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We create opportunities for artisans

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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

In 1996, Ten Thousand Villages began purchasing handmade crafts from artisans in Burkina Faso, with the assistance and coordination of master artisan Sissao Hamidou. In the years following, MCC Burkina Faso, a relief, development and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches, played a central role in purchases from these artisans by transferring payments and assisting the group.



ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Djembe Gathering Drum

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Traditional djembe drum has ancient roots in West Africa, and is an integral part of the region's tradition and culture. Djembe drums are leather-covered hand drums, shaped like a large goblet, and meant to be played with bare hands. According to the Bamana people in Mali, the name of the djembe comes directly from a saying translated as, "Everyone gather together" and defines the drum's purpose. "Dje" is the verb for "gather" in Bamankan, and "be" translates as "everyone."

To learn more about this product visit
www.tenthousandvillages.com/djembe-gathering-drum

By 2013, the artisan group organized itself into a more formal entity called *Atelier de Formation et de Promotion des Artisans*. Mr. Hamidou continues to manage Ten Thousand Villages' orders for this group and the artisans are the same individuals we have been purchasing from for over a decade. With the group's advances, Ten Thousand Villages began writing orders directly to this association.

