

# BASKETS OF Africa

Thulisile Nsele lives in Zululand, South Africa. She is a subsistence farmer, meaning her family grows crops and livestock for themselves. During breaks from farming duties Thulisile is also a prominent weaver of Ilala Palm baskets known as Ukhambas. Her designs are modern and lively zig-zags with warm reds and cool gray colors mixed in with the traditional brown and white palette for these natural baskets. She has been sending her work to Baskets of Africa for years, and her baskets continue to be very popular. Like Thulisile, most of the weavers represented by Baskets of Africa are women and are subsistence farmers. By weaving baskets on the side, these women not only help to support their families, but they also keep the weaving tradition alive. Baskets of Africa is a Fair Trade company dedicated to serving weavers and their families in Africa. Having been a member of the Fair Trade Federation for 15 years, Baskets of Africa has a long track record of putting weavers in Africa first by paying them sustainable living wages for their creations. Being able to earn cash income for their baskets is a life changing experience for these rural women. They are able to use the money from weaving to support their children's education, to buy extra food if their crops fail, to get organic fertilizer for their fields to increase crop yield, buy water storage tanks, or buy



chickens which they can use to barter eggs for other things they need. Baskets of Africa believes that the weavers should be paid the highest possible prices for their baskets so that the money they earn can be spent as they see fit. Because Baskets of Africa pays the weavers so well and has long-term relationships with groups throughout Africa, the producers supply them with their highest quality baskets and crafts. more can be found at Baskets of Africa, including baskets for decorating, hand woven textiles, traditional masks, pottery, Shona stone carvings, and handmade jewelry. Explore the collection at [BasketsOfAfrica.com](http://BasketsOfAfrica.com). Supporting Fair Trade is a simple and powerful statement.

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