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BISP's Support for Conflict Hit People of Tribal Areas is Phenomenal; the Programme has been a success story, Declares Indonesian Media Delegation

Role of Media Imperative for Creating Mass Awareness for Welfare of the People; Says Madame Farzana Raja during meeting with Indonesian Journalists

Islamabad (): Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has been a success story for the welfare of the people of Pakistan. Its various initiatives especially Emergency Relief Package (ERP) to help conflict ridden people in tribal areas and victims of terrorism has been a phenomenal step. This was declared by a delegation of journalists from leading newspapers of Indonesia during its meeting with Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja in BISP secretariat.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to an Indonesian Media Delegation in a meeting held here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: January 29, 2013)

The journalists appreciated BISP's performance and were of the view that the Programme's success in the social sector of Pakistan has been an overwhelming experience for them. The Indonesian journalists said that the welfare of the people is the primary responsibility of the state and through BISP; Pakistan has been able to achieve this objective to a great extent.

Madame Farzana Raja on the occasion informed Indonesian journalists that BISP has introduced Waseela-e-Haq (Right to Livelihood), Waseela-e-Rozgar (Right to Employment), Waseela-e-Sehet (Life and Health Insurance) and Waseela-e-Taleem (Right to Education) for its beneficiary families which are bringing sustainable economic growth in the society by empowering people from lower strata.

Chairperson BISP said that BISP in the lights of the Millennium Development Goals of the UN is striving hard to provide basic health and education facilities to 7 million families. She said that the wellbeing of the people is the primary role of a welfare state. Federal Minister said that BISP is working for making Pakistan a progressive welfare state where most deserving families are provided ample opportunities to become self-reliant. She termed the role of media as imperative for supporting the social safety objectives of a state through creating mass awareness.

The delegation of Indonesian Journalists was consisting of Ms. Julia Suryakusuma from Jakarta Post, Mr. Nivell Androfani Rayda from Jakarta Globe, Mr. Anif Punto Utomo from Republika, Ms. Ria Desy Saputra from ANTARA News Agency, Ms. Maria Rita Ida from Tempo and Mr. Nanang Sunarto from Brotherhood of Muslim Journalists of Indonesia.