

# PREVENTATIVE PRODUCT

## THAILAND

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: THAILAND • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE

### FROGS AND SLINGSHOTS

Nataya

She was the “minor” wife—the less important one of her husband’s many. Before polygamy was banned, Nataya’s situation was not uncommon in Thailand. But when polygamy was suddenly outlawed, minor wives often found themselves mistreated but with no legal status for themselves or their children. Nataya knew she had no chance for remarriage. She was “used goods” in the eyes of her culture. With no income, Nataya was at great risk of those who target the vulnerable in Thailand’s thriving sex industry. But Nataya bravely began her own business selling wooden croaking frogs and buffalo horn slingshots. Now Nataya can provide for herself and begin a new life. Your purchase empowers her to work with dignity.



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