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Child labour - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_\(ball\)#Child_labor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_(ball)#Child_labor)

About 80% of association footballs are made in Pakistan. 75% of these (60% of all world production)[14] are made in the city of Sialkot.

Child labor was commonly used in the production of the balls. In 1996, during the European championship, activists lobbied to end the use of child labor. This eventually led to the Atlanta Agreement, which seeks to reform the industry to eliminate the use of child labor in the production of balls.[15] This also led to a centralization of production, which on the one hand would make it easier for the Independent Monitoring Association for Child Labour (IMAC)[16]—an organization created to watch over the Atlanta Agreement—to make sure no child labor occurred, on the other hand often forced workers to commute further to get to work.

According to the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the problem of eliminating the use of child labor is extremely complex, and that FIFA itself has neither "the experience nor the means to eradicate this wide-reaching problem on its own.".[17]



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