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Meet a Supplier: Dr. Puri and the Society for Child Development

Walmart helps suppliers see the possibilities for new business opportunities

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One of our suppliers in India, a nonprofit called Society for Child Development (SCD), founded by Dr. Madhumita Puri, had been working on recycling waste through a “Trash to Cash” program. SCD’s approach helps differently abled women and men earn a dignified livelihood through converting waste into products. In India, one notable source of waste comes from the flowers used at temples, which are then discarded. SCD helps collect these flowers every morning, after which they are sorted, cleaned, dried, powdered and turned into a product for the Indian festival of colors called Holi. Dr. Puri and SCD began supplying Walmart in 2012 and have been working with our buying team to increase their capacity. Noting the organization’s creativity in turning waste into a useable product, Walmart’s buyer, Deepak Gandhi, and his team members encouraged Dr. Puri to make lamps from recycled material for another Indian festival, Diwali. SCD’s products are now sold in 18 Best Price Modern Wholesale stores in India.

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