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**BISP playing crucial role in reducing poverty in Pakistan, says Madame Farzana Raja
Mr. Rodolfo Jose MARTIN-SARAVIA, Ambassador of Argentina lauds the efforts of BISP
and its transparency; Mutual cooperation in water purification and training of
paramedics and nursing staff also came under discussion during the meeting Both
sides agree upon initiating mutual fund raising for BISP**

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Argentina H.E. Mr. Rodolfo Jose MARTIN-SARAVIA met Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja here at BISP Secretariat on Tuesday to discuss issues of bilateral interests. On the occasion both sides agreed to further explore the avenues of mutual cooperation and starting mutual activities for raising funds for BISP.

During the meeting, the mutual cooperation in the areas of water purification, training of paramedics and nursing came under detailed discussion. The avenues regarding



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to H. E. Rodolfo Jose MARTIN-SARAVIA, Ambassador of Argentina in a meeting held here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: May 15, 2012)

public private partnership also came under consideration during the discussion. Madame Farzana Raja appraised visiting ambassador about the various initiatives of BISP including its scheme to promote vocational and technical skills in Pakistan. Under the programme, she said, hundreds of individuals from beneficiary families are being trained as part of graduation scheme of BISP to enable financially vulnerable families to break the vicious circle of poverty on long term basis.

Chairperson BISP said that BISP would happily share the data collected through national poverty survey with any country that is willing to launch similar initiatives in their country.

H.E Mr. Rodolfo Jose lauded the vision and working of BISP for poverty alleviation and underpinned the need of enhanced cooperation global cooperation, especially in the social sector. He said that due to transparency and objectivity of BISP operations, it has gained international support and acknowledgment.