



Maximizing Employment to
Serve the Handicapped

“Artisans should not remain faceless.....
Fair Trade
Gives them an identity.”

- Unknown.

MESH'S FAIR TRADE FACT SHEET:

Fair Trading Practices:

The organization trades with concern for the social, economic and environmental well-being of marginalized small producers and does not maximize profit at their expense.

Trade commitments:

It is responsible and professional in meeting its commitments in a timely manner. Suppliers respect contracts and deliver products on time and to the desired quality and specifications.

Long term trading partnerships:

The organization maintains long-term relationships based on solidarity, trust and mutual respect that contribute to the promotion and growth of Fair Trade. It maintains effective communication with its trading partners. Parties involved in a trading relationship seek to increase the volume of the trade between them and the value and diversity of their product offer as a means of growing Fair Trade for the producers in order to increase their incomes.

Fair competition:

The organization works cooperatively with the other Fair Trade Organizations in country and avoids unfair competition. It avoids duplicating the designs of patterns of other organizations without permission.

Cultural identity and respect of traditional skills:

Fair Trade recognizes, promotes and protects the cultural identity and traditional skills of small producers as reflected in their craft designs, food products and other related services.



Based on principle three the producer groups are monitored on the basis of following points:

Compliance Criteria	Indicators to show that you are implementing :
Written agreements (e.g. contracts or purchase orders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The producer has good reputation for delivering products on time and to the desired quality and specification. ◆ In case of problems it communicates in a timely manner with its trade partners and endeavors to improve its performance as needed.
Timely payment	Timely payment to the producer group, suppliers and artisans on receipt of work completed.
Interest free pre-finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fair Trade Organization provides interest free pre-finance of least 50%. ◆ Pre – finance is used as agreed and any changes to the use should be agreed by the trading partners.
Fair and transparent system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Communication mechanism ◆ Product Cost Sheet ◆ System of compensation ◆ Deal with quality problems
Unfair competition	Avoid duplication of property and associated rights regarding protected names/brands, organizational designs, including logos, labels, and culturally based designs or names.
Respect of traditional skills	Efforts are made to use traditional local skills, materials and products.

Reference:

<http://www.wfto.com/fair-trade/10-principles-fair-trade>

Best Wishes,
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