

“Without the money I earn, it is impossible to run my house and provide for my family.”
Rome Sunwar
GPI, Nepal

Photo: Richard Else

A helping hand

Buying Traidcraft's handmade paper products from Nepal not only provides employment for Rome, but also helps to send his daughter Rashmi to school.

Rome has worked at Get Paper Industries (GPI) in Kathmandu for more than 19 years.

While he is making handmade paper, Rashmi and her brother, Rohit, are studying nearby at the Anita Milan School – thanks to scholarships provided by GPI.



Work for women

Traidcraft has been trading with GPI since 2004. Around 100 workers have permanent positions, but it also provides seasonal employment and in 2010 more than 550 women got the opportunity to work for about seven months.

Seasonal worker, Ganga Shrestha, depends on orders from organisations like Traidcraft to give her work. Like many of the women working at GPI, she did not go to school. She learned how to read through informal classes run by friends who lived nearby.

"I am staying at home when I am not at GPI. I am trying to save as much as possible for when I do not have work. I would be very happy to work here full-time."

Ganga Shrestha



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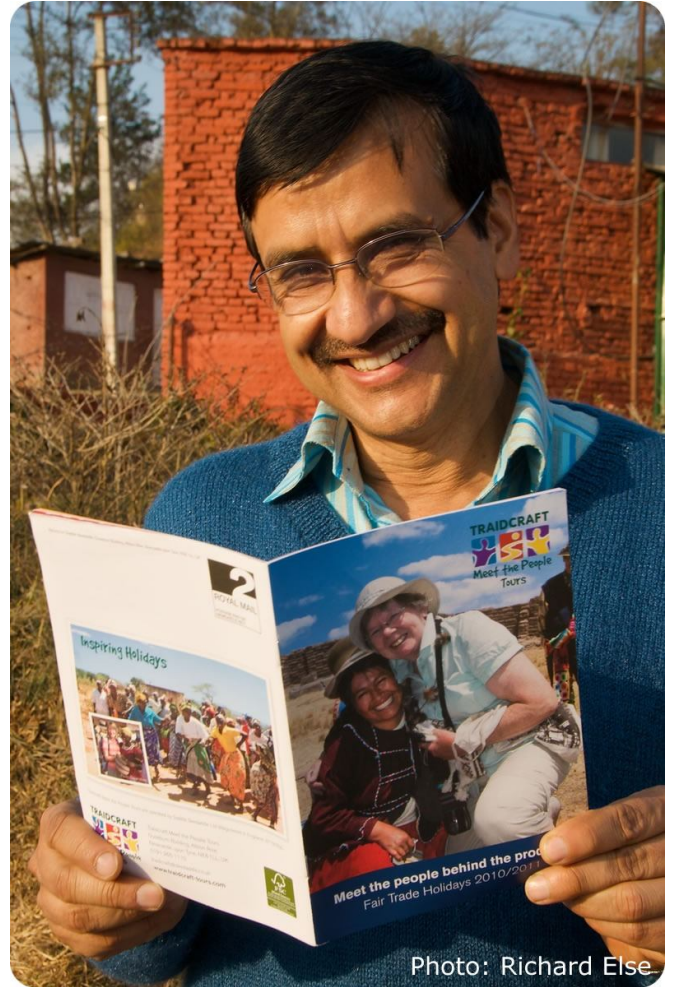


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Meet the People

Why not meet the people behind the products by booking a place on a Traidcraft Meet the People Tour to Nepal?

"We request them to come and see us and see where we are reaching the fair trade values," Milan from GPI said. "They will definitely enjoy it and we will be really happy to welcome them."

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Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft was set up not just to sell fairly traded products but to train and support producer groups in other practical ways. That's why when you buy products from GPI, a percentage of its profits goes to its sister organisation, GWP, which delivers social activities including educating girls and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness.

