

PREVENTATIVE PRODUCT

PERU

She has been abandoned, or widowed. Perhaps she has been raped or seen her sister sold. Maybe she has to feed her family and has nothing to sell but herself. These are the stories of women at risk—women who are vulnerable, desperate, and targeted by traffickers. By empowering women to make a living with dignity, WAR, Int'l's preventative programs strive to “rescue” these women and children before they ever fall prey to traffickers. Women who can provide for themselves and their families are



not lured by the money and opportunity “promised” by strangers. They are not driven to selling themselves—or a child—out of sheer desperation. These women can afford education for themselves or their children. They can forge new futures for their families, leave a legacy of safe places, and break generational cycles of poverty and exploitation. The beautiful product in your hands was crafted by one of these women, a woman protected and empowered against all odds.



STORIES OF RESCUE & EMPOWERMENT

COUNTRY: PERU • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE

Peruvian Finger Puppets

High up in the Andes Mountains, a group of Peruvian women carry on an old cultural tradition: knitting. Life is hard in their impoverished village, but creating these intricate, life-like puppets enables the women to provide for themselves and their families. Many of the artisans are single moms struggling to support their children on their own. Working from home gives them the opportunity to watch their children, keep them safe, and also tend to their animals or gardens. With your purchase, you can take a little piece of Peruvian culture home with you, and you can empower these women to protect and provide for their families. One artisan says it best: "Things are hard here. So thank you for buying puppets because it helps us to live."



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