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Financial empowerment for deserving families being ensured through Waseela-e-Haq and Waseela-e-Rozgar initiatives of BISP, says Ms. Farzana Raja The steps of BISP are commendable; Conditional Cash Transfer linked with Education would be highly important, Mrs. Robin Raphel

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Ms. Farzana Raja has said that besides providing regular cash grant, BISP is envisaging a conditional cash transfer grant to beneficiary families, which would be linked with education of the children of the family. She said that the measure would not only help in combating poverty but would also contribute in the promotion of education in the country. She added further that under the initiatives like Waseela-e-Haq and Waseela-e-Rozgar, the beneficiary families are being enabled to achieve financial empowerment. She said this while talking to Mrs. Robin Raphel, US Coordinator for Economic & Development Assistance during a meeting here at BISP Secretariat on Wednesday.



Mrs. Robin Raphel, on the occasion, lauded the performance of BISP as well as its measures to curb poverty. She said that the conditional cash transfer would be highly instrumental step with regard to promotion of education. She said that conditional cash transfer is a growing concept, which has been linked, besides education, with various other desired objectives in many countries of the world. Earlier, Chairperson BISP briefed Mrs. Raphel in detail about ongoing nationwide poverty survey and informed her that more than 4 million deserving families are currently benefitting from the programme.

Ms. Farzana Raja said that under the Waseela-e-Rozgar initiative, demand driven vocational/technical training is being imparted to deserving families aiming to help them find a decent livelihood. She said that the pilot project of health insurance for deserving families would be launched before the end of present financial year. Chairperson BISP said that the civilian victims of terrorism and bomb blasts would be provided all possible assistance under the policy of the present democratic

government. In this regard, she said, beside provision of regular monthly cash grant, a comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the victim of terrorism is being envisaged by BISP. Chairperson BISP said that transparency has been ensured at every level of the programme. She informed Mrs. Raphael that Benazir Smart Card and Mobile Phone banking has been introduced successfully, to improve the delivery mechanisms in a more transparent and effective manner. She said that the poverty survey in FATA is also being initiated aiming to bring the people of these areas at par with other parts of the country in terms of development and progress.