

Activity Sheet 2.4

Case-Studies

Case-Study 1

Razia lives in the slums of Gujanranwala city with her parents and two sisters. She is 13 years old and has been stitching footballs for about two years. She produces three balls per day, and earns 10 rupees for each. Three years ago, her father was taken ill, and so her elder sister started stitching footballs to help make ends meet. Razia learnt football stitching from her sister. Currently all three girls in the family stitch footballs to help make ends meet. Razia says she enjoys both school and work, but would prefer to go to private school like her friends. Although government schools are poor quality, private schools are expensive and Razia will continue at her current school. Razia's mother feels that in these hard times, all household members should contribute to meeting the family's basic needs.

Case-Study 2

Shahbaz lives in a small village 25km from Sialkot city with his parents and seven brothers and sisters. He has been stitching footballs for the last three years. His father is unemployed. Shahbaz earns about 1,000 rupees per month stitching export-quality footballs. This money helps the family meet their basic needs and pays for the school expenses of the other children. Shahbaz has never attended school and thinks he is too old to start now, even if schooling were provided free of charge. He does not want any education and feels happy with his work and future prospects.

Case-Study 3

Twelve-year-old Asma is the oldest child in her family. She has two younger sisters, and all three girls go to school. Asma is in class seven. She earns about 240 rupees per month stitching footballs. This helps to pay school expenses and allows her to have some money of her own. She is not skilled enough to stitch complete footballs, but helps her father and sometimes stitches half balls. Her father has been stitching footballs for twenty years and normally stitches three balls per day. With Asma's help, he can now produce four balls per day. If she is no longer allowed to stitch footballs, she thinks she will either do other home-based work or will study full-time. She would like to be a school teacher.