



CLANK
We'll help you.

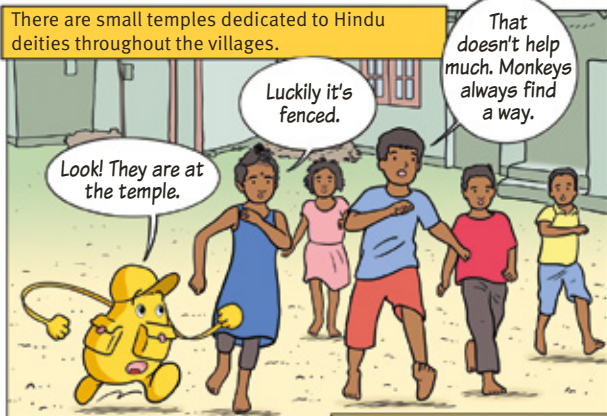
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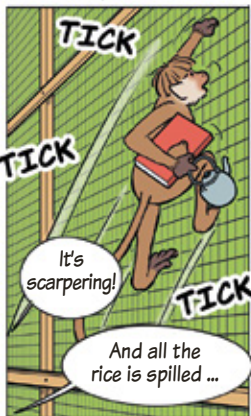
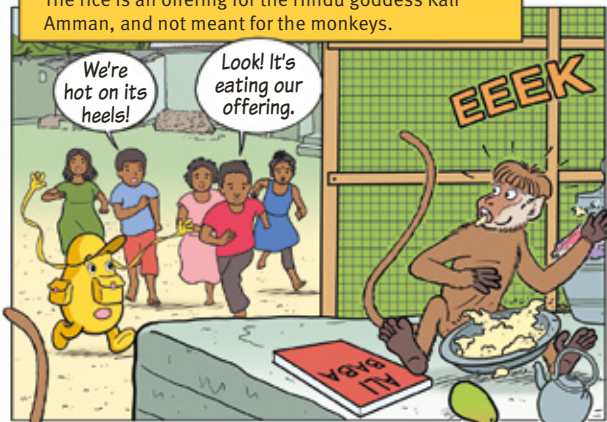
Cheeky gang of monkeys!

Get away!
Get off my roof!

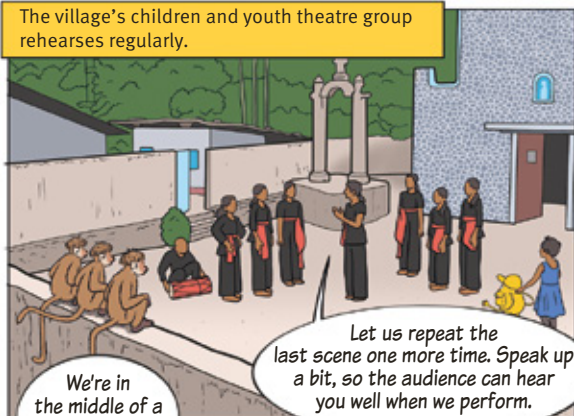
There are small temples dedicated to Hindu deities throughout the villages.



The rice is an offering for the Hindu goddess Kali Amman, and not meant for the monkeys.



The village's children and youth theatre group rehearses regularly.



We're in the middle of a rehearsal for our play ...

Let us repeat the last scene one more time. Speak up a bit, so the audience can hear you well when we perform.



Hi guys! We need your help.



Sorry to disturb you! But we need your help.

Quickly, Vishalini explains the situation.

... and if we don't act quick, it will slip away.

Let's move! Bring Vishalini's book back.



The village community established a children's library where the children can lend books free of charge. This is where Vishalini got her "Ali Baba" from.

It went this way!

