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





## The Swallows: Background to Our work

- From Volonteers 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 suppoert
- Our Vision:

"a just world, free from poverty, where people have power to in fluence 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





The Millet Sisters

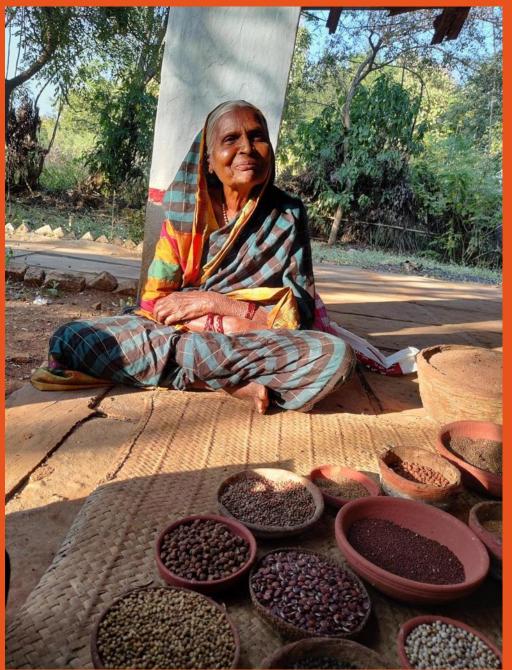




The Millet Sisters



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 soverignty for small communities.





## QUESTIONS?

And thank you for listening ©

