

# Cinnamon Girls' Sumatra Adventure

**Rozita Rahman** was one of eleven architectural assistants who travelled to Indonesia to work with TYIN and the Indonesian community on their recent Cassia Training Centre. It was challenging, and exhilarating, as Rozita recalls here, telling her story of the experience

Captions right and below



“Whenever it feels tough, think about all we had to go through in Sumatra just to be able to create a small piece of simple and beautiful architecture with meaning.”

*Yashar Hanstad, TYIN Tegnestue*

When I was first introduced to the Cassia Co-op project in Sumatra, it was in the confines of a studio in the midst of a dark Norwegian winter, where TYIN Tegnestue Architects were asked by Patrick Berthelemy to create preliminary design ideas for a cinnamon factory. Patrick was the founder of Cassia Co-op, a company that bridges farmers and end users to produce premium cassia products. The project initially entailed a design that accommodated to the different