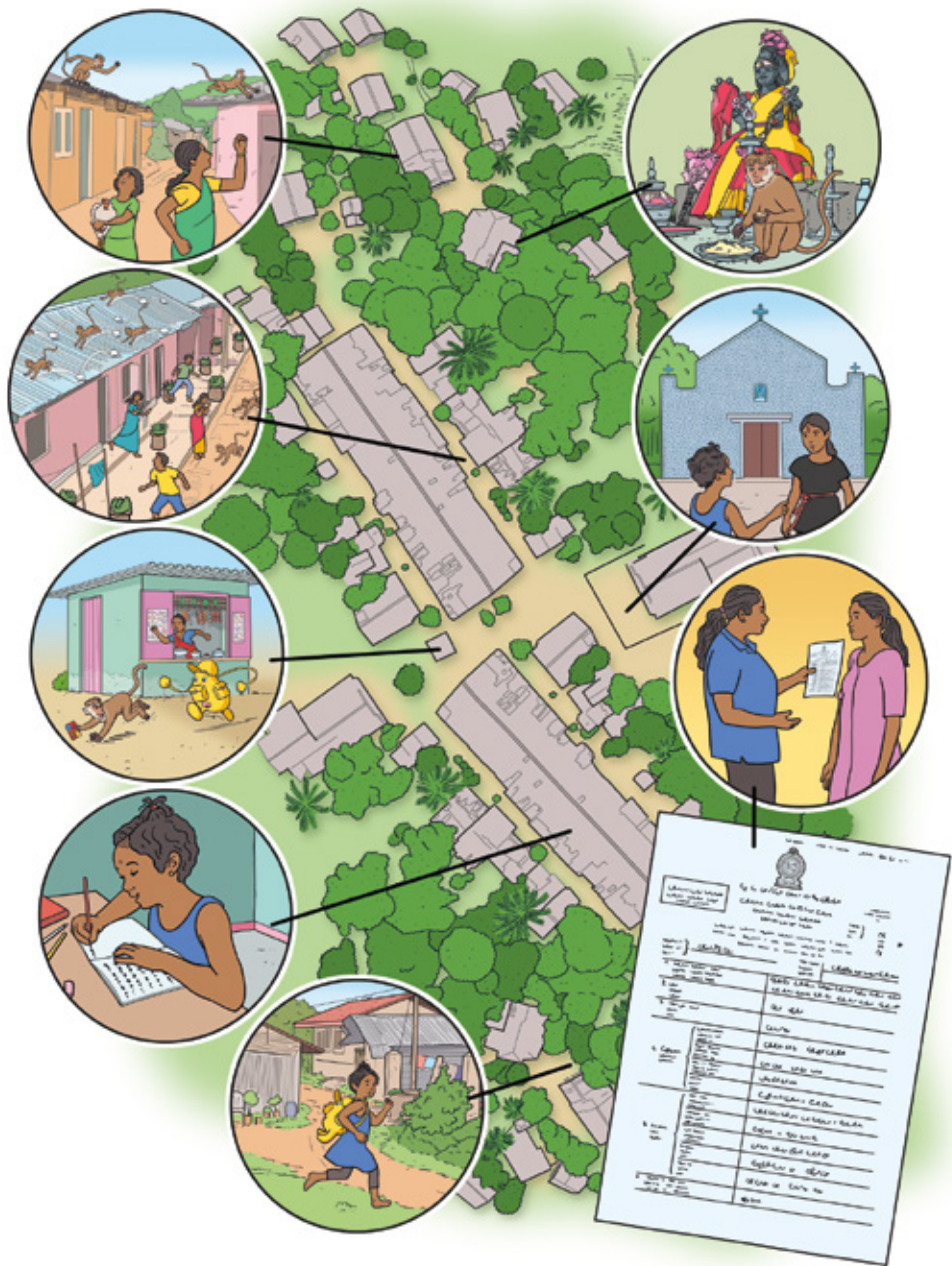
Hello Vishalini. Are you bringing back the book you lent?

Ehhh ... that's not possible right now. A monkey stole it.

But we'll get it back.



And we will all help.









Luckily our pot was not damaged.

And my book!

We did it! Let's get back to rehearsal.



The theatre rehearsal continues shortly after.



THE END.

Vishalini lives in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is an **island** shaped like a drop of water. The country is situated in Asia, right before the **coast of India**. When you walk the streets of the towns and cities you can smell a lot of different spices, such as cinnamon, curry and nutmeg. The main languages spoken by Sri Lankans are **Sinhala** and **Tamil**; but many people also speak **English**.

Most people are Buddhists, but there are also many Hindus, Muslims and Christians. The **diversity of religions** can be seen from the many temples, monasteries, mosques and churches all over the country.

Sri Lanka is renowned for **cultivating tea**. The tea shrubs predominantly grow in the country's central mountains. Tea plantations stretch over the hillsides as far as the eye can reach. This is where the world-famous **Ceylon tea** is cultivated, which a lot of adults like to drink. In the past, the country was not called Sri Lanka but Ceylon – and this is where the tea got its name from.

Several hundred years back, Britons ruled Sri Lanka and established the tea plantations. They brought people from India to Sri Lanka to work on the plantations in poor conditions. The descendants of these people still live on the plantations today; like Vishalini and her family.



A Hindu temple in the Sri Lankan town of Wattan.



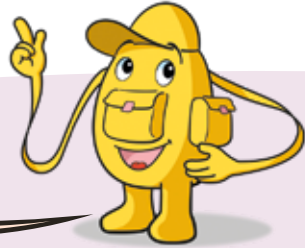
Tea pickers at work.

