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**Swedish Ambassador terms BISP as one stop shop regarding poverty eradication and women empowerment in Pakistan**

**Assures Chairperson BISP of all possible support from Swedish Government, Madame Farzana Raja briefed the Ambassador about various initiatives of the Programme**

**ISLAMABAD:** Benazir Income Support programme (BISP) is one stop shop as far as poverty alleviation and women empowerment is concerned. H.E Lars-Hjalmar Wide, newly appointed Ambassador of Sweden in Pakistan made this acknowledgment while talking to Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja on Monday.



**ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to H.E Lars-Hjalmar Wide, Ambassador of Sweden in Pakistan during a meeting held here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: January 24, 2012)**

During special visit of H.E Lars-Hjalmar Wide to BISP, Madame Farzana Raja appraised the visiting Ambassador about various initiatives of BISP aiming at poverty reduction on short and long term basis besides giving a detailed briefing about monthly cash grant to millions of beneficiary families. Chairperson BISP said that BISP, through its diverse initiatives, not only playing a significant role in poverty eradication but also contributing in curbing the extremist and fundamentalist tendencies among youth by providing them skills and income-generating opportunities.

H.E Lars-Hjalmar Wide lauded the efforts of BISP and said that success of BISP, especially collection of data and reaching out to millions of beneficiary families was highly impressive. He further said that BISP is playing a vital role in socio-economic development of Pakistan.

The Ambassador assured Madame Farzana Raja of all possible support from Swedish Government to BISP in serving underprivileged people of Pakistan.