

“Samina Maqbool”



Samina Maqbool, 3 years ago, after the death of her father started to work for her family so as to fill up the void being created after that great loss. Hand embroidery was the only skill she had which could provide some sustainability and promise earning, she has diploma in embroidery which she completed after her matriculation. She is only 25 years old and lives in a 4 room house in Yaseenabad, Faisalabad, with her 8 family members.

She spends most of her time minimum 8-10 hours daily on an average in her work but gets only Rs 300 weekly which apart from being exploitative is far below the minimum wage benchmark laid down by Government of Pakistan and well below the poverty line by all definitions. This limited income does not even fulfill her very basic human needs as current commodity prices does not allow survival of one person of Rs. 300 for 7 days not considering other elements of life, that's why she wished that she could get Rs 600 instead of Rs 300 at least if she could sell her products at a better rate. She lamented that she had to travel 2 kilometers far from her area just to make purchase of embroidery thread.

