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WHAT DO WE DO?

- Observing, measuring and understanding inequalities to contribute to the theoretical renewal of the concepts of: agriculture and ecology; labour and knowledge; money, debt and finance.
- Analysing how structural changes in India are reshaping the organisation of work, migration, social hierarchies and household livelihoods.

DATA COLLECTION

- **NEEMSIS quantitative panel data**
Follow the same households and individuals over time to understand the transformation of labour, finance, social networks, skills, and migration. Results are restituted to the population.
- **Financial diaries**
Tracing all the financial flows of families, men and women, for 9 months to understand the complexity of financial portfolios.
- **Qualitative survey**
Long-term ethnography, participant observation and focus groups to grasp subjectivities and power relationships.



HOW DO WE DO?

- Multidisciplinary approach to collect longitudinal data in rural and peri-urban South India by following strict ethical rules.
- Sharing quantitative and qualitative data, and survey tools.
- Feeding academic debates and policy making through publications.
- Training of social sciences students in research, through research.



AUDIOVISUAL PROJECTS

- **Documentary series: "One Side of the Road"**
Chronicles of lives and hardships across two extraordinary years of the COVID-19 pandemic in a Tamil village.



ACTION RESEARCH

- **The COVINDIA project**
Supporting and understanding village solidarity practices following the COVID-19 crisis through the provision of humanitarian assistance to vulnerable population.

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