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BISP appreciated internationally: Hussain Haroon

Benazir Income Support programme (BISP) is Asia's largest and world's only such programme that has gained appreciation on international level, Pakistan's permanent ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Abdullah Hussain Haroon said on Friday.

Mr. Haroon held a meeting with Federal Minister/Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Farzana Raja at the BISP Secretariat, during which she told him that up till now 17,591 Benazir Smart Cards have been distributed among the IDPs of Charsadda, Lower Dir, Malakand Agency and Buner districts of Swat/Malakand and distribution of the cards in other districts on urgent basis is underway.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister/Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Farzana Raja is briefing Pakistan's permanent ambassador to the UN Abdullah Hussain Haroon on BISP's different projects during a meeting on Friday in the BISP Secretariat

Farzana Raja appreciated Mr Haroon's visit to BISP Secretariat and thanked him for acknowledging programme's good performance. She informed him of various projects of BISP and told him that up till now 2.7 million families across the country have benefited from this programme and this figure will be increased to 5 million by the end of this year. Farzana Raja said a poverty survey under BISP is being conducted in the country for the first time in its history and the test phase of the poverty survey has been completed in 15 districts and soon another 20 districts will be surveyed nation-wide.

Mr. Haroon praised the performance of BISP and said the delivery of financial aid to the

deserving families at their doorstep is the main reason for its popularity. He said BISP will help reduce poverty in the country and through the Waseela-e-Haq scheme deserving families will be able to start their own businesses.