Farming is one of the main source of livelihood in rural areas. But nowadays, the available cultivable land is keeping on diminishing in Kerala. Collective Farming Groups are Kudumbashree Mission’s efforts to spread farming to more areas and help the Kudumbashree women groups earn a livelihood.

Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) are Kudumbashree’s women farming groups which consists of four to ten members each. Majority of the members would be landless and they do farming by taking land on lease. This livelihood programme that was launched a few years back, has been making greater achievements during the last three years.
As of now, there are 65,031 Joint Liability Groups in Kerala, which has 3,34,910 women as its members. The JLGs are cultivating vegetables, plantain, paddy, tuber crops etc. During 2017-18, Kudumbashree Joint Liability Groups did farming and made income from around 52,000 hectres of land.

The JLGs undertake cultivation especially in fallow farm lands, which itself could be considered as the greatest service extended by our women groups to the agricultural sector. Only our Joint Liability Groups hold the credit of doing cultivation in 6938 acres of newly identified fallow lands during 2017-18 and 5324 acres of newly identified fallow lands during 2018-19.

Presently, more than, 20,000 people had given their land on lease for Kudumbashree JLGs. The lands are taken on lease as per the contract between Kudumbashree Joint Liability Groups, Kudumbashree CDS and the land owners. If you have any fallow land of your own and is willing to give it on lease , Kudumbashree Joint Liability Groups are ready to take it up to do collective farming. Through this, you may also become part of our effort to retrieve the farming culture of Kerala and help these groups of women find a source of livelihood of their own.