



Commune of Onanì

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It was the 18th of November 2013 and, as you know very well, the village of Onanì was struck by the terrible cyclone Cleopatra, that in a few hours, brought destruction and death throughout Sardinia.

Fortunately, our common did not suffer serious damage to buildings and people; Onanì was saved, but everything around us was destroyed, creating serious damages to most of the roads connecting the primary and rural.

The country, that is based primarily on an agro-pastoral economy, has remained isolated for days and still finds itself in a state of semi-isolation with temporary bridges built in emergency, provincial roads to rebuild, collapsed and damages bridges, the water pipe restored with a temporary connection and the purifier of the three countries Onanì, Bitti and Lula still not working; it looks like a scene from the Middle Ages, on the other hand is real and however we are confident that we will return to Modernity in a timely.

The abandonment of institutions of early, the slowness of higher authority in disbursement of funds, with the consequent depletion of communal funds to cope with the emergence, leaves us disappointed, saddened and disheartened; all that even seasoned by a Bureaucracy that makes more and more difficult even the things very easy.

However, your endless solidarity was for us a light in the dark.

It gave us strength and obstinacy for coping with the events, it made us feel important and particularly it didn't make feel us lonely.

Throughout this tragedy without price, especially in terms of human lives, there's a positive note: the lean and real machine of solidarity, in Sardinia, in Italy and all over the World.

All the people, Italian citizen, Associations and Communes knew and sympathized with us; you did get to Sardinia to our beloved Land and even to our little village an important contribution.

That immense contribution (meaning immensity not only in economic termes but even like Human Value) explains that even a single euro given with the heart takes in certain circumstances an inestimable value.

This letter is meant to express our thanks to you who have helped us pick ourselves up, and, at the same time, we want to explain how they will be used your money.

The Municipality of Onanì received, so far, as a result of the donations the sum of 140.000,00 €; a little part of this sum, as requested by you, will be used to purchase materials and equipments for the

Ludothèque, the Kindergarten and the Bibliothèque; the remaining part will be used for an intervention in the village to restoring the street named “Funtana Manna” (The Big Fountain”). That street ends in the square of the old communal wash-house, and when work will completed, it will take the name of “Solidarity Street.”

This is not just a simple reconstruction, but is also an important prevention, because the November 18, the Route of Funtana Manna became a flooding torrent and caused landslides and structural subsidence’s, putting in serious danger the structure of the Kindergarten’s building and all the lower village’s area; so, we decide to put in security all the high risk area, as we are noticed in our Communal Plain of Civil Protection.

Exactly the surgery involves reconstruction of the water collection system necessary because the present one appears underpowered and was also heavily damaged during the heavy meteorological event.

Our money looks at the future and will take part usefully in making a politics of Prevention, so we hope that it will be exercised everywhere, because prevention means save, but above all because it means saving Human lives.

We must thank you, the Amministration and me and all the community of Onanì, a dutiful thank also to all those who helped us in full emergency with great generosity and supported us morally and materially.

THE MAYOR

Mrs. Clara Michelangeli

*“...este Onanie una idda vamosa
pro sas usanzas de s’antichitate
ospitale distinta in s’onestate
lu pote narrer viera e orgogliosa
ca bi regnat sa pache graziosa
in allegria e chin felicitate
su bonu coro de s’umanitate
de cussa zente es prodigiosa...”
Zizi. P.*

*“ Is Onanì a famous village
For its customs of antiquity,
It’s hospitable and honest
It can tell it proud and proud
Because there’s in it the lovely peace
In Gayety and Happiness
The good Heart of the Humanity
Of his people is wonderful”
P. Zizi*

(Translation by Lidia Contu , Common of Onanì , May 2014)