



Work 4 Progress annual workshop in Spain

Kanika Verma (Lead, Work 4 Progress India, Development Alternatives) participated at the “la Caixa” Banking Foundation annual workshop in Barcelona, Spain. Every year the workshop is organised for partners from all country programs to connect with each other and external experts. This year the workshop saw participation from DA (W4P India partner), Action Aid (W4P Peru partner), Entreculturas (W4P Mozambique partner), Columbia University, DesignX MIT, Institute from Social Innovation and UNDP Accelerator Labs.

Insights from the workshop

The focus of the workshop was on improving existing tools for understanding perspectives from diverse stakeholders, understanding a cross-country framework for evaluating the program prototypes and processes and exploring partnerships with for replicating and testing prototypes.

The workshop opened with a public event which saw an open and constructive discussion around concepts of “Mirada” (observe), “Escucha” (listen), innovation and sustainable development. Kanika Verma shared evidence on the role of social innovation in transforming social realities and contributing to sustainable livelihoods.

About Work 4 Progress

The Work 4 Progress (W4P) program of “la Caixa” Banking Foundation accelerates the creation of meaningful and dignified employment in three developing countries (Latin America, Peru, India) through platforms for innovation, action and continuous learning.

W4P is based on a social innovation methodology in which it listens to the community through dialogue, finds answers through co-creation, prototypes solutions and shares learnings to create impact at scale.

W4P India is working on integrating aspects such as ‘ethnographic sensibility’ as part of exiting dialogue tools for gaining a deeper understanding of the entrepreneur and the community. The program is also working on adopting evaluation tools to include feedback from the community and making it an interactive and continuous process.