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Dignity – what does that mean?

The life of the people on the tea plantations is not easy. They live in small, cramped houses, often without running water or toilets. In addition, opportunities for other work than that on the tea plantations are scarce. The available work is often hard and poorly paid.

I find it unfair that the people have to live like this. Because each person has dignity. But what does "DIGNITY" mean? Dignity means that each person is valuable and cannot lose this value. Every child and every adult deserves to be treated kindly and respectfully. It doesn't matter what a person looks like, how they speak or behave or where they come from.



Respect

Treat others the same way you would like to be treated yourself.

Equality

Understand and demonstrate that every person is worth the same.

Kindness

Be sensitive and never hurt or laugh at somebody on purpose.

Rights

Take it seriously that every person has rights – for example the right to be treated fairly and respectfully.

Self-esteem

Have faith in yourself and be kind to yourself.



What does dignity mean to you?

Vishalini and her family have to endure that their dignity is violated. Every person should have the opportunity to find a good job and earn money, so that they can eat healthy food and fulfil their dreams and wishes.

There is an organisation in Sri Lanka that supports people like Vishalini and her family so that they can lead a life that is as good as that of other people in Sri Lanka. This organisation is called **Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC**, but we will only call it **SEDEC**. **SEDEC** is a Misereor partner organisation and receives money from donations from Germany. On the next page you will learn what exactly **SEDEC** does for the people in Sri Lanka.

In the comic, Baggy and Vishalini saw many things.

Do you recognise them?

The story behind the comic:



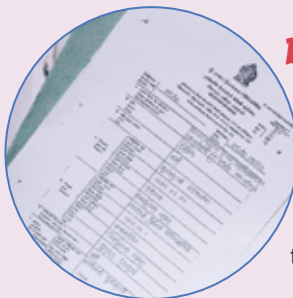
Devi, staff member of SEDEC

Almost every day, staff members of SEDEC visit the people on the tea plantations and discuss with them what rights they have and what they can change in their lives. For example, many people do not know that they have the right to have a passport, to go to school or to vote.



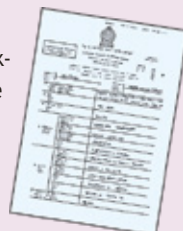
Community meeting

SEDEC encourages the people to work together. For when many people call for change together, they often have more power than a single person on their own. Besides, it's a good feeling that they are not alone with their problems, that the others listen to them and that they can share experiences and ideas. The people are feeling better and have more courage and energy to work towards a better life.



Birth certificate

A birth certificate is needed for many things; for example when you want to open a shop, to produce or sell your own goods or to open a bank account. However, many people in Vishalini's village have never received a birth certificate. SEDEC helps them to get it now.





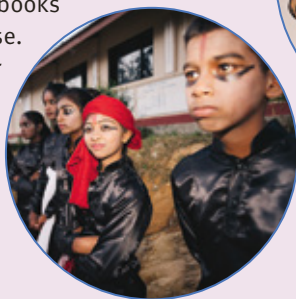
Rajanayagi's shop



SEDEC's staff members offer workshops where participants can acquire skills and discover their talents. Some start to weave carpets or to sew and to sell clothes. Some open small shops where they sell food, shampoo and many other things. Others grow vegetables or keep chickens, so they have enough to eat. They must always look out for the monkeys that like to steal food. In the workshops, the people also learn how they can protect their products from the monkeys.

Theatre

There are theatre and dance groups as well as dancing and drawing competitions for children and youths. Here, they can share their creativity with each other. In addition, a small library has been established where they can lend books which they could not afford otherwise. Because reading makes them clever and happy. And every child deserves to be a happy child!



Learn more about SEDEC's work at www.kinderfastenaktion.de.

You can support families like the one of Vishalini with a donation in your Lenten collection box or with an event. On the **next page** you will find suggestions for this.

Now it's **your** turn!

Discover Baggy's puzzle fun ...

Can you find all 10 words?

O	U	D	B	O	I	W	B	N	T	J
V	C	U	R	R	Y	I	Z	I	O	N
B	A	G	G	Y	K	U	R	N	G	B
S	M	O	N	K	E	Y	E	Q	W	R
T	U	C	S	P	F	U	S	R	T	A
H	F	W	B	O	O	K	P	D	H	V
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Word search game:

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- b _____
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- t _____
- b _____
- c _____

... and collect donations ...



Your donation is worth a lot!

For **100 euro** an empty little free library can be filled with exciting stories. Even with just a few euro you can contribute and "add" a book.

Find the 10 errors



Misereor supports projects all over the world with your donations. This way, you ensure a happy future for children like Vishalini. Thank you!

