

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

THAI SCARVES

Tui

Tui's husband is paralyzed. She is alone in supporting her five children and extended family—a very common scenario in Thailand. But Tui is hardworking and resilient. She began dying Thai silk and hand-making beautiful scarves. By selling the scarves, Tui soon earned enough to provide for her family. But when a European company failed to pay for a huge shipment, Tui's business collapsed. When WAR, Int'l met Tui, she was anxious, in debt, and desperate. Then WAR, Int'l began carrying Tui's product, and she slowly began to rebuild her life and business. Tui's daughter went back to school and earned her MBA. Now she is helping her mother and looks forward to her future. WAR, Int'l is committed to Tui and each individual woman in the Thai scarves program. We walk alongside them as they grow their businesses, learn bookkeeping and other skills. We offer them counsel as well as a market for their work. Not only are we committed to bringing you beautiful, quality products, but we are committed to helping at-risk women work with dignity.



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