



“Through UPA, artisans have the opportunity for a better life. Only together we can achieve results that can’t be obtained if we were on our own.”

-Manuel Alvira, founding member, UPA

UPA is a small jewelry cooperative in Taxco el Viejo, Mexico. More than an association of artisans, UPA is a community of men and women who treat each other like family. They work together, share ideas and techniques, and serve their community when help is needed. In an area where many people have been forced to migrate in search of work, the members of UPA earn a living wage through their jewelry orders and have stable work throughout the year.

