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A fair wage is paid to the artisan for their weaving and supports the continuation of the craft in the villages along with providing needed revenue for the community. A portion of your purchase goes to PADETC to support further development of village based, culturally sustaining projects.



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