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***Caring Through Sharing's* (CTS) partner, Shirpur Vishwa Mandal Sevashram (SVMS) under the Bombay Jesuits, recently organized an organic farming workshop for farmers in collaboration with the government agriculture department. Approximately 56 farmers participated in this workshop and gained valuable farming inputs to enhance their farming practices.**

The workshop covered a range of topics, including soil health, composting, and pest management. These sessions were designed to equip farmers with practical knowledge and techniques they can implement in their daily agricultural activities.

This initiative highlights the commitment of *Caring Through Sharing's* partner, Shirpur Vishwa Mandal Sevashram's, to uplifting and empowering local farmers. By providing access to essential information and resources, SVMS is fostering a healthier and more sustainable future for the community. The workshop not only enhanced the skills of the farmers but also instilled a renewed sense of hope and possibility.

To learn more about SVMS's initiatives and how you can support their mission, continue following our website at www.jrds.org.in

Baseline Survey and Needs Assessment Workshop



A three-day workshop on baseline and needs assessment was successfully conducted at Manresa House, Ranchi, from October 24 to 26, 2024, by JRDS and the PDOs of Central Zones. The workshop aimed to equip 49 participants from various congregations with foundational knowledge and practical skills in baseline studies and needs assessment, essential for impactful project planning.

The workshop began with a prayer led by Sr. Ranjita Kindo, followed by a welcome address from Fr. Paul Fernandes SJ, who highlighted the importance of baseline assessments in project planning. Fr. Alex Toppo SJ provided a historical overview of Manresa House, and Fr. George Kerketta SJ shared his experiences in project proposal writing, emphasizing the significance of baseline assessment techniques.

Our trainers, Ms. Jennifer Selvaraj, National Consultant for MHM at UNICEF India, and Mr. Charles Dinakaran, Manager at JRDS, facilitated the workshops, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to the participants. The interactive sessions, combined with practical exercises, provided a hands-on learning experience that fostered skill development and confidence.

Key topics covered included the fundamentals of Corporate Social Responsibility and its role in community welfare, along with baseline surveys, sampling and data collection, data management, analysis, interpretation, and reporting. Participants also engaged in concept note development through group work sessions.

The workshop received high praise from attendees, who appreciated the depth and practicality of the training. By investing in the capacity of our partners, JRDS is empowering them to make a lasting difference in their communities. JRDS remains committed to providing ongoing support and capacity-building opportunities for its partners, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence.

If you would like to conduct similar workshops for your organization, contact us at director@jicido.org.

Empowering Nagubai: From Mud Hut to New Beginnings



In Karnataka, India, life hasn't been easy for communities and people like Nagubai. For 30 years, Nagubai has lived in a small shelter in her village. She and her husband both worked as day labourers to provide day to day essentials for their family of six until an injury forced Nagubai out of work. Their home – a badly damaged mud hut – became unlivable when they could no longer afford the constant repairs it required.

With support from the Karnataka Jesuit Province, 'The Sustainable Development of Indigenous Tribal Populations Program' empowers Indigenous people like Nagubai, through livelihood training, education on land rights and access to housing. Thanks to your support, Nagubai now has the opportunity to build a safe home and take control of her future.

You can help families like Nagubai's by donating to **Caring Through Sharing (CTS)**. Your support can provide them with safe housing, healthcare, and education. Let's work together to build a brighter and safer future for these communities. www.jrds.org.in

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