CAMBODIA HIGH VALUE SILK

HIGH VALUE SILK PROJECT
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Cambodia is known as the “country of smiles”. Within its peaceful countryside, silk weaving carries expression of deeply-rooted cultural and social traditions. Today, the number of weavers is estimated to be between 18,000 and 20,000, most of whom are concentrated in five areas: Takeo, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng and the Northwest part of the country. In these regions, weaving silk is often a parallel activity to farming that allows women generating additional income.

Cambodian silk has increased its good reputation into the world arena for its various hand weaving techniques and quality, for its unique and beautiful yellow silk yarn and for its concentration of fair and ethical businesses dealing with rural producers or marginalized women.

The Cambodian craft producers participating in the High Value Silk Project benefit from individual coaching, advisory support and training to develop their products and markets. They look for direct business contacts with importers worldwide, offering them new sourcing opportunities and long-term partnership possibilities.

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Enlightening Women’s Future

CHHNNAI is a fair trade social enterprise established in 2003 to give work and hope to women rescued from trafficking.

CHHNNAI collection talks about innocence, simplicity and hope. It is designed to enlighten workers’ daily life and bring them joy while creating products.

We are offering a beautiful line of silk apparel, assorted with fashion accessories and jewelleries. We supply established fair trade brands in Spain, America, as well as high-end boutiques in Cambodia and France.

We provide women workers with vocational training in sewing to help them reintegrate into the society through work and with dignity.

KEY PRODUCTS OFFERED: Jewelleries, apparel and accessories
PRODUCTION CAPACITY: Jewelleries: 1,000 units/month
                                  Apparel: 200 units/month
PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES: Tailoring and sewing, embroidery
WORKFORCE: 13 persons
EXPORT EXPERIENCE: Australia, France, Spain, USA
SOCIAL COMMITMENTS: Provide work and fair wages to marginalized women, rescued from trafficking
COLORS OF LIFE

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<th>KEY PRODUCTS OFFERED:</th>
<th>Scarves, silk accessories and ornaments</th>
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<td>PRODUCTION CAPACITY:</td>
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<td>Ornaments: 2,000 pcs/month approx.</td>
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<td>Scarves: 500 pcs/month approx.</td>
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<td>sewing – Azo free dyes</td>
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<td>WORKFORCE:</td>
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<td>home-based and disabled workers</td>
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Colors for a better Life

Colors of Life is a leading private company supplying various types of silk fabrics from different Cambodian regions.

Our collection includes hand weaving scarves, colourful silk accessories, such as bags and purses, as well as decoration goods and ornaments. It combines contemporary fashions and traditional weaving techniques.

Respect of traditions, quality and providing a safe working environment to our personnel are our priorities. We support disabled workers, encouraging their social immersion through craftsmanship.
Craft Village finds its inspiration from the beautiful and rich landscapes of Cambodia, from the reflection of sky in the Mekong river to the earthy roads and dry lands. Our motivation is to maintain weaving tradition and provide job opportunities to Cambodian workers.

Our collections provide a bit of Cambodia, through their contemporary designs and colours, combined with the highest silk quality.

We sale our products through our domestic shop in the heart of Phnom Penh, as well as in Europe and Japan.

We support the living of our artisans’ families by paying them fair prices for their intricate work, and invest in continuous training to develop their skills.
Goel Community encourages the revival of the traditional processes of producing naturally grown and dyed materials as well as woven fabrics. We are one of the few organizations dealing only with natural dyes.

Our 2014 collection offers a range of products made-up of a mix of cotton and silk. It includes scarves, bags, toys and gifts. Our products are sold in Japan, Korea and several European countries.

We are committed to provide economic opportunities for 120 weaving families in Cambodia. Since its establishment in 2006, our company has provided work to farmers in poor provincial villages in the country, helped them learn craft production and improve the livelihoods of their families.
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**Key Products Offered:**
Silk soft scarves, silk bags, clutches, wallets and jewellery

**Production Capacity:**
1,000 bags per month

**Production Techniques:**
Hand-weaving, tie dye, sewing – Azo free dyes

**Workforce:**
50 persons

**Export Experience:**
Australia, Europe, Japan, USA

**Social Commitments:**
Support landmine victims, poor people and people with disabilities

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**Buy our products to create jobs**

Kravan House means “Blossom House”, symbolizing the hope we provide to our workers and network of home-based disabled craftsmen and women.

Established in 2003, Kravan House offers a large range of colourful silk fashion accessories such as bags, clutches, wallets and silk jewellery. We supply a number of boutiques in Phnom Penh and have export experience to Australia, Europe, Japan and the United States.

We support landmine victims and disadvantaged groups to enable them generate a decent income from their handicraft production. 50% of our producers have a handicap.
Lady Penh Designs offers a wide range of high quality silk scarves, fashion accessories and home textiles.

We are renowned for our plain soft silk and organza scarves, which we can produce in any colour and AZO-free dye.

Our ambition is to help local communities revive traditional weaving techniques and to promote Cambodian high quality products. We provide job opportunities to women and have our own silk weaving and sewing workshop. We source from home-based weavers in rural villages.
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Cambodian-inspired ethical fashion

Lotus Silk is a trendy fashion brand, settled in a little boutique in the heart of Phnom Penh shopping area.

