

"Umva" means listen in Kinyarwanda,
the language of Rwanda



After the 1994 Rwandan genocide, women in Rwanda were left with few ways to earn income, and poverty is the way of life for many.

Rwanda-one4one started the Umva project in 2015 to help a small group of women learn a craft and earn a living. They learned how to make natural dyes from indigenous plants they gather from the surrounding hillsides, along with other treasured dyes, and use these dyes to create beautiful designs on wool, silk, and cotton fabrics. More women have since joined the project, and now work together in a workshop at Musanze Art Studio (MASHA) Ruhengeri-Gisenyi Rd,

Musanze. The exquisite colors and patterns on cloth they create become 'art to wear' in the form of gorgeous one-of-a-kind scarves and wraps. Through the sale of each fair-trade item the women earn income and economic stability.



Rwanda-one4one also supports the primary and secondary education of Rwandan children by funding school fees, uniforms, and supplies.

When you purchase an Umva textile, you are providing Rwanda-one4one's families work, pride, hope and a brighter future.



Our Mission

We work with Rwandan families, helping them create a path to a better life through income opportunities and education.