



Investing in Artisan Enterprises. Creating sustainable livelihoods in rural communities.

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

The fund makes debt, equity or revenue-based investments with a target return of capital within 3 to 5 years. When investments are successful, returns are reinvested. We use both philanthropic and impact investing capital.

Our portfolio of impact opportunities includes artisan enterprises:

- **empowering women** by creating local and home-based income opportunities, valuing their skills and knowledge, and improving the quality of life for their families,
- **operating sustainably** by reusing and recycling waste materials, sourcing local,

natural materials, and honoring local traditions and cultures,

- **fighting climate change** through innovations in clean energy, reforestation and biodiversity.



Afshan Abbas is founder and CEO of Fuchsia Shoes which produces handcrafted shoes in Pakistan.

Make an Impact.

We invest in enterprises aligned with one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and we expect enterprises to have defined and track impact metrics. These enterprises are redesigning business models based on sustainable and ethical business practices, skills development and training, revitalization of heritage crafts and shared ownership.

Our pipeline of opportunities comes primarily from the Sprout Enterprise® network built over the past 20 years. To date, more than \$1.6 million in international grants and donations has funded sustainable development initiatives benefiting more than 2 million people in rural communities in India, Mexico, Guatemala, Cambodia, Indonesia and Pakistan.

R.I.S.E. Artisan Fund uses recoverable grants and revenue-based investments to circulate capital to artisan enterprises on favorable terms, using returned capital for future investments.

For more information, visit www.riseartisan.fund and listen to the conversations with entrepreneurs from our impact portfolio in series 6 of **The Social Impact Pulse** podcast.

Complete a **philanthropic grant form**, or contact ellen@sproutenterprise.net to invest.



Farmers in northern India harvest indigo and other dye plants to supply to Avani's social venture in natural dyes.



Itza Wood crafts quality furnishings and wooden wares from sustainably sourced hardwoods in Guatemala.



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