The brand was created by a young lady who dedicates her life to fashion, while giving high priority to quality and the social impact of her work.

Our main product lines consist of scarves, hair accessories and vintage clutch bags, which we export to Europe and North America.

We offer job opportunities to disadvantaged people, both women and men. We support social initiatives such as the Golden Silk Project for community development and income generation in the Kampot Province, Cambodia.

KEY PRODUCTS OFFERED: Silk accessories, bags, clutches, hair bands
PRODUCTION CAPACITY: 1,500 pcs per month
PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES: Sewing, tie and dye – Azo free dyes
WORKFORCE: 13 persons
EXPORT EXPERIENCE: Canada, Germany, USA
SOCIAL COMMITMENTS: Provide work opportunities to single fathers and mothers, and support social projects and initiatives
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MEKONG BLUE

Mekong Blue is one of the finest silk producers in Cambodia, and was awarded twice « Seal of Excellence » by UNESCO.

We offer a wide range of silk products caring our strong corporate brand identity. Our company is well-known for its scarves, designed with beautiful colour shades and intricate “Chorebab” motives.

Mekong Blue is the commercial branch of the “Stung Treng Women’s Development Centre”, which aims at breaking the cycle of poverty and improving living standards in Cambodia by offering programmes in literacy and health education, vocational training and employment.
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Phally Craft is a family owned non-profit business founded by the late Executive Director and Ramon Magsaysay Awarded, Mrs. Nuon Phally.

Phally Craft timeless silk scarves received the UNESCO-APHADA Awards “Seal of Excellence for Handicraft Products in South East Asia” for three consecutive years in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

We work to preserve ancestral and eco-friendly traditional weaving techniques while innovating with contemporary designs and colours.

We employ and provide incomes to disabled workers and the proceeds from our sales support the «Future Light Orphanage of World Mate» (FLOW).
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<td>3,000 pcs per month</td>
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<td><strong>PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES:</strong></td>
<td>Hand-weaving, ikat, hand brocade, tie and dye, sewing, embroideries</td>
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<td><strong>WORKFORCE:</strong></td>
<td>40 persons</td>
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<td><strong>EXPORT EXPERIENCE:</strong></td>
<td>Australia, Japan, USA,</td>
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<td><strong>SOCIAL COMMITMENTS:</strong></td>
<td>Provide jobs and income to women and handicapped people, sponsor local social initiatives</td>
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**Silk exquisite elegance**

Sentosa Silk is a brand that expresses Cambodian elegance and high value silk craftsmanship. Products are 100% hand-woven silk, inspired by women and designed for women.

We offer a wide range of home textiles, apparel and silk accessories with Khmer inspired patterns and techniques.

Sentosa Silk was founded in 2004 by Ms. Seng Takakneary, a dynamic and committed businesswoman, President of the Cambodian Women Entrepreneur Association (CWEA).

We provide job opportunities and training to women and disabled workers on traditional Khmer silk weaving and tailoring techniques.
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KEY PRODUCTS OFFERED: Bags, embroidery, scarves and products made of recycled materials

PRODUCTION CAPACITY: 2,000 to 3,000 pcs per month

PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES: Hand-weaving, sewing, embroidery, tie and dye

WORKFORCE: 80 persons

EXPORT EXPERIENCE: Australia, Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, UK, USA

SOCIAL COMMITMENTS: Empower women and generate fair and sustainable income, promote equal opportunities

Empowering rural home-based work to refrain rural exodus

Founded in 2001, Villageworks is a well-established company, member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO).

We are known as “Shining Eyes”, because our artisans create with passion, pride and enthusiasm. We offer a large range of quality and innovative handicraft silk products.

We provide sustainable employment and income to our artisans and women workers, creating an environment that prevents them from being the victims of trafficking and abuse.

Our company has existing long-term business relationships with volume buyers in Australia, Europe, Japan and the United States.
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Reviving traditional methods with contemporary approach

Watthan Artisans Cambodia offers beautiful lines of textile products using Cambodian traditional Ikat weaving technique, combined with a contemporary touch and feeling. Our product line includes home textile and bath products.

We have a long experience exporting to Australia, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

We are a worker-run cooperative which aims at improving the living standard of people with disabilities in Cambodia through training and employment.
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Heritage of Cambodian Women Elegance

Woman for Woman’s exclusive collection is designed, produced and distributed by Cambodian women for elegant women.

We only use the finest quality of silk, offering a large range of exquisite fashion accessories, such as clutches, purses and cosmetic bags, as well as a beautiful silk jewelries.

We export to Europe and the United States. In Cambodia, we supply high-end established brands and boutiques.

Fair trade practices are part of our company’s policy, providing fair wages and social benefits to empower women.
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ABOUT THE PROJECT
The project aims at promoting high value silk exports and increasing the competitiveness of the Cambodian silk sector to support export diversification and poverty reduction through employment creation and income growth, particularly for women.

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International Trade Centre (ITC)
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Ministry of Commerce of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC)
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