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BREATH UNDERWATER



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Ruma is crossing the flooded backyard of her lost house with her son Ankit. Ruma was just 11 years old when she was abducted by a neighbor, and then trafficked for 3 years. When rescued she was 9 months pregnant and a month later, her newborn died in her arms, at just 13 years of age. In May 2020, the catastrophic tropical cyclone that hit the Sunderban delta destroyed her house, which is now still, to this day, under water.

Born and raised in a little village in the Italian Alps, now based in Barcelona, Mauro already felt from young age the desire to tell. He discovered that the camera was the right tool for him, the eye through which he could speak to the world. An instrument that began to walk by his side towards a long journey of discovery.

“Although it is difficult to express, I think that the photograph represents my way of speaking and what I try to do through my language is to capture the sense of what I breathe and touch with my hands”.