

SPROUT ENTERPRISE®

2025 Impact Report

Creating Twofold Impact



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/// 2025 INVESTMENTS ///

Artisan activity creates jobs, increases local incomes and preserves cultural traditions that in many places are at risk of being lost. Thank you to all our supporters for recognizing the value of helping artisan enterprises thrive.



Since inception, we have:

Provided more than \$2.1 million in grants and market development support.

Generated more than \$822,000 in international sales fueling enterprise growth of our partners.

Promoted more than 60 artisan enterprises generating livelihoods for more than 15,000 artisans and farmers in 16 countries.

Created economic and educational opportunities for women and girls in rural India.

+\$2.1M
Funding for sustainable development since inception

+\$822K
International sales fueling enterprise growth



R.I.S.E. Artisan Fund

Craft is the original circular economy. The craft story today is what the story of craft has always been – of artisans making use of waste, left over or found materials, of design and innovation to perform the alchemy of material transformation into a product of function and beauty, of expressing and sharing community values, and of telling the stories of each generation.

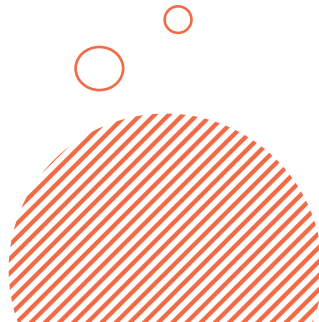
We Believe:

- Locally owned and operated enterprises are the primary drivers to community and economic development.
- Rural development and support of sustainable agriculture, small-scale producers, and artisan enterprises are critical to economic growth in emerging markets.
- Grassroots, community-based initiatives are core to resilient, vibrant local economies.

Therefore, we work with local entrepreneurs who have the vision and leadership to build enterprises, believe in local talent and capabilities, and are committed to sustainable, ethical business practices.

Twofold Impact

We know we can have twofold impact with our impact investment capital: first, by investing in artisan enterprises creating livelihoods in rural communities, and then, by using the returns on these investments to support the operating budgets of education and training programs for girls and young women like the Kaliyachak Girls' Learning Center in rural India.



/// XAQUIXE ///


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Creating Livelihoods in Rural Communities with Few Economic Alternatives



R.I.S.E Artisan Fund invests in artisan enterprises who are redesigning business models based on:

- Sustainable and ethical business practices
- Skills development and training to increase sales and profitability for producers
- Revenue or profit sharing with producers
- Revitalization, revaluation and representation of traditional crafts and cultural heritage
- Shared ownership structures around brand, design and stories.

We invested in **Vidrio Artesanal Xa Quixe** and **Du Anyam** in 2025.

Vidrio Artesanal Xa Quixe invents eco-friendly processes to create blown glassware of exceptional quality from recycled glass. Through innovations in clean energy, proprietary designs for furnaces and equipment, and engagement of the local community, Xaquixe demonstrates its commitment to reducing the environmental impact of its artisan production. Through its research arm, Procesos Proambientales Xaquixe, Xaquixe works with mezcal producers, ceramists and glassmakers in southern Mexico to adopt and master new technologies to produce more sustainably.

/// DU ANYAM ///



Du Anyam has helped to reintroduce traditional wicker crafts to modern markets while creating sustainable income for rural artisans. The enterprise enhances the women's financial stability while also improving their families' access to nutritional food, healthcare and education. Beginning with eight women weavers in East Flores, Du Anyam now works with over 1,600 women across 54 rural villages in Indonesia.

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Providing Catalytic Capital

Over the three years of our pilot market development grant program, we have provided 25 small grants totaling \$166,800 in funding for 21 enterprises from 11 countries. These enterprises generate sales of more than \$2.6 million dollars, creating livelihoods for more than 7,500 artisans and farmers.

In 2025, we provided market development grants to eight artisan enterprises:

Avani
 Bawa Hope
 Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans
 Delzur
 FAIR WEAVE
 Hadithi Crafts
 Kullvi Whims
 Procesos Proambientales
 Xaquixe (PPX)



Kullvi Whims, rooted in the heart of Kullu, Himachal Pradesh in northern India, merges textile tradition with contemporary charm. From sourcing wool from nomadic shepherds to natural dyeing with local flora and handcrafting all products, Kullvi Whims collaborates with over 400 artisans and shepherds, celebrating the cultural heritage and sustainability of the mountain region.

www.kullviwhims.com



R.I.S.E Artisan Fund has partnered with ByHand Consulting, Powered by People, Trade+Impact and 200 Million Artisans in implementing our grant program to support artisan enterprises around the world. Initial funding for the program has been provided by the Rucker/Gibbs Family Charitable Fund.

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AVANI is a community-based organization creating sustainable livelihoods in the Kumaon region of the Indian Himalayas through the revival of heritage craft, implementation of appropriate technology and conservation initiatives in rural communities. More than 2,200 artisans and farmers have benefited from Avani's initiatives in this remote mountain region in northern India.

www.avani-kumaon.org

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By investing in these enterprises, we help to create sustainable livelihoods in rural communities. Local teams are trained and developed with the business skills to manage artisan enterprises which become economic drivers of the local economies.



