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**France willing to work with BISP, Says French Ambassador;
BISP's interventions in social sector are vital for women empowerment: H.E. Philippe Thiebaud**

BISP has laid the foundations for socio-economic revolution in the country: Madame Farzana Raja

ISLAMABAD: Various initiatives of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) especially Waseela-e-Sehet (Right to Health) and Waseela-e-Taleem (Right to Education) are vital interventions with regard to the objectives of women empowerment. Keeping in view the effectiveness of the Programme, France is willing to work with BISP especially to promote girls education and healthcare facilities for the women. H.E. Philippe Thiebaud, the Ambassador of France in Pakistan said this while talking to Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja during a meeting here at BISP Secretariat Monday.



Islamabad: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja in a meeting with H.E. Philippe Thiebaud, the Ambassador of France in Pakistan here at BISP Secretariat (Dated: Nov 12, 2012)

H.E. Philippe Thiebaud said that the data collected by BISP for the identification of deserving families is quite significant and should be shared with the development

organizations to avoid duplication of efforts in the social sector. He said that children are future of any nation and hence, by making children its focus, BISP is a doing a commendable job.

Madame Farzana Raja on the occasion welcomed French Government's offer to work with BISP. She said that BISP is ready to share its poverty census data with France as per the Data Sharing Protocols devised so that it could be beneficial for various interventions in the social sector.

Chairperson BISP termed Waseela-e-Sehet and Waseela-e-Taleem as revolutionary projects of BISP. She said that while Waseela-e-Taleem would impart education to 3 million children from beneficiary families, Waseela-e-Sehet initiative is quite instrumental in helping underprivileged segments of society by enabling them to mitigate their immediate needs through health cover and life insurance.

She added further that women, children and youth are prime considerations of BISP and it has laid down the foundations of socio-economic revolution in the country through the steps aiming at well-being of these segments of society. She thanked France for its support to Pakistan. The possibilities of mutual cooperation in various interventions in social sector also came under detailed discussion during the meeting.____