

# HISTORY

The team consisting Fr.Jebamalai Raja SJ, Fr.Eugine SJ, Fr.Sebastian Crossian SJ and Dr.Bernard D'Sami came together to explore the possibilities of working for migrant workers. Because of the research and analysis done on migrant workers by the team, they found that there are two types of migrant workers in Tamil Nadu: 1. Migrant workers within India (inter-state migrants) 2. Migrant workers across India (Overseas migrants). Fr. Eugene was the first founding director of Jesuit Migrants Ministry External (JMMEEx).

Having explored and analyzed the challenges of migrant workers in foreign countries, the team felt the need to explore more by being in the rural villages, from where the migrant workers move to foreign countries. One of the main reasons for basing JMMEEx in Thiruvannamalai district was that according to the Tamil Nadu Migration Survey of 2015 (TMS) the district of Thiruvannamalai has the highest number of undocumented migrant workers. Later on the fieldworks done in the villages of Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore & Viluppuram districts brought in various needs of migrant workers. One of the main needs of migrant workers is to empower them with entrepreneurial skills. Fr. Eugene SJ as Director and Fr.Prabu SJ as Assistant director along with the staff led JMMEEx from 2017-19. The identified migrant workers were gathered in villages for motivating them to be entrepreneurs.

The maiden Self-Help Group of migrant workers was started on 05 February 2019 with 15 members with a view to instill the habit of saving and guiding them to be entrepreneurs eventually. Later in 2019 Fr. Prabu SJ took over as the Director of JMMEEx and Fr. Velankanni SJ joined him in mission. After analyzing the needs and requirements of migrant workers, the office for JMMEEx was placed and developed in Kasthambadi. From 2021 Fr. Velankanni SJ as Director of JMMEEx and Fr. Prabu SJ as Co-director with the efficient staff serve the migrant workers in various ways. JMMEEx caters services to more than 350 families of migrant workers, spread out in 225 villages of the districts of Thiruvannamalai, Kallakurichi, Cuddalore and Viluppuram. A big thanks to all our staff and benefactors for their selfless services and commitment towards migrant workers.

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# Jesuit Migrants Ministry External

Kasthambadi



## VISION

To accompany and empower migrant workers ensuring safety and dignity

## MISSION

To ensure safety and dignity of overseas migrant workers in work places and to organize and empower them to be entrepreneurs through trainings



## TARGET GROUP

Rural and poor migrant workers and their family members from the villages of Thiruvannamalai, Viluppuram, Kallakurichi, Cuddalore and Vellore districts.

## ACTIVITIES



Empowering to be Entrepreneurs



Accompaniment through Migrants' Self-Help Groups



Pre-departure Awareness Campaigns



Rescue & Death Interventions from Abroad



Career Guidance & Educational Support to Migrants' Children

Medical & Livelihood Assistance



## ACCOMPANYING & EMPOWERING



## BENEFICIARIES

### Thiruvannamalai

186 families  
39 villages

### Viluppuram

309 families  
54 villages

### Kallakurichi

97 families  
38 villages

### Cuddalore

280 families  
94 villages