Bawa Hope is an ethical fashion company working with 140 artisans in the informal settlements in Kenya to create and develop contemporary jewelry which satisfies the conscious consumer's desire for value, quality and fashion while creating sustainable opportunities for artisan communities. Bawa Hope collaborates with refugee artisans to produce a line for MADE51.

www.bawahope.com



Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans supports Palestinian artisans creating home décor, kitchenware and accessories with traditional Palestinian craft techniques. Each piece is handcrafted with care, using craft techniques passed down through generations.

www.bethlehemfairtrade.org

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Delzur collaborates with 220 artisans in 12 indigenous communities in Colombia to weave its handcrafted collections. In Colombia, 35% of national territory is governed by indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities, including 50% of its remaining forests.

www.delzur.com



FAIR WEAVE works with 120 women weavers in Phnom Srok district in Cambodia to offer handwoven textiles made with natural fibers and dyes for home furnishings and apparel. In this region textile skills have been handed down from mother to daughter for generations.

www.fairweave.com



Hadithi Crafts is a community-based organization working with more than 65 women's groups in the Tsavo ecosystem in Kenya. Over 1800 women from 20 villages weave baskets and create jewelry to support their families. This income provides an alternative to subsistence farming, poaching wildlife or cutting down forests for charcoal, timber or more farmland.

www.hadithikenya.com

/// KALIYACHAK GIRLS' CENTER ///



In a region where fewer than 45% of rural women are literate, the **Kaliyachak Girls' Learning Center** delivers free education six days a week. All of the girls come from families headed by casual laborers, marginal farmers and sharecroppers who survive on incomes of less than three dollars a day.

The Center is operated by Samaj Kalyan Mandal, a local community organization, Monday to Friday 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. The Center assigns students to classes based on their education levels rather than age, and delivers accelerated learning sessions to help the girls reach education levels commensurate with their age. The 34 students in Class 1 range in age from 5 to 10 years old. Most of them are first generation learners.

Saturdays are dedicated to art, music, reading, exercise and games. To offset malnutrition, the Center provides a protein snack each day to all 121 girls who are currently enrolled. The Center also offers a six month tailoring course for 21 older girls to learn to sew for themselves and to earn an income.



A New Center in Saristabad

As part of FORRAD's child nutrition program, teachers from the Learning Center have been visiting the villages where their students live frequently during the past year. During these visits they met many girls, particularly in the village of Saristabad, who are 10 years old or older and have never been to school.

Three of these girls approached the Learning Center teachers and asked to be enrolled. The teachers have been providing extra classes for them as they feel awkward sitting in Class 1 with the six year olds.

FORRAD is planning to start a Center in Saristabad for older girls who've never been to school. Their mothers will also be welcome if they show interest in learning. This center is scheduled to open in 2026.



The Foundation for Rural Recovery and Development (FORRAD) works to address the needs of smallholder farmers and sharecroppers and their families, focusing on water security and regenerative agriculture to mitigate the impact of climate change. All FORRAD projects address the intersecting issues of social justice, community empowerment, girls' education and health care.

/// 2026 GOALS ///



Creating Livelihoods in Rural Communities

We need sustainable livelihoods in rural communities that provide alternatives to subsistence farming or migration to distant urban centers for work. These rural communities are often marginalized or indigenous communities lacking basic infrastructure, like paved roads, electricity or water and sanitation systems. Basic services like health care or schools may be unavailable or unaffordable.

By investing in artisan enterprises, we help to create sustainable livelihoods in these remote communities. Local teams are trained and developed with the business skills to manage these enterprises which become economic drivers of the local economies.

With your support, we can invest in additional artisan enterprises in 2026. Help us meet our goal of \$300,000 for investment in a sustainable future for these rural communities.



Named as one of the **Transformative 25 Funds** in 2022 and 2021, R.I.S.E. Artisan Fund has been recognized for transforming finance to benefit people and the planet, and is a member of **Collective Action for Just Finance**.



R.I.S.E. Artisan Fund

An initiative of Sprout Enterprise®, the R.I.S.E. Artisan Fund invests in artisan enterprises creating sustainable livelihoods for rural communities with few economic alternatives. Women's empowerment, sustainability and clean energy innovation are key investment themes of the fund.

You Can Have A Twofold Impact!

Many, many thanks to our funders for your investment in artisan enterprise! We appreciate the vote of confidence in our work that your contributions represent.

In addition to creating livelihoods, our mission-driven investments generate returns to support education and vocational training programs for women and girls in rural communities in emerging markets.

We have opportunities in the pipeline to replicate this model with additional local partners in India and Indonesia where our working capital loans help artisan enterprises grow, and the returns on our investments can support education and training programs for girls and young women.

Please join us in investing in artisan enterprises in 2026.



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Sprout Enterprise® is an initiative of Friends of Tilonia building the business capacity and entrepreneurial skills of artisan enterprises in rural India, Mexico, Guatemala, Cambodia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, Kenya and Zimbabwe.
www.sproutenterprise.net

Created by **Realize Impact** and **Sprout Enterprise®**, R.I.S.E. Artisan Fund invests in early-stage artisan enterprises that create sustainable livelihoods in rural communities with few economic alternatives.
www.riseartisan.fund

Tilonia® is a mission-driven enterprise creating opportunities for women and girls in rural India. It is a joint initiative of the **Barefoot College Tilonia** and **Friends of Tilonia, Inc.**

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