

Hasan, 19 – Leather cutter in Hazaribagh, Bangladesh



“I can hardly write my name. Without an education I know I will never be able to do just any job. When getting a textile job nowadays people need education. So it is good for me that I am learning this job. I worked in a tannery before, which is very dangerous for your health. So I started learning shoemaking. Right now I can only cut the leather according to the size and design. But with time I will learn the full process of shoemaking. My parents live in a village and I cannot send them enough money to cover their needs. I can earn a maximum of 8000 taka a month (83 Euros).”

I live in this room with my five colleagues, who are also shoemakers. It is very hard to sleep during the summer nights without a fan in this overcrowded room. But with the money I make, I cannot spend any more on accommodation and food. My colleagues say there is no future in this job, but I hold on to my faith that things will get better with time.”

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