



PRINCIPLES OF FAIR TRADE

- 1 Creating opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers
- 2 Transparency and accountability
- 3 Fair trading practices
- 4 Payment of a fair price to producers that can be sustained by the market
- 5 Ensuring no child labour or forced labour
- 6 Commitment to non discrimination, gender equity and freedom of association
- 7 Ensuring good working conditions
- 8 Providing capacity building
- 9 Promoting fair trade
- 10 Respect for the environment



We would be delighted to hear from you!

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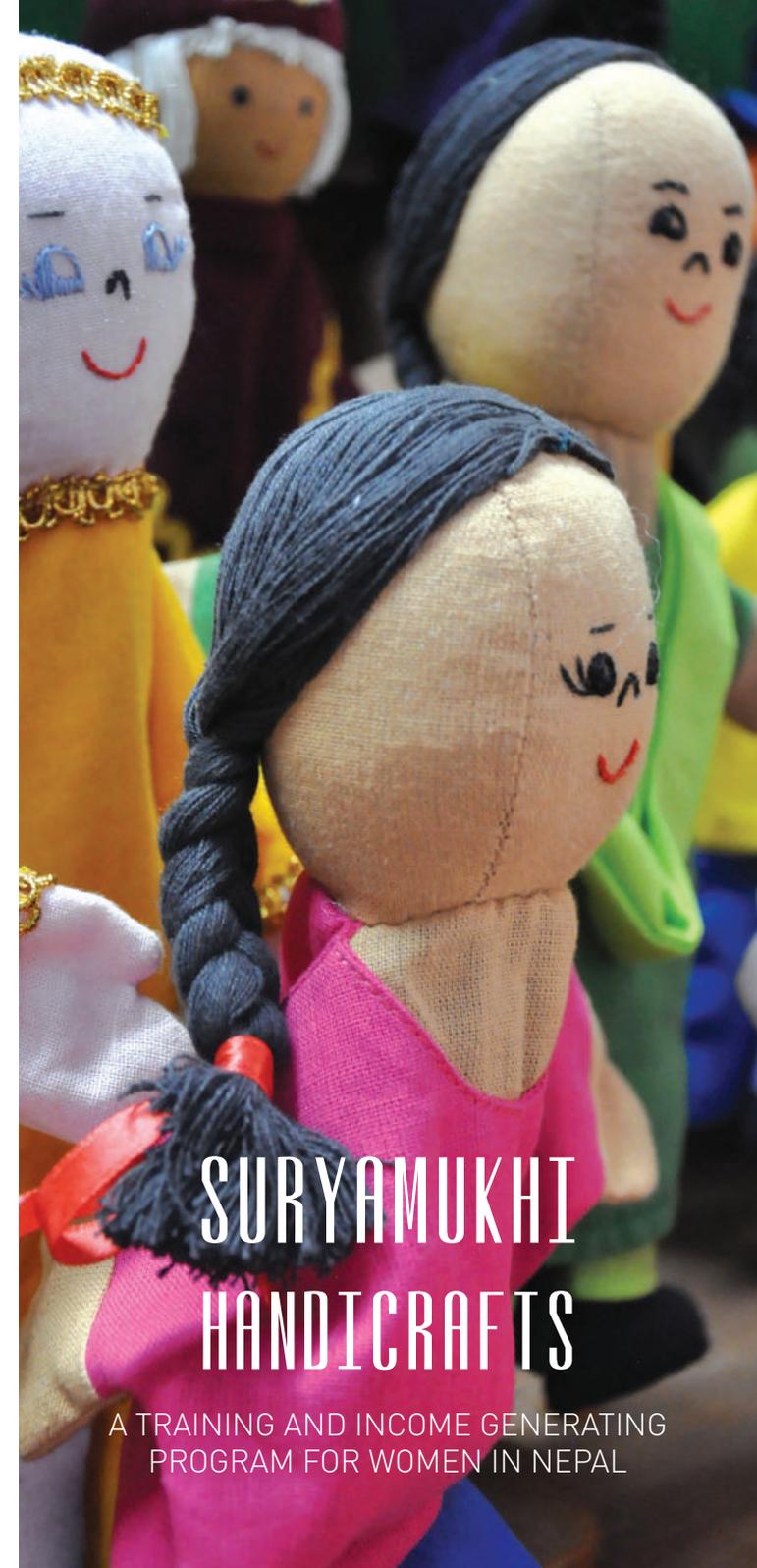
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SURYAMUKHI HANDICRAFTS

A TRAINING AND INCOME GENERATING
PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN NEPAL

OUR STORY

Suryamukhi Handicrafts is an income generating program associated with CHILDREN-Nepal, a non-profit and non-governmental organization that works to promote the rights, welfare and development of children and youth living on the margins of society.



Since 1999, Suryamukhi Handicrafts has been striving to empower disadvantaged and low-income women by way of developing their vocational skills in sewing, stitching and embroidery. The women of Suryamukhi Handicrafts have an opportunity to earn a fair wage and improve the quality of life for themselves and their families. This allows them to become socially and economically self-reliant.

OUR VALUES

Since 2003, CHILDREN-Nepal that runs Suryamukhi Handicrafts has been a registered member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) and Fair Trade Group Nepal (FTGN).

WFTO and FTGN are networks that provide Suryamukhi Handicrafts with a platform for social support and resources for producers, important trade connections all over the world and a strong voice for the move towards more sustainable patterns of production and consumption.

To help contribute to inclusive and sustainable development projects in Nepal, women at Suryamukhi Handicrafts receive free skills training at the CHILDREN-Nepal premises and may then be hired as handicraft producers. In addition to receiving fair wages and working in a safe environment, the women benefit from emotional encouragement and support from staff and co-workers, which help increase their self-confidence. The women's families are also supported through the many social programs and resources of CHILDREN-Nepal.



OUR PRODUCTS

Suryamukhi Handicrafts offers a variety of textile based handicrafts that are environmentally friendly, high quality and fairly priced, including hand puppets, stuffed toys, dolls, small bags and cases, accessories, children's costumes, decor items and more.

Today, seventy percent of our products are exported to Europe and North America.

We produce our own designs, but we also welcome inquiries on customized products and colour options. For pricing, ordering and customized requests, please contact us directly.

