

MIDDLE EAST GLASS ARTISANS

EGYPT



In order to see behind the veil, to reach into the hidden hearts and lives of Middle Eastern women, WAR Int'l has created business partnerships with ten glass factories in Egypt. By cultivating relationships with the male artisans, we gain privileged interaction with their wives and daughters allowing us to design programming specific to their needs. We now offer these women educational and medical scholarships and sponsor a local safehouse with funds from ornament sales. As WAR, Int'l establishes these relationships and programs in the Middle East, we whisper messages of worth and value to these women. Your purchase communicates that they are beautiful, unique, and deserve to be treasured and protected—just like the hand-blown glass ornaments fashioned by their fathers and husbands.

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COUNTRY: EGYPT • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE



Other products from our partners include glass chess sets, oil lamps, and alabaster eggs. As in all our programs, we are committed to fair trade. Our partnering artisans have their choice of hours, working no more than 8-10 a day in a clean, well-lit factory. They are paid per piece, averaging three times the minimum wage. Although glass-blowing is a family skill passed down from generation to generation, there are no children in the factory; however, there are many family pictures and cups of coffee spread about.



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