

WEAVING SAREES IN TANGAIL, BANGLADESH

Tangail, Bangladesh is known for beautiful sarees produced by traditional weaving communities. While women are responsible for the pre-weaving processes of yarn preparation, bobbin making, and starching that determine the quality and texture of the cloth, traditionally they do not weave or sit behind the looms. PWRDF partner UBINIG started working with the Tangail weavers in 1987, helping women to organize themselves as pre-weaving processors and learning to operate looms. Without offending the community of weavers, women received training and set up a collective factory where eight women work together. Some of them started weaving with looms in their own houses along with their husbands, and fifty women have become weavers by setting up their own looms, thereby improving their economic and social conditions.



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A STRATEGY FOR THE SOLOMONS

In recent years many non-governmental organizations have pulled out of the Solomon Islands because of ethnic tension and unrest. Among the poorest nations of the world, the Solomon Islands has a GDP growth rate of negative 10 per cent annually. Almost half the population is under the age of 15. PWRDF is on the brink of an exciting new partnership with Pacific Peoples' Partnership (PPP) headquartered in Victoria, British Columbia. PPP works with Pacific Island peoples to create lasting solutions to militarism, poverty and environmental degradation. From sorting out registration of "customary land tenure", to introducing better agricultural techniques for raising local foods for export, there is much with which we can help. Pacific Peoples' Partnership web site: <http://www.pacificpeoplespartnership.org>



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HAMMOCKS AND HENS IN GUATEMALA

Women in the Peten region of northeastern Guatemala have been watching the work of PWRDF partner IXMUCANE in neighbouring communities and ask how they can organize themselves. One of the newest groups to express interest is a cooperative of 56 families in the community of Mi Arbolito. After joining in citizenship and leadership workshops, and discovering the work of other women's groups, the 30 members of the local board of IXMUCANE are starting micro-economic projects—woven hammocks and bags, a community store and poultry production. Income generation projects are the most important tools for providing organizational and leadership training for women. When income generation projects succeed, employment and services for the community also increase.



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"KLECO, KLECO!" (Thank you!)

Dear PWRDF:

On behalf of the Tseshaht First Nation Daycare we would like to thank you for your contribution towards our Nuu-chah-nulth Preschool Educational Video that is entitled "Embracing Our Ways". ...The children are very proud of the production and are very excited when they see themselves on TV. The video showcases an assortment of visual and audio segments that enhance and focus attention on the primary and fundamental Nuu-chah-nulth vocabulary such as numbers, body parts, cultural performances, traditional foods, singing and dancing, nutrition, health and elder involvement. We are very proud of this video and again want to thank you for your contribution; without it we know it would not have been possible.



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