

# The Millet Sisters - How Dalit women are changing the discourse on agriculture in India



## The Swallows: Background to Our work

- From Volunteers to locally owned initiatives and global solidarity through Emmaus
- Started long-term partnerships with local organisations: currently five partners in India, and two in Bangladesh
- The Millet Sisters are one of the programmes we support
- Our Vision:

*“a just world, free from poverty, where people have power to influence their own lives live in solidarity with each other and in a long-term sustainable relationship with nature”*

Three pillars: Environment and Climate, Food Sovereignty, Womens and Minorities Rights



Overview of context: Farming in India



Side Note: Millets



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# Meet: Chandramma



Meet: Sarawati





## To Conclude:

- Women are leading the Change in Agriculture in India
- Indigenous knowledge is important to preserve and help regenerate the soil
- Collective farming, and biodiverse farming methods give a protection against climate change.
- Collective farming is a good alternative to increase yields and ensure food sovereignty for small communities.



# QUESTIONS?

And thank you for listening 😊