

THAILAND

ARTISAN STORY



This talented artisan group, located in northwestern Thailand utilizes traditional scarf making techniques. The scarves are intricately woven by Karen tribe (long-neck women) artisans in the local rural community.

Often they cannot rely upon two seasons of crops since they have been forced to live on poor producing land. Creating scarves gives gives them a means to have sustainable income throughout the year and continue to work in their village.

IMPACT



SUSTAINABLE JOBS

This artisan group is paid Fair Trade wages to help them work out of poverty. Their sustainable income goes toward medical expenses, food, repairing their homes, and an education for the children.



NO CHILD LABOR

Thailand's sex trade has left women and children vulnerable to exploitation, prostitution etc. Fair Trade ensures that artisan families do not have to resort to such extremes.



EMPOWERMENT

Fair Trade production and sale of handicrafts has become a very important answer to their survival and one that restores and revives their traditions of tribal community life.

