

**Options for Potential Partners**

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# Introduction

This document provides a brief on the three different options available to potential partners of Saheli Women

1. Community-based Design & Production
2. Local Master Assisted Design & Production
3. Correspondent Design & Production

You will discover what you need to know before agreeing to our Saheli Women Partner Policy, as well as an idea of who is responsible for what throughout the design and production process.

# Community-based Design & Production

## Overview

The community-based design and production (CBDP) process is the most involved option available to partners. CBDP provides the opportunity to create a collection of items with the Saheli Women in the rural village of Bhikamkor. It is recommended to individuals who are wanting to immerse themselves within the Indian life style and work culture.

The responsibility of the entire design, training, sampling and production processes lies on the partner, who will be assisted by a project host only in matters of translation and administration. It is therefore required that the partner has a sound knowledge of garment construction and is confident in demonstrating and teaching those skills.

# What you need to know about CBDP

## Living Arrangements

- You will stay with a project host throughout your trip and become a part of their family, blurring the line between business and personal relationships. Get ready to become very comfortable - Indian style!
- A daily lodging cost will be decided upon before your arrival and will include food, filtered water, laundry facilities, transport to and from the village, translation, cultural activities, wifi and basically everything you need that excludes personal shopping expenses. A deposit is required before your arrival. Once your departure is finalised the remaining lodging costs, along with any other costs that may have been incurred on your behalf by the project host e.g. material costs will be finalised
- Please be aware that none of the production costs are included in this price. A personal payment policy for CBDP partners will be written upon arrival and signed before production commences.

Before arriving it is important to plan and consider the following:

- Finalise your designs! We understand designs can change but a starting point will allow you to develop the sampling workshops you will run with the women. Share your patterns with your project host to understand what our women have done before and what you may need to focus on demonstrating to them. It will also allow your project host to provide an approximate cost of your production
- What tools are required? The center is not equipped with all of the sewing supplies that you may need, which also may not be found in India at all. Check with your project host beforehand so that you're prepared
- What fabric will be used? Different parts of India are perfect for different sorts of fabrics and we have different suppliers that specialize in each. You could save time and travelling costs by narrowing down your selection. Alternatively you can purchase abroad and have it shipped

# Local Master Assisted Design & Production

## Overview

The local master assisted design & production (LMADP) process requires less skill and knowledge of pattern making and garment construction from the partner.

This option is recommended for graduate fashion design students, or individuals with an interest in ethical fashion production, who aren't capable of garment construction. Instead, they can bring sample garments or patterns to our Master Tailor who will perfect the construction of the design before production.

This option provides flexibility for the partner regarding the length of stay in India. Depending on the size of the collection a sampling period would take 2-4 weeks and once complete the partner is not required to be present for production.

# What you need to know about LMADP

## Living Arrangements

- Depending on your experience with India, your personality and the nature of your stay, you can organize your own accommodation or opt to stay with a host family. We can put you in touch with previous partners who can tell you the pro's and con's of each!
- If you opt for a host family, a daily lodging cost will be decided upon before your arrival and will include food, filtered water, laundry facilities, transport to and from the village, translation, WIFI and basically everything you need that excludes personal shopping expenses. A deposit is required before your arrival. Once your departure is finalised the remaining lodging costs, along with any other costs that may have been incurred on your behalf by the project host e.g. material costs, will be organised,
- If you opt for your own accommodation, please be aware that none of the above mentioned costs are included including transport to and from the village.
- Production costs are also completely separate to lodging costs
- We ask all of our partners to sign our partner policy which forms an agreement on engagement, prices and payment, quality of contract goods, ordering, delivery and packaging, breach of the agreement, termination and schedule of contracted goods.

Before arriving it is important to plan and consider the following:

- Send us your design plans! We understand designs can change but the sooner the Master receives pictures, sample or patterns, the quicker things will progress! The difficulty and uniqueness of the design, in comparison to previous work that the women have produced, will determine the time required for the Master to teach the women before production can commence. It will also allow us to determine what equipment we need to acquire before production.
- What fabric will be used? Different parts of India are perfect for different sorts of fabrics and we have different suppliers that specialize in each. You could save time and travelling costs by narrowing down your selection. Alternatively you can purchase abroad and have it shipped

# Correspondent Design & Production

## Overview

The correspondent design and production (CDP) process does not require the partner to be present in India throughout any of the design and production process. Instead, a project developer will be assigned to manage production on their behalf.

This option is recommended for partners who do not have the time or desire to travel to India to make decisions or oversee particular stages of production. It is recommended that partners are aware of the processes and procedures involved in design and production so that they can confidently communicate their wants and needs to the project developer.

# What you need to know about CDP

Each partner will be allocated an Indian-based Project Developer who will be the first point of contact and service on the ground in India. After briefing us on your wants and needs, it will be determined whether your project is within our capability and capacity, and who will be the best person to develop your project.

Your project developer manages your project from start to finish. Some of their responsibilities are to

- Develop the project in accordance to your requirements whilst maintaining the ethos of our brand and production facility
- Produce a Design & Production timeline and two quotations - one for a sample and one for production
- Create sample products for you to evaluate before production commences
- Connect with our Indian and international suppliers to source necessary materials
- Ensure you receive all necessary updates, information and photos throughout the design & production process
- We ask all of our partners to sign our partner policy which forms an agreement on engagement, prices and payment, quality of contract goods, ordering, delivery and packaging, breach of the agreement, termination and schedule of contracted goods.