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On our website you can find a film, an online memory game, a picture gallery, suggestions for games and handicrafts and much more!

... in your **Lenten collection box**.

You can hand in your Lenten collection box in your local church at the service on “Misereor Sunday” (5TH/6TH April) or your parents can transfer the money. The bank account details are on the back cover of this booklet.

... through a **fundraising event**.

For example organised by your school class or holy communion group. Get involved and organise a jumble sale or a handicrafts donations event.

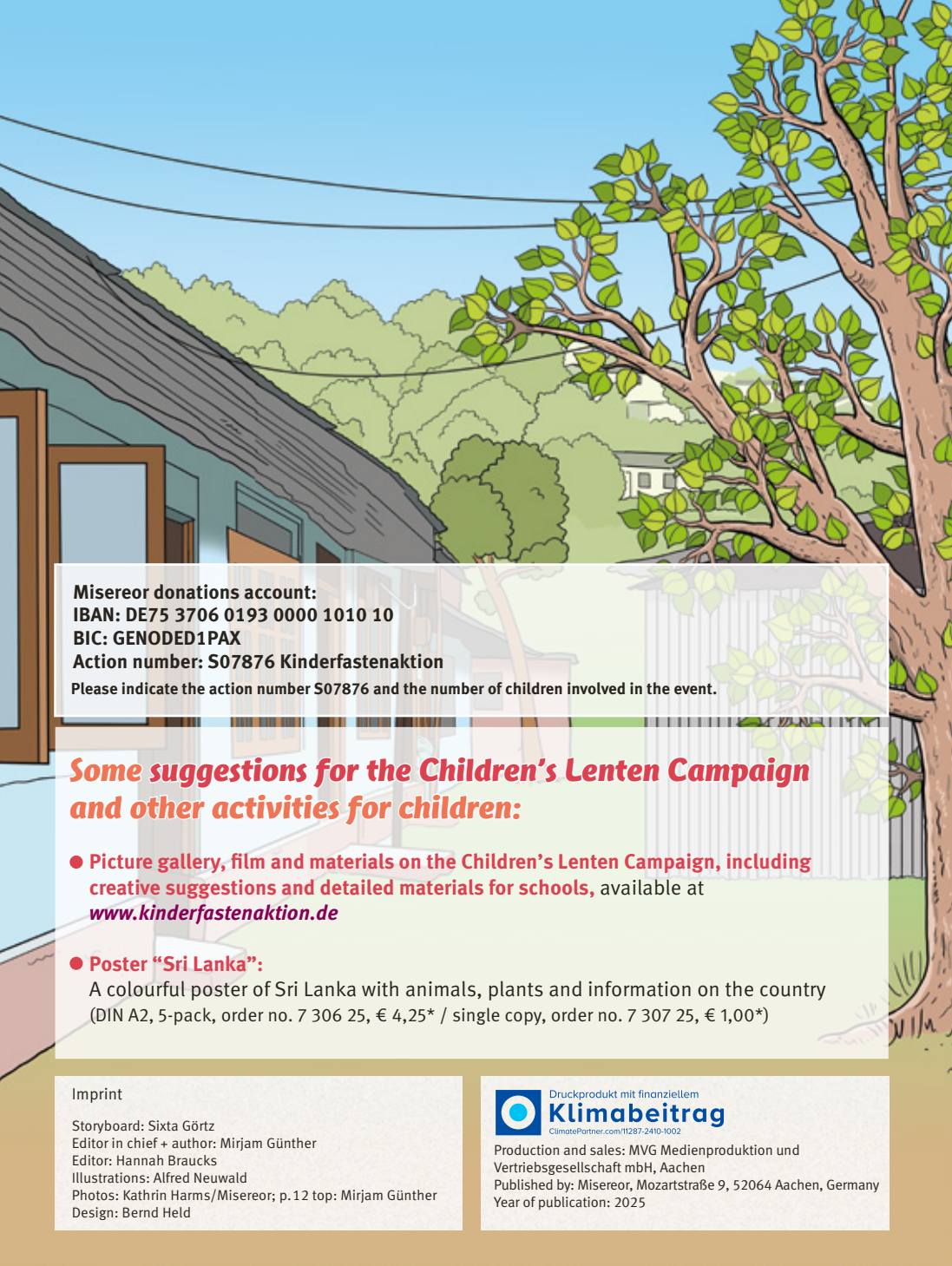
You can find tips and instructions at

www.kinderfastenaktion.de/spendenaktion.

Do you have questions? Have you had a fantastic fundraising idea? We'd love to hear from you! Send an email to

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